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Dear Mr. Leung,

Harbour-front Enhancement Review - Wan Chai, Causeway Bay and Adjoining Areas Expert Panel Forum on Sustainable Transport Planning and Central-Wan Chai Bypass

Thank you for your letter of 12 August 2005.

Whilst we are pleased to learn that your sub-committee is taking a pro-active approach to investigate the transport planning, it is crucial however to re-emphasize the point that transport issues should not be looked at in isolation. Transport planning should be treated as ancillary to but integrated into the land use plan making process in order to avoid repeating past mistakes that were made when transport and engineering planning was the priority. If there is a need for a road then it must not be permitted to compromise the natural and physical environment of our harbour.

Our ideas are clearly set out in our submission dated 8 July 2005 but I would ask that this key point be made at the forthcoming Expert Panel Forum.

Yours sincerely, For and on behalf of SWIRE PROPERTIES LTD

