

**Progress Report from
Sub-committee on Harbour Plan Review
of Harbour-front Enhancement Committee (HEC)**

Reporting Period

This progress report covers the period from March to April 2009.

Meeting(s) held and the Major Outcome, Findings and Recommendations

27th Sub-committee Meeting - 18 March 2009

2. The Sub-committee discussed the following items -

(a) Cycle Track between Tsuen Wan and Tuen Mun - Investigation

- ✧ The project team led by Civil Engineering and Development Department briefed Members on the "Cycle Track between Tuen Wan and Tuen Mun - Investigation" project. The scope of works included construction of an approximate 22km long and 3.5m to 4m wide cycle track for recreational purpose with associated footpaths and planters, provision of entry/exit hubs at Tsuen Wan West, Siu Lam and Sam Shing Hui to accommodate supporting facilities, and provision of resting places at Sham Tseng, Tai Lam Chung and Gold Coast.
- ✧ The Sub-committee supported cycling activities along the harbour-front. Members generally had no in-principle objection to the project, but considered it important to identify the end-users and their needs. In designing the cycling facilities, shared use by cyclists and other users should be considered. Moreover, a place-making approach should be adopted to incorporate more activities along the

cycle track so as to increase vibrancy and enhance this part of the harbour-front as a destination for public enjoyment. Other related matters such as provision of adequate public transport facilities and safety measures should also be considered thoroughly.

(b) Harbour Area Treatment Scheme (HATS) Stage 2A - Upgrading of Central and Wan Chai East Preliminary Treatment Works

- ✧ The project team led by the Drainage Services Department (DSD) briefed the Sub-committee on the proposed upgrading of the Central and Wan Chai East Preliminary Treatment Works (PTWs), which was an integral part of the HATS Stage 2A Project to convey the screened sewage from the PTWs by deep sewage tunnels for chemically enhanced preliminary treatment and disinfection at the Stonecutters Island Sewage Treatment Works before discharging to the sea.
- ✧ The Sub-committee appreciated the project team's effort in enhancing the visual quality of the sites. Suggestions put forth by Members included realignment of the Western Fire Service Street adjoining the Central PTW to provide a wider waterfront promenade, setting back the boundary walls of the PTWs and reducing the footprint of the developments to provide more space for pedestrian circulation, allowing public access to the rooftop of the PTWs, and enhancing the streetscape of the surroundings, etc.
- ✧ At Members' request, DSD arranged a half-day site visit to the Central and Wan Chai East PTWs for the Sub-committee on 21 April 2009.

(c) Draft Planning Briefs for "Comprehensive Development Area (CDA) (1)" Site (KIL 11205) and "CDA(2)" Site (KIL 11111) on Draft Hung Hom Outline Zoning Plan No. S/K9/21

- ✧ Representatives of the Planning Department (PlanD) briefed the Sub-committee on the draft planning briefs for the "CDA(1)" and "CDA(2)" sites on the draft Hung Hom Outline Zoning Plan, which set out the planning objectives,

development parameters, planning requirements and design guidelines for the two sites.

- ✧ The Sub-committee considered that the planning briefs should include appropriate requirements to ensure that the future developments at the “CDA” sites would integrate with the surroundings. Members were of the view that the proposed non-building areas (NBAs) could enhance permeability and were in line with the Harbour Planning Principles and Guidelines. Some suggestions were made including setting back the future developments at the “CDA” sites from Hung Luen Road, activating the NBAs adjoining the waterfront promenade by introducing mixed uses and stipulating a minimum greening ratio to guide the future developments. There were also discussions on the vehicular access arrangement, width and opening hours of the NBAs and measures to enhance the interface of the public transport interchange podium with its surroundings.

(d) Hong Kong Section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link (XRL) - Temporary Construction Facilities at Works Area at Harbour Fronts and Sea Wall Modification at West Kowloon Seafont

- ✧ Representatives of the Mass Transit Railway Corporation Ltd and Highways Department briefed the Sub-committee on the temporary barging points and construction facilities at the seafont of the West Kowloon Cultural District (WKCD), Nam Cheong and Rambler Channels for the construction of the Hong Kong Section of the XRL Project and associated seawall modifications at the West Kowloon seafont.
- ✧ Whilst noting the need for disposing an enormous amount (about 4.83 million m³) of spoil generated by the XRL project, the Sub-committee had great concern on the substantial size of the proposed works area along the seafont. Without a comprehensive picture on the future development and implementation programme of the WKCD including its interface with the surrounding developments, the Sub-committee, instead of lending support, could only take note of

the proposed works area.

(e) Hong Kong Island East Harbour-front Study - Progress Report and Stage 1 Public Engagement Programme

- ✧ Representatives of PlanD and the public engagement consultants of the study briefed the Sub-committee on the study progress and the Stage 1 Public Engagement Programme (PEP) of the Hong Kong Island East Harbour-front Study.
- ✧ The Sub-committee appreciated the expansion of the study scope to include the pedestrian linkage to Heng Fa Chuen and Siu Sai Wan areas and the provision of cycling facilities along the harbour-front. Members stressed the need to collaborate with the local community and the Eastern District Council and to ensure the integration of the PEP findings into the study. There were also some discussions on the arrangements/activities of the Stage 1 PEP.

Working Meetings - 4 and 26 March and 1 April

3. Three working meetings were held during the reporting period.

(a) Working Meeting to explore harbour-front enhancement opportunities

On 4 March 2009, a working meeting was held to review sites under short term tenancy along the harbour-front with a view to exploring harbour-front enhancement opportunities. At the meeting, four potential areas for enhancement had been identified, including the Hung Hom waterfront promenade and the adjoining open space, waterfront promenade/open space at the ex-North Point Estate site, temporary enhancement in Kai Tak and removal of advertising billboards in Wan Chai near the Cross Harbour Tunnel. The Sub-committee would monitor the progress of the matter in subsequent meetings.

(b) Working Meetings to discuss the Inventory

Two working meetings were held on 26 March 2009 and 1 April 2009 to discuss the “Inventory on Known (Planned and Proposed) Projects at Harbourfront”. At the meeting, Members were briefed on the baseline information and updated progress of each harbour-front site. Suggestions raised by Members have been forwarded to relevant departments for consideration/follow up.

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