

**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 August to October 2006.

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

Working Session

2. A working session was convened on 5 October 2006 to discuss the key comments received in the Stage 3 Public Participation and preparation for the 13th Sub-committee meeting.

13th Sub-committee Meeting – 24 October 2006

3. At the 13th Sub-committee meeting held on 24 October 2006, the following major items were discussed (SEKD SC Paper no. 5/06: Report of Stage 3 Public Participation of the Kai Tak Planning Review and Revised Preliminary Outline Development has been uploaded to HEC SEKD Review Sub-committee website and also available from the Sub-committee Secretariat) –

- (a) Members noted that the 2-month Stage 3 Public Participation programme of Kai Tak Planning Review regarding draft Preliminary Outline Development Plan (PODP) was completed on 23 August 2006. During this period, the study

team organised a roving exhibition and four public forums to facilitate discussion at territorial and district levels, attended over 20 briefing sessions for various statutory/advisory bodies and stakeholder groups, and participated in a total of 12 local forums organised by the local concerned groups and residents associations to discuss the PODP proposals and their concerns. Apart from the design scheme put forward by various political parties, the Hong Kong Institute of Architects and Hong Kong Institute of Planners also convened a design competition on development concepts for Kai Tak. Members assisted in moderating the public forums and participated in some of the above public engagement activities.

- (b) Members noted the Report of Stage 3 Public Participation, which set out the results of this round of public engagement activities and the responses of the concerned bureaux/departments and the Consultants. Members also noted the revised PODP and relevant proposals.
- (c) Members discussed the key issues identified in this round of public engagement activities and the overall responses, including cultural heritage, usage of waterbody, urban renewal, level of development, environmental problems at Kai Tak Approach Channel (KTAC), Kai Tak city centre, ex-Shatin to Central Link depot site, multi-purpose stadium complex, metro park, cruise terminal, tourism node, runway precinct, cross-boundary heliport, monorail/rail-based environmentally friendly transport system, bridge link to Kwun Tong and connectivity with surrounding districts.
- (d) Members commented on the following aspects of the revised PODP -
 - (i) In devising the implementation programme of the respective projects, particularly those priority projects, in Kai Tak, e.g. cruise terminal, the project proponents should undertake harbour-front enhancement measures including provision of waterfront promenade, such that the public could gain access to the waterfront area.

- (ii) The proposed bridge link to Kwun Tong should satisfy the “overriding public need test” if it involved reclamation.
 - (iii) The progress of the investigation on the mitigation measures to tackle the environmental problems at KTAC was discussed and Members considered that the current environmental problems should be addressed in implementing Kai Tak Development.
 - (iv) The presentation of the revised PODP should highlight the proposals on cultural heritage and the relevant elements should be strengthened to add to the tourism attributes in the development site.
 - (v) Consideration should be given to early promulgation of the development programme of the respective projects in Kai Tak.
- (e) With the completion of the PODP under the Kai Tak Planning Review, Members also discussed the future role of the Sub-committee. They noted that Kai Tak Development was a major development project that Members inputs were still required in the future.

4. The next Sub-committee meeting is scheduled to be held in December 2006.

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14th Sub-committee Meeting – 27 September 2006

2. The Sub-committee discussed the following issues -

(a) *Vision Study on Central Piers and Surrounding Areas*

The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) presented its Vision Study to the Sub-committee. The Vision Study put forth a visionary scheme to transform the Central Piers into a world-class waterfront. The concepts of “Vibrancy”, “Integration”, “People-oriented” and “Sustainability” were key elements embraced in the design process. Major features in the proposed schemes included a variety of uses for leisure, entertainment, cultural and retail activities, a green waterfront with landscaped promenade, a sunken Central-Wan Chai Bypass to reduce noise and air pollution, better pedestrian links between the piers and the surroundings with separation between traffic and pedestrian flow, and an iconic architecture for new boutique hotel and piers structures.

The Sub-committee welcomed the concepts of the proposal. It agreed that the proposal by the CUHK might serve as an input to

the Central Reclamation Urban Design Study to be undertaken by Planning Department (PlanD) in November 2006.

(b) ***The Proposed “Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park Phase II” Development***

Architectural Services Department (ArchSD) presented the proposed scheme for “Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park Phase II” in Sheung Wan to the Sub-committee. The scope of the project included a Memorial Garden to befit the character and stature of Dr Sun Yat Sen, a swimming pool complex and active recreational facilities including a 7-a-side soccer pitch to meet the pressing needs for recreational facilities of the local community in Central and Western District, as well as a waterfront promenade and ancillary facilities. Whilst the Sub-committee had no objection to the proposal, it raised concern about the close proximity of the proposed swimming pool complex to the existing Western Park Sports Centre, which might have adverse impact on visual permeability. Nevertheless, noting that the project design was at its conceptual stage and that there were technical constraints on the disposition of the swimming pool complex, the Sub-committee agreed that ArchSD should take into account the Sub-committee’s views at the detailed design stage to allow for visual permeability of the swimming pool complex.

(c) ***Planning of a Waterfront Promenade/Open Space Development between Shun Tak Centre and Western Wholesale Market***

In response to Members’ concerns raised at the 13th meeting, PlanD presented a paper on the planning and implementation of the open space development between Shun Tak Centre and the Western Wholesale Market in Sheung Wan. The paper provided information on the existing uses along the waterfront including waterfront promenade, park, various temporary uses under short-term tenancies, Government installations/facilities and the planned open space use of the area. Information on the steps taken by concerned departments to implement the planned open space development and enhancement of accessibility was also provided. It was expected that the open space at the Sheung Wan

Ex-gala Point would be completed by late 2009 while the Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park and the open space to its west extending to the Wholesale Food Market would be completed by early 2011.

Task Group Meetings

Central Hoarding Beautification Drawing Competition

3. There were a total of 950 entries by the closing date on 31 July 2006. Selection by the judging panels was held on 7 and 9 August 2006. The finalists and winners were announced in mid August and mid September 2006 respectively. Two Task Group meetings were held on 21 September and 13 October 2006 to discuss the detailed arrangement of the prize presentation ceremony, which was subsequently held on 22 October 2006 in the City Hall Theatre. An opening ceremony to signify the mounting of award-winning entries on the hoardings of the Central waterfront was also held immediately after the prize presentation ceremony in Queen's Pier.

Harbour Planning Principles

4. The Task Group on Harbour Planning Principles held two meetings on 21 September and 20 October 2006 respectively to discuss the draft Harbour Planning Guidelines. The draft Guidelines will be revised in the light of the comments from the Task Group for submission to the Sub-committee for consideration tentatively by end 2006.

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13th Sub-committee Meeting – 31 August 2006

2. The Consultants briefed Members on the Concept Plan prepared by the Consultants. Members noted the Concept Plan basically reflected the public's input at the Envisioning Stage of "Harbour-front Enhancement Review – Wan Chai, Causeway Bay and Adjoining Areas" (HER) and supported the approach that after meeting specific infrastructural needs, all reclaimed land would be dedicated for harbour-front enhancement purposes. It was agreed that the HER Task Force would further discuss the details of the Concept Plan as well as the work plan and the public engagement digest for the Realization Stage.

3. Members commented on the design of the "quick-win" project at the ex-Wan Chai Public Cargo Working Area and the Sub-committee agreed that the works should start as early as possible. The works commenced on 5 October 2006 for completion in early January 2007.

HER Task Force Meetings

4. The HER Task Force met four times on 6, 18, 25 and 27 September 2006 to consider the Concept Plan, the work plan and the public engagement digest for the Realization Stage.

5. On 6 September 2006, the Task Force considered the Concept Plan in detail and agreed that it was suitable for engaging the public. The meeting also agreed that a “Supplementary Document” be prepared to explain the reasons for not including specific proposals, for example, the proposal of expanding the proposed helipad at the north-eastern corner of the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, in the Concept Plan. The draft work plan was endorsed and the outline of the public engagement digest was agreed.

6. On 18 September 2006, the Task Force focused on the first draft of the public engagement digest. Although some details of the draft had to be improved, the Task Force was of the view that the next draft would be suitable for presenting to all Sub-committee Members. Thus, the meeting agreed that the next meeting would be an Expanded HER Task Force meeting, inviting those Sub-committee Members who were not in the Task Force to attend.

7. On 25 September 2006, the Expanded HER Task Force proposed some further improvements to the revised draft digest which was endorsed for printing at the Expanded HER Task Force meeting on 27 September 2006. The latter meeting also agreed to extend the view collection period to two months with the Consensus Building Town Hall Meeting deferred accordingly to mid December 2006.

8. Public engagement activities of the Realization Stage included a series of roving exhibitions (from 6 October to 2 November 2006) on the Concept Plan, two Community Workshops (on 21 and 28 October 2006), with two harbour walks held in the morning of the dates of the Community Workshops, and a Consensus Building Town Hall Meeting (on 16 December 2006). In addition to the Community Workshops, a view collection form was prepared for the public to express their views. The activities would be widely publicized. Besides, a Collaborators’ Working Session was held (on 14 October 2006). The four District Councils of Hong Kong Island were also engaged in September/October 2006 on the Concept Plan. Outcome of activities completed so far would be reported to the HEC at its meeting on 8 November 2006.

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