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Dear Editor,

Mr Tan Ho Gian asked why the chalets were left undeveloped for 14 years (ST, 27 Jun 09).

Demand for the chalets was very low because of their location. They were left vacant pending redevelopment plans for the area since there was no commercial viability in operating them. However, redevelopment plans were put on hold in 1998 due to the economic slowdown then.

We acknowledge that we should have returned the chalets much earlier given that there was no interim use for them. The chalets were returned to the Singapore Land Authority on 1 November 2008.

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