

**HEC Sub-committee on
Wan Chai Development Phase II Review**

Third Meeting

Date : 14 December 2004 (Tuesday)

Time : 9:00 a.m.

Venue: Conference Room, 15/F, North Point Government Offices,
333 Java Road, North Point.

Agenda

1. Confirmation of minutes of second meeting.
2. Progress report from the Task Force on HER
[Paper No. WD 7/2004]
3. Matters arising
4. Work plan for Envisioning Stage of HER
[Paper No. WD 8/2004]
5. Progress report on submissions and requests received.
[Paper No. WD 9/2004]
6. Any other business
 - (a) Date of next meeting

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**Progress Report from the Task Force on
Harbour-front Enhancement Review –
Wan Chai and Adjoining Areas (HER)**

1. Reporting Period

- 1.1 This progress report covers the period between the second and the third meetings of the Sub-committee on Wan Chai Development Phase II Review (Sub-committee) from 13 October to 13 December 2004.

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

Three Task Force meetings were held during the reporting period. The following issues were discussed in the meetings:

2.1 First Meeting – 1 November 2004

- (a) The Quotation Assessment Committee (QAC) formed to assess Technical Proposals submitted by the bidders for the Specialist Consultancy for HER briefed the Task Force on their assessment. The Task Force accepted QAC's assessment.
- (b) CEDD briefed Members on the proposed work plan for the Task Force with the target of submitting the proposed work plan of the Envisioning Stage for endorsement at the third Sub-committee meeting scheduled for 14 December 2004. The Task Force suggested maintaining close contact with the District Councils and requested the Specialist Consultant to consider media coverage during the process.

2.2 Second Meeting – 19 November 2004

- (a) General approach for HER was discussed. It was agreed that collaborators to assist in the process would be needed and the relevant District Councils should be invited to participate as collaborators. Mr. Chan Tak-chor and Mr. Steve Chan were invited to act as informal links with the District Councils. Social network of the District Councils, member organisations of HEC and Home Affairs Department should be utilized in promoting the activities.
- (b) The Specialist Consultant briefed the Task Force on the skeleton of the work plan for the Envisioning Stage. Public forums and charrettes would be held and on-line survey, telephone survey and road-side survey were also suggested. Publicity of the activities would be arranged. Various possible concepts for the Trunk Road, that is, the at grade, elevated and tunnel arrangements for the Trunk Road, extent of land that would be formed under different concepts would be presented for inviting ideas on harbour-front enhancement. The participants would also be invited to address on sustainability indicators. Information related to traffic planning would be available, if needed.

2.3 Third Meeting – 7 December 2004

- (a) Draft work plan for the Envisioning Stage submitted by the Specialist Consultant was discussed. The general framework was considered acceptable in principle and the Specialist Consultant would update the draft taking into account the Task Force's comments for submission to the Sub-committee meeting scheduled for 14 December 2004.
- (b) Importance of reaching out to the general public was stressed by the Task Force. In this respect, Mr. Steve Chan has kindly agreed to liaise with the relevant District Councils for a briefing and discussion on the proposed work plan. It was also highlighted that the concepts of sustainability development and sustainability indicators, being relatively new concepts, have to be explained succinctly to the participants.
- (c) The Task Force also noted the importance of providing sufficient information, including those on transport planning, to the public for an informed discussion

during the public participation activities. The Specialist Consultant would consider this matter in more detail.

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**Work Plan for Envisioning Stage of
Harbour-front Enhancement Review –
Wan Chai and Adjoining Areas**

PURPOSE

This paper seeks Members' comments and endorsement of the proposed work plan for the Envisioning Stage of Harbour-front Enhancement Review – Wan Chai and Adjoining Areas (HER).

BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The HEC Sub-committee on Wan Chai Development Phase II Review (Sub-committee) endorsed the proposed arrangements for HER at its second meeting held on 13 October 2004. City Planning Consultants Ltd (City Planning) was appointed as the Specialist Consultant for HER on 3 November 2004.
- 2.2 It is hoped to achieve, with the assistance of the HER project, a socially, environmentally and economically sustainable harbour-front at Wan Chai and adjoining areas that can realize ideas well supported by the public and with allowances for satisfying other needs such as planning, transport and infrastructure needs. HER is broadly divided into three Stages: Envisioning Stage, Realization Stage and Detailed Planning Stage.
- 2.3 The purpose of the Envisioning Stage is to engage the public for ideas on the kind of harbour-front they hope to have at Wan Chai and the adjoining areas after understanding the opportunities available and the constraints that the

harbour-front will be subjected to, and to consolidate relevant ideas as input to Wan Chai Development Phase II (WDII) Review or for further consideration by the HEC.

- 2.3 The Task Force set up to provide steer to HER has considered the proposed work plan for the Envisioning Stage proposed by City Planning at the third Task Force meeting of 7 December 2004 and requested City Planning to update the proposed work plan taking into account comments of the Task Force for submission to the Sub-committee for consideration and endorsement.

PROPOSED WORK PLAN FOR ENVISIONING STAGE

- 3.1 The work plan proposed by City Planning has the following key components :

Sustainability framework

- 3.2 In order to meet the objectives of HER and the Envisioning Stage stated above, a holistic planning and engineering review of WDII through a public participatory approach, guided by a sustainable development framework with emphasis on the balance and integration among social, economic, and environmental considerations is required. The aim is to achieve an overall development plan that embraces the publicly endorsed sustainability principles and satisfies the sustainability indicators in the agreed order of priority.
- 3.3 With the concept of sustainability development in the backbone of HER, it is targeted to achieve the following during the Envisioning Stage:
- (a) promote an open and inclusive public participation programme;
 - (b) empower the stakeholders and the general public with adequate understanding of the constraints and opportunities regarding harbour-front enhancement at Wan Chai and adjoining areas;
 - (c) establish sustainability principles together with the public to guide the WDII project; and
 - (d) generate together with the public an agreed list of sustainability indicators with weightings for evaluation of the concept plans with the public in the subsequent Realization Stage.

- 3.4 The sustainability framework will also thread through the next two stages of HER in that the indicators generated will be used to evaluate the concept plans to be developed in the Realization Stage. This will ensure a high degree of community support on the draft outline development plan and outline zoning plan to be developed in the final Detailed Planning Stage of HER.

Collaborators

- 3.5 To ensure an open and inclusive engagement process, a number of organizations representing different sectors of the public, including the relevant District Councils (DCs), community, business, green groups as well as academic and professional institutions will be approached to act as collaborators. They will help in the following respects:
- (a) reviewing the constraints and opportunities of the review area from a sustainable development point of view with professional input;
 - (b) establishing the preliminary set of sustainability principles and indicators;
 - (c) promote the public participation activities through their social network;
 - (d) ensuring a transparent and fair process; and
 - (e) evaluating the different concept plans in the Realization Stage.

Information to Public

- 3.6 To empower the stakeholders and the public with adequate background knowledge, consultation digest, information packages, exhibition panels, 3-D animations, etc. will be prepared. Information will be uploaded to HEC's website where appropriate. The findings of the sustainability review conducted with the collaborators will also be made known to the public.

Public Forums

- 3.7 To reach out to the public, five public forums are proposed; four at different districts on Hong Kong Island and one in Kowloon. Besides collecting views and concerns of the public regarding the future harbour-front at Wan Chai and the adjoining areas, the public forums are also intended to contribute towards establishing the set of sustainability development principles and indicators

which will be adopted in evaluating options during the Realization Stage of HER. If the collaborating organizations, particularly the relevant DCs, prefer other format of public engagement, the public forums may be substituted by such activities.

Community Design Charettes

- 3.8 Two community design charrettes are proposed to assist participants to envision the future harbour-front at Wan Chai and the adjoining areas after gaining a proper understanding of the constraints, opportunities, issues and concerns of the general public related the WDII project. Again to reach out more, one charette will be conducted on Hong Kong Island and the other in Kowloon.

Opinion surveys

- 3.9 To ensure a wider coverage of the public in collecting views, opinion surveys are proposed. These surveys will be in the form of telephone survey covering all eighteen districts of Hong Kong, road-side survey targeting on residents, workers and visitors around the WDII project area, and on-line survey. Information will be uploaded onto HEC's website and the public are encouraged to reply the on-line survey and express other comments. Such comments may be viewed by other public members if submitted in appropriate formats.

Self-initiated Activities

- 3.10 Besides the proposed public forums, community design charettes and opinion surveys, collaborators will be encouraged to organize and conduct their own consultation activities so as to fully capitalize on their network in soliciting public views from different spectrum of the society.

Promotion

- 3.11 Collaborators are expected to perform as the 'ambassadors' to promote the public participation activities in their own groups/institutions. Further promotion through printed, electronic and on-line media is suggested to facilitate even wider community participation in the activities before and during the engagement period.

Detailed Work Plan

3.12 Programme for the Envisioning Stage is attached at **Appendix** with detailed description of the key components in the annexes.

ADVICE SOUGHT

4.1 Members are invited to comment and endorse the proposed work plan for the Envisioning Stage as described above.

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Proposed Work Plan for Envisioning Stage

Programme

	<u>Action Items</u>	<u>Programme</u>
Work Plan Endorsement Phase		
A1	<i>Endorsement of proposed work plan by HEC Sub-committee</i>	<i>14.12.2004</i>
Preparation Phase		
B1	Issue formal invitations to collaborators	15.12.2004 – 18.12.2004
B2	Prepare for collaborators' working group meetings	15.12.2004 – 7.1.2005
B3	<i>Discuss with DCs on the Work Plan</i>	15.12.2004 – 31.12.2004
B4	Design consultation digest, advertisements, posters, survey questionnaires, on-line comment form and information package for public forums and charrettes	15.12.2004 – 16.1.2005
B5	<i>Collaborators' working group meetings</i>	<i>14.1.2005 – 24.1.2005</i>
B6	Tender for various services and surveys	3.1.2005 – 15.1.2005
B7	Print consultation digest and posters	20.1.2005 – 27.1.2005
B8	Distribute consultation digest and posters	28.1.2005 – 31.1.2005
B9	Prepare the necessary materials for public forums and design charrettes including computer animations and exhibition panels	17.1.2005 – 17.2.2005
B10	Media coverage to promote the public participation activities	14.1.2005 – 17.2.2005
Public Participation Phase		
C1	Upload on-line questionnaire and comment form	1.2.2005 – 28.2.2005
C2	Carry out telephone and road-side surveys	1.2.2005 – 28.2.2005
C3	Conduct public forums and community design charrettes	18.2.2005 – 19.3.2005
	1 st Public Forum (PF) (Friday)	18.2.2005
	2 nd PF (Tuesday)	22.2.2005
	3 rd PF (Friday)	25.2.2005

	<u>Action Items</u>	<u>Programme</u>
	4 th PF (Tuesday)	1.3.2005
	5 th PF (Friday)	4.3.2005
	1 st Charette (Saturday)	12.3.2005
	2 nd Charette (Saturday)	19.3.2005
Reporting Phase		
D1.	Prepare Report and Executive Summary	21.3.2005 – 7.4.2004
D2	<i>Discuss with Collaborators on findings of the Envisioning Stage</i>	<i>21.3.2005 – 7.4.2005</i>
D2	<i>Endorsement of Draft Report and Executive Summary by HEC Sub-committee</i>	<i>12.4.2005</i>

Attachments

- Annex 1** - Sustainability Framework
- Annex 2** - Collaborators
- Annex 3** - Consultation Digest
- Annex 4** - Public Events
- Annex 5** - Opinion Surveys
- Annex 6** - Promotion / Advertising Plan

Sustainability Framework

Concepts of sustainable development emphasized on the balance and integration among social, economic and environmental considerations. It also stresses on local involvement and community-based initiatives. Implementing these principles often becomes a major challenge for developing proposals. A sustainability framework is therefore proposed. The framework adopts a participatory approach and aims to develop the guiding sustainability principles with the community.

The sustainability framework consists of three major components:

- (a) A sustainability review of the opportunities and constraints and key issues of harbour-front enhancement at Wan Chai and adjoining areas and the highway possibilities
- (b) The development of sustainability principles to guide the WDII project
- (c) The development of a set of sustainability indicators for evaluating the harbour-front planning and layout design

Although the sustainability framework will guide the whole review process, it is proposed that the above three components will take place *simultaneously* at the beginning of the HER project, the Envisioning Stage. The sustainability indicators are for evaluating the highway possibilities at the Realization Stage and there will be other participatory activities to take place during the Realization Stage. The following explains the approach and methodology in detail:

Methodology – A multi-stakeholder involvement approach

The main purpose of the preliminary sustainability review is to empower the public about the key social, economic and environmental concerns of harbour-front enhancement at Wan Chai and the adjoining areas as well as the opportunities and constraints in relation to the highway possibilities. It is expected that public discussion would be more fruitful if they are well-informed about the background and context of Wan Chai and the adjoining areas. It is proposed that the sustainability review will consolidate knowledge from the professionals, relevant government departments as well as from the local community.

Sustainability principles are essential in guiding our land-use allocation and transport arrangements while sustainability indicators are equally important for evaluating development options. It is proposed to develop the principles and the indicators with a community-based approach.

It is believed that sustainability development should be a collective effort from all stakeholders. Hence, it is suggested to involve multi-stakeholders in conducting the

preliminary sustainability review and developing sustainability principles and indicators:

- Involvement of the District Councillors

Trusting that **district councillors** are experts on their respective areas, it is hoped to meet with the councillors from the districts concerned to collect their opinions about the key social, economic and environmental concerns of the Wan Chai and adjoining areas. Their views on land-use allocation and transport arrangements will be gathered. The intention is to seek their suggestions and co-operation on the public engagement activities.

- Involvement of the Community Groups, Business Groups, Green Groups, Professional groups and Academic Institutions

Taking into consideration of the time factor, it is proposed to establish a **working group** to work on the following items:

- Social, environmental and economic concerns of harbour-front enhancement at Wan Chai and the adjoining areas
- Scope and content of the consultation digest and/or information package
- Mode of public engagement activities
- Preliminary sustainability principles and indicator set

The working group should consist of all of the collaborators, **from all walks of life**, and may also involve some other interested individuals and groups who expressed their interests. A few collaborator meetings and workshops will be organized, in particular, to organize *working session(s)* on ‘Sustainability Principles and Indicators’. All collaborators, concerned district councillors and other interested parties would be invited to join the working session(s).

The working session(s) will firstly discuss and get consensus about the sustainability principles for guiding the harbour-front enhancement at Wan Chai and adjoining areas. Special attention would be given to the highway possibilities and concepts. From these principles, an initial set of indicators for evaluating development options would be developed. It is stressed that the initial sustainability indicator list should not be an enclosed one. Rather, it would serve as a basis for further discussion at the public arena. Adhering to international practices, we suggest formulating the indicators around four main aspects:

- **Social** – e.g. provisions for community facilities; urban safety and security; enhancement of cultural character and identity; public involvement, etc.
- **Physical/built Environment** – e.g. accessibility (especially to the waterfront); mobility; land use flexibility and compatibility; built form; provision for open space; visual impact and other amenity issues, etc.

- **Natural Environment** – e.g. pollution issues (noise, air and water); conservation of harbour/marine; energy efficiency, etc.
 - **Economic** – e.g. employment opportunity; business opportunity and CBD expansion; capital investment; opportunity for revitalisation; financial viability, etc.
- Involvement of the Local Residents and the Wider Community

It is also believed that the **local residents** know their neighbourhoods best. Through *various public engagement activities* including *public forums*, their concerns and aspirations about the harbour-front at Wan Chai and adjoining areas and the highway implications will be gathered. It is proposed that *public forums* to be held on both sides of the Victoria Harbour. During the public forums, findings of the sustainability review will be presented, i.e. the key social, economic and environmental concerns of the Wan Chai and adjoining areas and the opportunities and constraints related to the highway concepts gathered from meeting with the district councillors and the collaborators. They will be given opportunity to scrutinize the preliminary review and to express their concerns.

Relating to these concerns are the sustainability principles and indicators. Preliminary sustainability principles and indicators will be presented. Time will be allocated for the participants to *comment* and *prioritise* the initial sustainability indicator list. Participants are invited to add or delete indicators where they think appropriate. At the public forums, participants' comments are collected through *two channels*: a) a time-slot will be given to the forum participants to express their comments and criticisms verbally; and b) a simple survey will be distributed during the forum to allow the participants to *add/delete* and to *prioritise* the initial set of indicators. Participants' comments will be recorded and published to ensure that public inputs are well-incorporated.

In addition to collecting public opinions through public forums, it is also proposed that the sustainability principles and the preliminary set of sustainability indicators will be included in the *Consultation Digest* and will be posted on the designated *webpage* to invite comments from the **wider community**.

With inputs from the district councils, government departments, working group, and the public, the following will be produced:

- A sustainability review of the Wan Chai and adjoining areas
- A set of sustainability principles for guiding the WDII land-use and transport development, in particular, the harbour-front development
- A consolidated set of sustainability indicators for evaluating the WDII highway options in the Realization Stage

It is hoped that the above three elements will ensure that sustainability considerations become the skeleton for the WDII project.

It is proposed that the above three tasks would be completed *before the two charrettes* are conducted. This is to ensure that the public are more informed about the context of Wan Chai and the adjoining areas when designing the land-use and transport options and sustainability principles and indicators can also guide the public's design.

Collaborators

To ensure an open and inclusive engagement process, a number of organizations representing all walks of life will be approached to act as collaborators, including the relevant District Councils, community, business, green groups as well as academic and professional institutions. They should represent a wider interest in the respective groups and should not have apparent and direct conflict of interest in the WDII project.

Collaborators will help in:

- (a) reviewing the constraints and opportunities of the review area from a sustainable development point of view with professional input
- (b) establishing the preliminary set of sustainability principles and indicators
- (c) widening the network and promote the HER activities within their own organizations
- (d) ensuring a transparent and fair process
- (e) evaluating the different concept plans in the Realization Stage based on the agreed sustainability principles and indicators

A list of potential collaborators and the groups/ institutions they are coming from or representing has been identified. Upon endorsement of the list, these potential collaborators will be liaised with. The need for issuing formal invitation and if necessary by whom is subject to further discussion with the HEC Sub-Committee.

There will be working group meetings with the collaborators in the first half of January 2005.

Below is the long list of potential collaborators.

	Groups/ Collaborating Institutions
	<i>District Councils</i>
1.	Central & Western District Council
2.	Wan Chai District Council
3.	Eastern District Council
4.	Southern District Council
5.	Yau Tsim Mong District Council
	<i>Local/ Community Groups</i>
6.	St. James Settlement
7.	Caritas
8.	People's Council on Sustainable Development (PCSD)

	<i>Business Groups</i>
9.	Real Estate Developers Association (REDA)
10.	Business Environment Council (BEC)
11.	Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce (HKGCC)
12.	The Federation of Hong Kong Industries (FHKI)
13.	The Chinese Chamber of Commerce
14.	Hong Kong Tourism Board
	<i>Green Groups</i>
15.	The Conservancy Association (CA)
16.	Friends of the Earth (FoE)
17.	Marine Conservation Society
	<i>Professional Groups</i>
18.	Hong Kong Institute of Architects (HKIA)
19.	Hong Kong Institute of Planners (HKIP)
20.	Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors (HKIS)
21.	Hong Kong Institution of Engineers (HKIE)
22.	Hong Kong Institute of Landscape Architects (HKILA)
23.	The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT)
24.	American Institute of Architects (Hong Kong Chapter)
25.	Associate of Engineers in Society
	<i>Academic Institutions</i>
26.	Department of Architecture, CUHK
27.	Department of Public and Social Administration, CityU
28.	Department of Building and Construction, CityU
29.	Department of Architecture, HKU
30.	Department of Civil Engineering, HKU
31.	Centre of Urban Planning & Environmental Management, HKU

Consultation Digest

It is proposed to prepare a Consultation Digest to facilitate the public participation activities. The Digest will in A4-portrait format and in both Chinese and English and will present the constraints, possible Trunk Road concepts, broad land use opportunities and key issues in a holistic manner.

The content and flow of the Digest are suggested as follows:

1. Objective and Approach of HER - a holistic land use and transport planning exercise to formulate plans for achieving a socially, environmentally and economically sustainable harbour-front that can realize ideas well supported by the public and with allowances for satisfying other needs such as land use, social, visual, transport and infrastructure needs and complying with the Protection of the Harbour Ordinance.
2. Process of HER
3. Highlight the judgment of the Court of Final Appeal related to the interpretation of the Protection of the Harbour Ordinance.
4. Outline the opportunities, constraints and key issues in reviewing Wan Chai and adjoining areas and present the preliminary sustainable development principles and indicators.
5. Introduce different possible Trunk Road concepts (i.e. elevated highway concept, tunnel concept and at-grade road concept) with conceptual illustration of the alignment and section and discussion of the respective implications.
6. Present reclamation extents and land use opportunities associated with these concepts.
7. Encourage the public to complete the on-line questionnaire and to come to the public forums and charrettes

Public Events

Public events of the Envisioning Stage of HER will comprise public forums and community design charrettes. The following gives the broad framework and strategy for these public events to be held.

Objectives

- To provide an open and inclusive public participation programme for the public to be informed, participate and contribute towards a community vision for the sustainable development of the harbour-front in Wan Chai and adjoining areas.
- To inform the public on findings of the sustainability review for the review area and solicit their general visions and views on sustainability principles to guide the WDII development plan
- To develop and prioritize sustainability indicators with the public that will be used to assess the options to be developed subsequently

Public Forums

The aim of the public forums is to collect views and concerns of the public regarding the future harbour-front at Wan Chai and the adjoining areas. Firstly, public views and concerns will be collected by requesting participants to write down their specific concerns at the time of registration at the public forum and also through limited multi-stakeholder presentations and extensive time allotted to the floor discussions.

Secondly, the Specialist Consultant will present the preliminary sustainability review undertaken with the help of the collaborators, followed by a presentation by the consultant for WDII Review on possible concepts for fulfilling the infrastructure needs and the amount of reclamation that may be required. This will give the participants an understanding of the possible concepts for the Trunk Road and possible implications on land uses.

A limited amount of time is devoted to public presentations to allow for more time for floor discussions. There will be a limit on the number and time allotted for public presentations and this will be strictly adhered to. Multi-stakeholder presentations will give an opportunity for different stakeholders to put forward their concerns and views regarding the future harbour-front. Individual views and concerns that will be gathered during registration will also be presented by the organizers and further discussed on the floor.

Finally, the public forums are also intended to develop and prioritize the sustainability indicators that will be critical in evaluating the options to be generated during the Realization Stage of HER. This will be done by first presenting some preliminary sustainability indicators that will be developed at the working group meeting with the collaborators. A simple survey is circulated during the public forum to get a consensus on the base list of sustainability indicators. The participants can generate additional sustainability indicators, after an extensive floor discussion on sustainability issues. The participants will then be asked to prioritize these sustainability indicators.

A total of five public forums are suggested to be held; four at the Central & Western, Wan Chai, Eastern and Southern districts of Hong Kong Island and the fifth in Kowloon, suggested at the Yau Tsim Mong district. The public forums will be conducted possibly on weekday evenings from 6.30 to 9.30 pm, a tentative outline is given below.

- 6.30 – 7.00 – Registration & individual views/concerns
- 7.00 – 7.15 – Study background & preliminary sustainability review findings
- 7.15 – 7.30 – Presentation of concepts of Trunk Road by consultants of WDII Review
- 7.30- 8.00 – Presentations by the multi-stakeholders (max 6 presentations at 5 min each)
- 8.00 – 8.45 – Floor discussion on concepts and sustainability indicators
- 8.45 – 9.15 – Prioritization of key concerns/issues and sustainability indicators
- 9.15 – 9.30 – Way forward and wrap up

Community Design Charrettes

The aim of the community design charrettes is to allow the participants to envision the future harbour-front at Wan Chai and the adjoining areas after gaining a proper understanding of the related constraints and opportunities, issues and concerns of the general public.

The charrette will start off with registration and individual vision statements are gathered during registration. An initial briefing of the study background and key issues/sustainability principles and indicators refined during the public forums will be presented. Individual visions will also be announced during the charrette to give some idea to the participants about community aspirations.

The participants will be divided into groups of 10 to 12, and briefed about the ground rules of the charrette. Each group will elect a group spokesperson and is assisted with a facilitator, a recorder, a few students to assist in drawings and a basic tool kit. The tool kit will consist of the base map of the harbour-front, drawing tools such as templates, sketch pens, tracing sheets etc. A group of students will be standing by to help in developing a working model of the concepts produced for each group.

Each group spokesperson(s) is expected to make two presentations. The first presentation is on the vision statement of the group taking into account the related opportunities and constraints, this will happen early on in the charrette. The final presentation is about concepts that the group developed with the help of drawings and working models during the later part of the charrette.

Two community design charrettes will be conducted; one suggested in Wan Chai and the other in the Yau Tsim Mong district. They will be held on Saturday afternoons with the following tentative outline.

- 2.00 – 2.30 – Registration & individual vision statement
- 2.30 – 2.50 – Study background & update on sustainability principles and indicators
- 2.50 – 3.00 – Charrette briefing
- 3.00 – 3.30 – Constraints & opportunities & vision statement
- 3.30 – 3.45 – Presentation of group visions & prioritization
- 3.45 – 5.00 – Group concept development
- 5.00 – 5.40 – Presentation of group concepts
- 5.40 – 6.00 – Way forward and wrap up

Engagement Activities Initiated by Collaborators and Interested Parties

Apart from the public forums and community design charrettes, collaborators and interested parties are encouraged to organize and conduct their own consultation activities as independent events and/or integrated with their regular functions. The collaborators would know better the interests of their own groups/ institutions and through their own networks be more able to reach out and solicit views from wider spectrum of the society. The Specialist Consultant would be prepared to attend their engagement activities and provide the information package prepared for the forums/charrettes.

Opinion Surveys

Objectives

- To collect views of the wider public as well as their aspiration and vision on the preferred form of harbour-front development at Wan Chai and the adjoining areas
- To identify the issues/ problems they consider significant
- To solicit their views on how to tackle / resolve/ mitigate these issues
- To collect opinion of the public to facilitate the development of sustainability indicators

Approach

The survey will be carried out at the Envisioning Stage so that the opinions of the public can be incorporated at an early stage. In order to tie in the work programme, they would be carried out in February 2005 to provide timely input in the formulation of sustainability indicators.

3-tier Survey

A 3-tier survey is proposed:-

1. Telephone survey

Telephone survey is very convenient to collect the view of a wider public. It is proposed to cover 900 residents all over the 18 districts of the territory (preferably 50 from each district)

However, because of time constraint, the telephone survey has to be structured in a concise manner and will only cover critical issues like:

- the preferred form of development at the harbour-front; accessible harbour-front, civic square, etc
- if a road has to be built to resolve traffic congestion, what is the desirable form of the road (at grade, elevated like existing IEC, or in tunnel).

2. Road-side survey

The road-side survey will target on residents, workers and visitors around the WDII project area. It is proposed that 100 interviews be carried out at prominent locations like ferry piers, major transport interchange, shopping centers, office centers and open space. Both drivers and pedestrians over 15 years of age will be included.

The questionnaire will gather their views on the following:

- i) Existing issues/ problems in the area-
 - traffic congestion
 - open space provision
 - accessibility to harbour-front
 - environmental issues
 - townscape (built form + landscape + streetscape)
- ii) Their aspiration in solving/ improving the issues identified
- iii) Their views on the four major sustainability aspects of (a) social, (b) physical/ built environment, (c) natural environment and conservation, and (d) economic. These views will facilitate the development of sustainability indicators
- iv) Their vision on the preferred form of harbour-front development

3. *On-line survey*

The content of on-line survey will be similar to the road-side survey. Like the two other surveys, it is important to ask the respondents on their relationship with the WDII project (local resident? working here? frequent visitor? a concerned HK resident? or, feeling not related to WDII).

The on-line survey will be posted to an appropriate web-site. It is intended that links to this on-line survey will be widely promulgated.

Implementation

Detail design of the survey questionnaires will be undertaken after endorsement of the work plan by the HEC Sub-committee. Steer of the Task Force will be sought.

Independent companies and university students may be employed to conduct the different surveys.

Promotion/Advertisement Plan

Collaborators are expected to perform as ‘ambassadors’ to promote the public participation activities in their own groups/ institutions. It is proposed to further make use of printed, electronic and on-line media to facilitate even wider community participation in the consultation activities.

Cost effectiveness has to be taken into account in identifying appropriate media. Public resources and information dissemination network will be capitalized where possible.

The following promotional media are recommended for consideration.

	Media	Remarks
1.	Advertisement	
	Metropolis Daily (都市日報)	- distributed free-of-charge by hand and from racks in MTR stations and other key central locations - published daily (Mon to Fri) in Chinese with English extracts
	Community Star (地區星報)	- distributed free-of-charge in 18 districts (covering all DC districts) - published monthly, every 10 days or biweekly (depending on districts) in Chinese
	Hong Kong Magazine (name to be confirmed)	- distributed free-of-charge at major malls, café and restaurants - in English
2.	Posters	
	the 5 DCs	
	local/community groups, schools (including int'l schools)	
	MACs in the 5 DC districts	
	other organizations as advised by DO	
3.	Printed & electronic media	
	Press conference & release	
	Press interviews	
4.	On-line	
	e-flyers/e-messages	- websites of HEC and other relevant government departments and committees

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<i>Date of reference</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>Subject of enquiry/comments</i>	<i>Recommended follow-up action</i>
Part A – addressed directly to the Sub-committee			
15 June 2004	Business Environment Council	Relevant quick enhancement projects to maximize the potential of Victoria Harbour (i) Tamar – To facilitate a semi-permanent venue for event. (ii) Cargo Bay Handling Areas – Temporary usage. (iii) Victoria Park – Open up access and provide signage to the stairs to the leading waterfront via Victoria Park (currently closed with a fence). (iv) General – Removal of ‘No Fishing’ signs etc.	To be discussed in the meeting on 14 December 2004.
5 July 2004	Business Environment Council	The pedestrian link between Victoria Park and the waterfront under the “Victoria Park Road Widening Project”.	To be discussed in the meeting on 14 December 2004.

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20 September 2004	The Experience Group	The medium and long term expansion plans for the Convention and Exhibition Centre.	To be considered in conjunction with the submission from Trade Development Council to the briefing of 5 January 2005 to be organized by HEC.
23 November 2004	Business Environment Council	Request to adjust the scope and context of HER.	To be discussed in the meeting on 14 December 2004
Part B – referred to the Sub-committee by the HEC Secretariat			
NIL			

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