

Chapter 8: Alternatives to the Project

This project site is found in the Northern Tourism Zone, where there are several tourist-related developments. This site is the only reserved site for the proponent for the implementation of a tourist-related development and hence the proponent cannot choose any other site without prior reservation made to the MOH & L.

There may be several alternatives to this project related to tourist, such as:

- Theme park
- Golf Course
- Shopping Mall
- Medical Hub

However, these options may not be very financially successful as these options have existed elsewhere or are still operating close to the project site. Constructing any other building will cause similar impact to the environment as the beach resort. Constructing a beach resort will be in line with the Government's aim to increase the number of tourists to 2 million by 2015.

Currently the site is filled with invasive shrub and filao trees. The site can be left as it is (no development option) but clearing the site will cause little impact on the environment due to the nature of the vegetation there. The positive impact of this project will outweigh the minor environmental impacts by a large extent.

To cause less harm to the environment, recycled construction materials can be used to reduce the overall carbon content of the buildings. Moreover, structural members can be precast as far as possible to reduce pollution (noise, dust, waste) and construction time.