

**Progress Report from the Sub-committee on
South East Kowloon Development Review
of the Harbour-front Enhancement Committee**

Reporting Period

This progress report covers the period from November to December 2004.

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

4th Sub-committee meeting – 13 December 2004

2. At the Sub-committee's fourth meeting held on 13 December 2004, the following major issues were discussed –

Stage 1 Public Participation – Overview of Public Comments

The Sub-committee noted the public participation activities held between September and November 2004, including three public forums held at major shopping centres and one community workshop at a community college located in the districts surrounding Kai Tak. Over 500 participants from different sectors of the community attended. A total of 19 briefing sessions were arranged for the relevant statutory and advisory committees, professional and stakeholder groups. Over 230 written submissions were received during this period.

Members noted that the community were generally supportive of the initiative to build a new vision for Kai Tak, to bring the Harbour to the community and to enhance the quality of living in the neighbourhood. The aviation history of the site and the unique shape of the ex-runway were also highlighted as one of the important considerations in the re-planning of Kai Tak.

On reclamation, Members noted that there was a general consensus in the community on no or minimal reclamation in the harbour area. Very

limited reclamation for enlivening the existing waterfront, for example to create a waterfront promenade to provide essential facilities, such as pier, was considered acceptable to some members of the public. Members noted that the majority of the views supported retention of the Kai Tak Approach Channel and that appropriate mitigation measures should be identified to address the incumbent environmental problems. There was, however, also support for reclaiming the Approach Channel as a means to resolve these environmental problems. Members had to further deliberate the matter among other issues.

Members had also considered the comments received on the development visions and planning principles, as well as the community's concerns over the interface with the surrounding districts and whether other strategic studies should continue to be examined as part of the on-going study process.

On the public comments on various development components and the various ideas/proposals received in the Stage 1 Public Participation, Members considered that further information, particularly that on the projected need and development programme, was required to facilitate further consideration.

The Report on Stage 1 Public Participation was being prepared by the Consultants who would take into account Members' comments. Relevant bureaux/departments would be invited to further discuss with Members on the particular proposed development components and the ideas and proposals received from the community. Members emphasized the need to strengthen the participation process in the development of the Outline Concept Plan for the Stage 2 Public Participation. Proposals for the Stage 2 Public Participation activities on the options of Outline Concept Plan would be submitted to the Sub-committee for consideration.

3. The next meeting of the Sub-committee is scheduled to be held on 3 February 2005.

Secretariat, HEC Sub-committee on SEKD Review
January 2005

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

3rd Sub-committee meeting – 24 November 2004

2. At the Sub-committee's third meeting held on 24 November 2004, the following major issues were discussed –

(a) Harbour Plan Review

The meeting endorsed the review approach and the priority of study areas. The review framework would be refined by the Task Group on Harbour Planning Principles for submission to the HEC for consideration at its meeting on 3 March 2005.

(b) Beautification of Hoardings

The Sub-committee noted that CEDD had commenced works to beautify the hoardings outside the Central Ferry Piers. The latest information was that the beautification work has been completed.

(c) Initiatives on Harbour Planning

A list of activities and initiatives related to harbour planning would be compiled by the Planning Department.

(d) District Studies

The Sub-committee agreed that the Task Group on Harbour Planning Principles would continue to discuss the Kowloon Central (Hung Hom) district planning study.

(e) Inventory of Known (Planned and Proposed) Projects at Harbour-front

The inventory would be revised to incorporate suggestions by Members and latest developments.

3. The next meeting of the Sub-committee is scheduled to be held on 26 January 2005.

Task Group meetings

4. The Task Group on Central Ferry Piers convened by Dr Alvin Kwok met on 16 November 2004. The meeting agreed on the refined participatory programme to enhance the Central Ferry Piers. Consultants would be commissioned to undertake the programme. Tender specification was being refined by the Task Group and would be issued in January 2005. The Task Group would steer the participatory programme and liaise with CEDD on other enhancement initiatives.

5. The revised Harbour Planning Principles were agreed by the Sub-committee at its meeting on 24 November 2004.

Other Matters

6. A site visit was arranged on 14 December 2004 for Members to exchange views on how to take forward the temporary waterfront promenade at the West Kowloon Cultural District. CEDD and ArchSD would refine the design of the works taking into account Members' suggestions.

**Secretariat, Sub-committee on Harbour Plan Review
January 2005**

Progress Report from
the Sub-committee on Wan Chai Development Phase II Review
of the Harbour-front Enhancement Committee

Reporting period

This progress report covers the period from November to December 2004.

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

3rd Sub-committee meeting – 14 December 2004

2. At the Sub-committee's third meeting held on 14 December 2004, the following major issue was discussed –

Harbour-front Enhancement Review – Wan Chai and Adjoining Areas (“HER”)

Appointed as the specialist consultant for the HER project on 3 November 2004, City Planning Consultants Ltd. (“City Planning”) submitted a work plan for the Envisioning Stage of the HER project for discussion at the meeting. City Planning recommended opinion surveys and public forums and community design charrettes to gauge the public views on the type of harbour-front they aspired to have. In addition, a list of sustainability indicators to evaluate the concept plans would be compiled. These public participation activities would take place from February to March 2005.

The meeting had considered some suggested amendments to the scope of the proposed work plan, but concluded that no change was required as similar discussions had been covered in previous meetings and that the work plan, as presently drafted, would have covered the suggested amendments in a better way.

To ensure an open and thorough public engagement process, a number of organizations would be invited to act as collaborators for the HER project. These include the relevant District Councils, community groups, business bodies, green groups as well as academic and professional institutions. The collaborators play an important role in the sustainability development process. Working group meetings with the collaborators would be arranged prior to the public participation activities.

3. The next meeting of the Sub-committee is scheduled to be held on 7 February 2005.

Task Force meetings

4. The Task Force on the HER project met thrice during the reporting period. On 1 November 2004, CEDD briefed the Task Force on the assessment of the technical proposals submitted by bidders for the Specialist Consultancy for the HER project and the work plan of the Task Force. On 19 November 2004, the general approach for the HER project and the skeleton of the work plan for the Envisioning Stage of the project were discussed. Based on Members' comments, City Planning had come up with the draft work plan for the Envisioning Stage and the plan was discussed and endorsed in principle on 7 December 2004.

**Secretariat, HEC Sub-committee on WDII Review
January 2005**