November 10, 1994

Bruce S. Anderson, Ph.D., Interim Director
Office of Environmental Quality Control
220 South King Street, 4th Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Dr. Anderson:

Subject: Negative Declaration - Waianae Police Station
Parking Lot, TMK: 8-5-08:43, Waianae, Oahu, Hawaii

The Building Department of the City and County of Honolulu has reviewed all comments received during the 30-day public comment period which began on September 23, 1994 and has determined that this project will not have significant environmental effects.

We are filing a negative declaration for this project. Please publish this notice in the November 23, 1994 OEQC Bulletin.

We have also attached a completed OEQC Bulletin Publication Form and four copies of the Final Environmental Assessment.

Please have your staff call Craig Nishimura at 527-6370 should there be any questions.

Very truly yours,

W. F. REMULAR
Acting Director and Building Superintendent

Attach.
FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

WAIANAE POLICE STATION PARKING LOT
Waianae-Kai, Waianae, Oahu, Hawaii

Prepared in Fulfillment of the Requirements
of Chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes and
Title 11, Chapter 200, Administrative Rules
Department of Health, State of Hawaii

Responsible Official: __________________________ Date: NOV 1 0 1994
W.F. Remular
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Prepared for

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By

Gerald Park Urban Planner
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96814

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SECTION 1
DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT

The Building Department, City and County of Honolulu, proposes to construct an off-street parking lot adjacent to the Wai'anae Police Station located at Wai'anae-Kai, Wai'anae District, City and County of Honolulu, State of Hawaii. The project site is identified as Tax Map Key: 8-5-08: 43 encompassing an area of 12,625 square feet. The property is owned by the City and County of Honolulu. A Location Map is shown in Figure 1.

A. Purpose of the Project

Implementation of the project will help to alleviate a shortage of off-street parking for police vehicles at the Wai'anae Police Station. The shortage was created by recent expansion of the station which reduced the size of the parking lot. Presently, there is insufficient parking spaces for police vehicles during the change of the watch and officers are forced to park their vehicles on neighboring properties. The problem is compounded also by having to store evidence vehicles on the premises.

B. Technical Characteristics

Applicant proposes to construct an on-grade, 18-stall off-street parking lot for use by police officers. The uncovered parking lot will also accommodate motorcycles and provide storage for evidence vehicles. A Site Plan is shown in Figure 2.

A one-way circulation pattern is tentatively proposed. Access to the parking lot will be from Farrington Highway along a 12-foot wide driveway to be constructed on the north side of the parcel [Note: the lot is a flag lot and the driveway will be constructed on the "pole" section of the lot]. Vehicles exiting the parking lot will make a right turn onto an existing one-way driveway behind the station. The driveway exits onto Farrington Highway from the Ewa side of the police station.

A secured, covered storage area of approximately 1,000 square feet will be constructed on the south side of the new parking lot to be used for evidence storage. The parking lot will be enclosed by a chain link fence, lighted, and landscaped per the landscaping requirements of the Land Use Ordinance.

A water line will be extended to the parking lot for landscape irrigation. The site of the parking lot is at a lower ground elevation than the police station and it functions as a detention pond for stormwater runoff. To prevent shallow flooding and ponding, the site will be graded to drain in the direction of the vacant land mauka of Bayview Street; a drain inlet will be constructed and a drain line installed to the existing drainage system drain the parking lot. Drainage improvements will be coordinated with the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Department of Public Works, City and County of Honolulu.
C. Economic Characteristics

The cost of the project is estimated at $ 200,000 and will be funded by the City and County of Honolulu. The project will be built in one phase. Construction is projected to commence in late 1996 and should be completed in 5-6 months.

The site was acquired by the City and County of Honolulu for expansion of Pokai Bay Beach Park. The property is under jurisdiction of the Department of Parks and Recreation who have agreed to relinquish control of the property to the Police Department.

D. Social Characteristics

No resident or business establishment will be displaced by the proposed project.
SECTION 2
DESCRIPTION OF THE AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT

Located makai of the Waianae Police Station, the lot is bordered by vacant lands to the west and south, a portion of the Pokai Bay Drive In parking lot on the south, and a residential dwelling and a vacant lot to the north. Vacant, unused and covered with brush, it is enclosed by chain link fencing and cement masonry unit walls (on adjoining lots) on three of its four sides (See Photographs 1 and 2). The lot is a flag lot with access to Farrington Highway.

In general, the lot is relatively level with the exception of a low spot in the northern half of the property. Spot elevations range from 6 to 9 feet.

Soil Conservation Service (1972) soil maps identify site soils as Pulehu clay loam, 0-3 percent slopes. This soil is moderately permeable, runoff is slow, and the erosion hazard is slight.

There are no well-defined drainage channels, surface water bodies, or potable ground water resources in the area. The site is not prone to stream flooding but can be flooded because of stormwater overflowing the storm drainage system (Department of Parks and Recreation, 1989) which occasionally is clogged with sand and debris. During intense storms, runoff entering the drainage system in the area overflows from an inlet in the northern corner of the subject property and localized shallow flooding occurs temporarily. The vacant lot in effect functions as a temporary storm water detention basin until water evaporates or percolates into the ground.

The Corps of Engineers (September, 1994) and Planning Department (October, 1994) indicate that the site is located in Flood Zone X (unshaded; areas determined to be outside of the 500-year flood plain) and, Zone AE (special flood hazard areas inundated by the 100 year flood with a base flood elevation of 8 feet above mean sea level) (Federal Emergency Management Agency, 1990).

No rare or endangered plant species are present. The area has been highly altered by man. Mature trees such as kiawe, coconut palm, Norfolk Island pine, Christmas Berry, mango, koa haole, and various species of dried grass cover the brush covered lot.

There are no archaeological features on the property.

The property is accessed from Farrington Highway via a 12-foot wide driveway. The driveway is fenced on two sides and overgrown with weeds.

The Board of Water Supply does not provide water service to the subject property and there is no sewer lateral.

The property is designated Residential on the Waianae Development Plan Land Use Map and zoned R-5 Residential. The proposed public use is a principal permitted use in the zoning district. The Planning Department offered the comment that the Waianae Development Plan Public Facilities Map shows symbols for Police Station/Modification, site determined, within six years, and a publicly funded Drainage System (Bayview Street Relief Drain), within six years,
in the general vicinity of the subject site. The property is not within the County delineated Special Management Area.

The Waianae Development Plan Public Facilities Map indicates a proposal to replace an existing storm drain system in the area with a new system that outlets south of Kaneuilio Point to the south of the project site. The design for the proposed Bayview Street Relief Drain was approved in 1984 and an Environmental Assessment prepared. However, the Bayview Street Relief Drain has not been funded.
SECTION 3
SUMMARY OF POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS AND MEASURES TO MITIGATE ADVERSE EFFECTS

A. Assessment Process

The scope of the project was discussed with staff of the Building Department and Honolulu Police Department. State and County agencies were contacted for information relative to their areas of expertise. Time was spent in the field noting site conditions and conditions in the vicinity of the project site and the Waianae Police Station. The discussions and field investigations allowed us to identify existing conditions and features which could affect or be affected by the project. These conditions are:

- The project site is an unused, brush covered lot;
- There are no threatened or endangered flora or fauna on the premises;
- The site is prone to shallow flooding; and
- Public utilities are available and adequate to service the new facility.

B. Short-term Impacts

The site will be grubbed of all vegetation and trees. Site work will raise fugitive dust and construction equipment will exhaust emissions. Fugitive dust can and will be controlled by sprinkling water over exposed areas or by the application of other dust suppression measures stipulated in Chapter 60 (Air Pollution Control) of Title 11, Administrative Rules of the State Department of Health.

Construction noises will be audible for most of the projected 6 month construction period. Noise will be most pronounced during the early stages of development (site work) and will diminish during the latter stages (striping and erection of light fixtures). Commercial activities near the station should not be adversely affected by the noise. The police station itself will attenuate construction noise and the acoustical environment is already conditioned by traffic noises. On the other hand, construction noise will be audible to residents living along Bayview Street.

Allowable daytime noise levels for residential zoning districts set by the State Department of Health is 55 dBA measured at the property line. Construction work will temporarily exceed this standard and the Contractor will obtain a noise permit prior to construction. Construction will be limited to between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Mondays through Fridays.

Should subsurface archaeological sites or cultural deposits be unearthed, work in the immediate area will cease and historical authorities notified for proper disposition of the finds.

All vegetation will be grubbed. All of the observed species are common to Hawaii and none are considered rare, threatened, or endangered.
C. Long-term Impacts

Providing additional parking will alleviate the lack of parking spaces for police officers at the Waianae Police Station. Developing the site for vehicle parking does not introduce an unplanned use to the area because it was to be developed for parking as part of the planned expansion of Pokai Bay Beach Park. Although the use of the site for parking should not result in significant adverse impacts, parking for park users will be foregone in favor of an alternative public use.

The proposed use will alter the visual qualities of the area. In conjunction with the planned expansion of Pokai Bay Beach Park, all City owned lots mauka of Bayview Street will be converted to off-street parking. The vacant, unused, and brush covered lots will be paved with asphaltic concrete, striped, landscaped, and fenced.

The site will be graded to direct runoff in the direction of Bayview Street. Here, runoff can be discharged into the planned Bayview Street Relief Drain thus negating shallow flooding on lots mauka of Bayview Street.
SECTION 4

ALTERNATIVES TO THE PROPOSED ACTION

A. No Action

A no action alternative or postponing the action are the only real alternatives to the proposed project. A no action alternative would maintain the status quo of the site and does nothing to alleviate the existing parking problem. Environmental impacts described in this Assessment both short and long-term and beneficial and adverse would be forgone.

B. Alternative Location

A vacant lot (TMK: 8-5-08: 49) borders the police station on the north. This lot is slightly larger than the project site and could be used for off-street parking. However, the lot is privately owned and zoned for commercial use. Acquiring and improving the lot for parking is not a cost effective solution to the existing parking shortage.
SECTION 5
AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS CONSULTED DURING THE PREPARATION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Notice of the Draft Environmental Assessment for the Waianae Police Station Parking Lot was published in the Office of Environmental Quality Control (OEQC) Bulletin of September 23, 1994. The Draft Environmental Assessment was distributed to the agencies and organizations listed below. Publication in the OEQC Bulletin initiated a 30-day public comment period which ended on October 23, 1994. An asterisk * identifies agencies and organizations that submitted written comments within the comment period. Comment letters and responses are found in Appendix A.

Federal
*U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

State
*Department of Health
*Department of Land and Natural Resources

County
*Planning Department
Department of Land Utilization
*Department of Parks and Recreation
*Department of Public Works
Department of Transportation Services
*Department of Wastewater Management

Other
Waianae Neighborhood Board No. 24
[WAianae Business Association] (Non-existant organization)
SECTION 6
DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

Chapter 200 (Environmental Impact State Rules) of Title 11, Administrative Rules of the State Department of Health, prescribes criteria for determining whether an action may have significant effects on the environment (11-200-12). The relationship of the proposed project to these criteria is summarized below.

(1) Involves an irrevocable commitment to loss or destruction of any natural or cultural resource;

The site is devoid of natural or cultural resources.

(2) Curtails the range of beneficial uses of the environment;

The site is vacant and unused. It has been proposed for parking on the Pokai Bay Beach Park Master Development Plan.

(3) Conflicts with the state's long-term environmental policies or goals and guidelines as expressed in chapter 344, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and any revisions thereof and amendments thereto, court decisions or executive orders;

The project does not conflict with the state's long-term environmental policies.

(4) Substantially affects the economic or social welfare of the community or State;

The project will not substantially affect the economic and social welfare of the community.

(5) Substantially affects public health;

Public health will not be substantially affected by the project except by noise and dust generated during construction. These short-term impacts can be mitigated by existing public health regulations.

(6) Involves substantial secondary impacts, such as population changes or effects on public facilities;

Substantial secondary impacts are not anticipated.

(7) Involves a substantial degradation of environmental quality;

Environmental quality will not be substantially degraded. The project does not introduce a totally new land use to the immediate area and does not conflict with the desired land use for the site.
(8) Is individually limited but cumulatively has considerable effect upon the environment or involves a commitment for larger actions;

Adverse cumulative impacts are not anticipated nor does the project involve a commitment for larger actions.

(9) Substantially affects a rare, threatened or endangered species, or its habitat;

There are no rare, threatened or endangered flora and fauna on the premises.

(10) Detrimentally affects air or water quality or ambient noise level; or

*Ambient air quality will be affected by dust and combustion emissions but can be controlled by measures described in the Assessment. Construction noise will be most pronounced during the early stages of site preparation and diminish during the latter stages.*

(11) Affects an environmentally sensitive area such as a flood plain, tsunami zone, erosion-prone area, geologically hazardous land, estuary, fresh water, or coastal waters.

The project is not proposed in an area prone to stream flooding. However, shallow flooding periodically occurs when stormwater overflows the existing drainage system in the area and ponds temporarily on the subject property. Applicant is preparing a drainage plan and will coordinate proposed improvements with the Departments of Public Works and Parks and Recreation, City and County of Honolulu.

Based on the above criteria, the Waianae Police Station Parking Lot project will not result in significant adverse environmental impacts and an Environmental Impact Statement should not be required.
BIBLIOGRAPHY


Department of Parks and Recreation. 1989. Negative Declaration for Acquisition and Development of Pokai Bay Beach Park Expansion.


APPENDIX A

COMMENTS AND RESPONSES
Mr. Gerald Park
Urban Planner
1245 Young Street, Suite 201
Honolulu, Hawaii 96814

Dear Mr. Park:

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Waianae Police Station Parking Lot, Waianae, Oahu (DEA #5-3-4: 41). The following comments are provided pursuant to Corps of Engineers authorities to disseminate flood hazard information under the Flood Control Act of 1960 and to issue Department of the Army (DA) permits under the Clean Water Act; the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899; and the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act.

a. The project does not involve work in waters of the U.S.; therefore, a DA permit will not be required.

b. According to the enclosed Federal Emergency Management Agency's Flood Insurance Rate Map panel number 15061-010C dated September 28, 1990, the site is located in Zone X (unshaded areas determined to be outside of the 500-year flood plain) and Zone AE (special flood hazard areas inundated by the 100-year flood with a base flood elevation of 4 feet above mean sea level).

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Ray H. Jyo, P.E.
Director of Engineering

Enclosure
Mr. Gerald Park  
Gerald Park Urban Planner  
1245 Young Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96814  

Dear Mr. Park:

Subject: Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for Waianae Police Station Parking Lot  
Tax Map Key 8-5-508: 043

Thank you for providing us with the opportunity to review and comment on the DEA for the Waianae Police Station parking lot at Tax Map Key 8-5-508: 043.

We ask that you continue to inform us of your plans to grade the project site and of the Department of Public Work's efforts to handle the flooding problem in the area. We have no other comments to offer at this time.

If you would like to discuss this matter, please call John Norihara of our Advance Planning Branch at 523-1446.

Sincerely,

For WALTER M. OTAMA, Director

We Add Quality to Life
Mr. Gerald Park
Gerald Park Urban Planner
1245 Young Street, Suite 201
Honolulu, Hawaii 96814

Dear Mr. Park:

Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA)
for Waianae Police Station Parking Lot,
Waianae, Oahu, Hawaii, TDC: A-5-08, 47

In response to your request of September 13, 1994, we have reviewed the subject DEA and have the following comments to offer:

1. The subject site is designated for Residential use on the Waianae Development Plan Land Use Map.

2. The Waianae Development Plan Public Facilities Map (DPPFM) shows symbols for Police Station/Modification, site determined, within six years, and a publicly funded Drainage System (Hayview Street Relief Drain), within six years, in the general vicinity of the subject site.

3. We have no objections to the proposed 18-stall off-street parking lot which is considered to be consistent with the Waianae DPPFM.

4. According to the Community-Panel Number 15000.1 0100 C, Flood Insurance Rate Map (revised September 28, 1990), the subject parcel is within Zone AE which has a base flood elevation of approximately 8 feet. This information should be disclosed in the Final Environmental Assessment.

Should there be any questions, please contact Matthew Higashida of our staff at 527-6056.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
ROBIN FOSTER
Chief Planning Officer

RF:fc
cc: Building Department
November 4, 1994

Robin Foster, Chief Planning Officer
Planning Department
City and County of Honolulu
650 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. Foster:

Subject: Waianae Police Station Parking Lot
MFD 994-4363

Thank you for reviewing the Draft Environmental Assessment prepared for the subject project. Your comments concerning the Waianae Development Plan Public Facilities Map and flood zones have been incorporated into the Final Environmental Assessment.

The Building Department will be filing a Negative Declaration for the project. Thank you for participating in the environmental review process.

Sincerely,

GERALD PARK URBAN PLANNER

Gerald Park

cc: C. Nishimura, Building Department
Mr. G. Park

Division of Aquatic Resources

The Division of Aquatic Resources (DAR) comments that they have no objections to the proposed construction. The site is urbanized and it is unlikely that construction will have a significant adverse effect on the near-shore aquatic environment. DAR notes that part of the site does collect standing water during heavy rains and a drain line will be constructed to drain the site. This will increase the runoff into Hekili Bay. Therefore, precautions should be taken to prevent petroleum products and other potential pollutants from excessively entering nearby coastal waters.

We have no other comments to offer at this time. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this matter.

Please feel free to call Steve Tagone of our Office of Conservation and Environmental Affairs at 587-3377, should you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

Keith M. Hase

Cc: C. Mihara, Qc of Hon. Divy, Dept.

Mr. Gerald Park, Urban Planner
1241 Young Street, Suite 201
Honolulu, Hawaii 96814

Dear Mr. Park:

SUBJECT: Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA): Wailana Police Station
Parking Lot, Wailana, Oahu, TMK 6-5-07

We have reviewed the DEA information for the subject project transmitted by your letter dated September 13, 1994, and have the following comments:

Division of Land Management

The Division of Land Management (DLM) comments that their records reveal that the Wailana Police Station is situated on land owned by the State of Hawaii and set aside to the City and County of Honolulu by Executive Order No. 1110 for use by the City and County Police Department.

DLR has no objections to the proposed development of the subject property for the purpose of constructing the needed storage space and alleviating the shortage of off-street parking for police vehicles.

However, DAR requests the opportunity to review the roadway construction plans of the 13-foot wide proposed driveway.

The Historic Preservation Division

The Historic Preservation Division (HPD) comments that a review of their records shows that this parcel was inventoried for historic sites in 1990 as part of a proposed beach park at Hekili Bay and that no historic sites are present. The parcel was formerly developed as a residence. Archaeological excavations at the subject and adjoining parcels revealed that the soil has been extensively disturbed in the recent past so that it is unlikely that significant subsurface historic sites will be found.

Therefore, HPD believes that construction of an on-grade parking lot at this parcel will have "no effect" on historic sites.
Mr. Gerald Park  
Urban Planner  
1640 Young Street, Suite 201  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96814  

Dear Mr. Park:  

Subject: Waianae Police Station Parking Lot  
Waianae, Oahu  
THX: 8-5-81 43  

Thank you for allowing us to review and comment on the subject project. We have the following comments to offer:  

Office of Solid Waste Management  

Because this project is funded by City & County revenues, and in order to assist the City and the State in achieving its waste diversion goals and as an element in the City's glass reuse strategy, the Department of Health (DOH) recommends that asphalt paving be utilized as the surface of the proposed parking an evaluation of the performance of the material be conducted for future applications by the Refuse and Engineering Divisions of the Department of Public Works.  

If you have any questions on this matter, please contact Mr. John Harder, Manager, Office of Solid Waste Management at 586-4240.  

Sincerely,  

Peter A. Sylinsky, Ph.D.  
Director of Health  

C: DOH