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Attention: Mr. B.P. Chan

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Re: Harbour-front Enhancement Review – Wan Chai, Causeway Bay and Adjoining Areas

Dear Mr Chan,

In response to recent correspondence from the Chairman of the HEC Sub-committee on the Wan Chai Development phase II review; I would like to refer you to the attached letter which we sent to the Director of Planning in June this year as this states some of our views and opinions on this matter.

In addition I would like to point out that our facility in Wan Shing Street is visited by many thousands of members of the public each month (captured figures are approx 5,000 per month but this does not include casual visitors, suppliers and service providers etc.).

In addition to servicing the needs of the public we also accepted over 9000 unwanted animals into our centres last year. These animals arrive at our centres by various means – they are brought in by members of the public, transferred from the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department or brought in by our Inspectorate. As such it is essential our fleet of four animal rescue vehicles have easy access to our main centre on Wan Shing Street; in addition access is required for our mobile surgical unit which operates out of this centre.

Due to our location and the nature of our business vehicular access is imperative and therefore maintained or enhanced access is vital to ensure that we can continue to provide a service to the community. Introduction of parking facilities in the vicinity would also be of benefit (both public and dedicated for the use of our Society).

A summary of our position is that any development in this area should be only undertaken if it is holistic in nature, taking into account the community's needs. This should result in the general enhancement of the harbour-front and adjoining areas on all counts: improving facilities, aesthetics and public accessibility, not just in terms of

improved traffic management and should be done with as little negative environmental impact as possible.

Yours sincerely,



Deputy Director (Welfare)

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Attention: Director Planning Department, Mr Bosco C K Fung JP re: Review on WDII

Dear Mr Fung,

I recently attended the public forums and community charrettes organised by your department on the topic of the Wan Chai Harbour-front Enhancement as both a long time resident of Wan Chai North and Causeway Bay and as a representative of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA). I felt that although the forum presented an opportunity to garner an impression of the wishes of people in general it was not a suitable forum to express specific concerns about this proposal and make requests from interest groups.

I was very disappointed that in none of the presentations I saw during the consultation period was the SPCA acknowledged as key feature of this area.

The SPCA has a membership base of over 24,000 people and its headquarters on Wan Shing Street is one of few true public facilities in Wan Chai North, servicing animal lovers and pet-owners and providing care for various homeless animals. Each week thousands of members of the public (both our Society members and non-members) visit the SPCA headquarters on Wan Shing Street.

The reasons they attend are multiple:

- Educational visits – many school trips and interest groups visit
- Use of animal hospital facilities – treatment of sick animals and preventative health care
- Animal adoption
- Conference / seminar venue
- Promotional events

Spca needs:

- Improved /maintained ease of access for general public
- Improved parking for both SPCA operational vehicles and visiting general public and their charges

Community needs:

As a large population of pet owners and animal lovers frequent this area we would request that their needs be addressed and incorporated in the Wan Chai North region especially if a new area of land becomes available.

- Dog-friendly / pet friendly area / pet park (incorporation of pets and their owners into the general community )
- Incorporation of animals / animal based education into any design for this region.
- Improved / maintained access

As the SPCA is a vibrant, active and well-used facility then serious consideration should be taken of the needs of the organisation and its community when any town planning is undertaken for this region, as a holistic approach addressing the community's needs rather than solely considering the needs of engineers and traffic management is much preferred.

I would also comment that the current industrialisation of this area (there is already a sewage treatment plant, an electricity sub-station and an LPG station) does not lend itself to the greening and beautifying of this harbour-front area, and the proposed addition of an even larger electrical transformer on Wan Shing Street will not improve the situation.

I also cannot see the justification of the proposed four-lane, at grade road in addition to any by-pass. This will effectively increase the dislocation of the harbour-front from the rest of Wan Chai and certainly degrade the area in terms of aesthetics.

The justification for this road is congestion on Hong Hing Road but surely that is part of the reason for the building of the bypass. The residual traffic should be manageable by other means such as regulating the taxi queue for the LPG station, better management of convention and exhibition traffic and the correct traffic light sequencing (or indeed elimination) of the right turn into Marsh Road.

We would be most happy to be consulted on an ongoing basis giving you the benefit of our years of experience of operating in this area as well as our expertise in the area of the value of the human - animal bond and animal welfare. I look forward to discussing this matter in more depth with you in the near future.

Yours sincerely,



Deputy Director (Welfare)

cc. Mr Leung Kang-yui, Chairman HEC sub-committee WDII Review  
cc. Professor Lee Chack-fan Harbour-front Enhancement Committee