

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

**Endorsement of Proposed Arrangements for
Public Forums and Charrettes**

PURPOSE

1. This paper seeks Members' endorsement on the proposed arrangements for the public forums and charrettes for the Envisioning Stage of Harbour-front Enhancement Review – Wan Chai and Adjoining Areas (HER).

BACKGROUND

2. In accordance with the proposed work plan for the Envisioning Stage of HER discussed at the Sub-committee meeting held on 14 December 2004 (Paper No. WD 8/2004 refers), five public forums and charettes will be conducted.
3. The HER Task Force has reviewed the arrangements for the public forums and charettes. The updated proposal is at **Annex A** and the updated dates for the activities are at **Annex B**.

ADVICE SOUGHT

4. Members are invited to endorse the updated proposed arrangements as outlined in Annexes A and B.

ATTACHMENTS

Annex A - Updated proposal for public forum and charrettes

Annex B - Updated dates for public forum and charrettes

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HEC Sub-committee on
Wan Chai Development Phase II Review
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PUBLIC EVENTS - DRAFT

Public events of the Envisioning Stage of HER will comprise Public Forums and Community Design Charrettes. The following gives a broad framework and strategy for these public events scheduled to be held in May and June 2005.

Objectives

- To provide an open and inclusive public engagement 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 study area and solicit their general views on sustainability principles to guide WDII concept development
- To facilitate the development of a community vision for the future harbourfront in Wan Chai and the adjoining areas

PUBLIC FORUMS

The aim of the public forums is to collect views and concerns of the public regarding the future harbour-front in Wan Chai and the adjoining areas. The public forums are also intended to develop and prioritize sustainability principles and indicators based on the preliminary principles and indicators developed in the Collaborators working group meeting held on Jan 23, 2005. SD principles and indicators developed in the Public Forums will be used to evaluate options to be generated during the Realization Stage of HER.

A total of five Public Forums will be held in May-June 2005; four in Hong Kong Island at the Central & Western, Wan Chai, Eastern and Southern districts and the fifth at the Yau Tsim Mong district in Kowloon. The public forums will be conducted on weekdays, possibly on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7.00 to 9.30 pm.

Registration

Firstly, public views and concerns will be collected by requesting participants to write down their specific concerns and aspirations at the time of registration for the public forum. Each participant is asked three questions at the time of registration and requested to record their answers on a card. Participants will be asked the following questions:

- What do you like best about Wan Chai in general and more specifically Wan Chai harbourfront ? (strengths, good things, assets and qualities)
- What do you like least about Wan Chai in general and more specifically Wan Chai harbourfront ? (weaknesses, bad things, liabilities and concerns)
- What is your aspiration for the future of Wan Chai generally and more specifically Wan Chai harbourfront ? (ideas, visions, dreams, aspirations)

The completed cards will be posted on a board for participants to browse during session break.

Briefing Session

The Briefing Session will begin with welcoming remarks from the panel convenor and brief remarks from the high profiled member of the panel. The panel will consist of an HEC Task Force Member, a District Council Member, a representative from a Collaborator organization and a Legco Member. This is followed by a presentation by the specialist consultant on the Study background highlighting the OZP, CFA judgement, HEC and the need for HER and its stages. Concepts of sustainable development are introduced and the preliminary sustainability review for Wan Chai and adjoining areas will be presented.

Floor Discussion Session

The Floor Discussion Session is an opportunity for the community to raise concerns, issues and aspirations for the harbourfront in Wan Chai and adjoining areas after gaining a better understanding of the background information presented in the Briefing Session. This dialogue will enable the members of the community to express their viewpoints freely and for the panelists, Government Officials and consultants to answer their queries. This is also an opportunity for the HEC and the Govt. to gain better insight into the key concerns and wishes of the community.

Break Out session

Preliminary sustainability principles and indicators developed with the help of the Collaborators and the Task Force members for various categories like social, economic, natural environment, and built environment will be introduced as a base case and participants are briefed about the break out session. Multi-stakeholder discussions during the break out session will give an opportunity for different stakeholders to put forward their concerns and views regarding the future harbour-front in relation to the SD principles and indicators within a focus group setting.

During break out sessions participants are divided into groups of 10 to 12 participants in each group aided by a facilitator and a recorder. The focus groups will be sitting around a table and light refreshments, cookies, biscuits, drink boxes etc., are provided to encourage informal discussion and dialogue. An elected spokesperson(s) from each group will present their analysis of the SD principles. At the end of the session the participants indicate their preferences for the SD principles with the help of three stickers provided earlier.

Wrap Up Session

A summary of the SD principles and indicators, community concerns and wish list, and harbourfront constraints and opportunities will be highlighted. This is followed by a way forward, indicating the upcoming community design charrettes as the concluding public events to be held within the Envisioning Stage of HER.

Public Forum Schedule

A tentative outline for the schedule for the public forums is given below.

Tuesday and Thursday Evenings (7.00 – 9.30 pm)

VENUE	TIME	ACTIONS
	7.00 – 7.15 pm	Registration Individual concerns, and aspirations for Wan Chai and its waterfront noted on a card
	7.15 – 7.20 pm	Briefing Session Welcoming remarks by panel convenor – HEC TFM (panel made up of one member each from DC, Collaborators, Legco)
	7.20 – 7.25 pm	Study Background: An introduction of HER (OZP, CFA, HEC, HER Stages)
	7.25 – 7.35 pm	Preliminary Sustainability Review Findings
	7.35 – 7.40 pm	Govt. Attempts at Traffic Management and justification of the need for a CWB
	7.40 – 8.20 pm	Floor Discussion on key community issues, concerns and aspirations
	8.20 – 8.30 pm	Session Break
	8.30 – 8.40 pm	Briefing on Preliminary SD Principles and Indicators and Break Out Session
	8.40 – 9.10 pm	Break Out Session Focus Group Discussion SD Principles and Indicators
	9.10 – 9.20 pm	Reporting
	9.20 – 9.25 pm	Community Preferences for SD Principles
	9.25 – 9.30 pm	Wrap Up Session Summary and Way Forward

Public Forums in each district will be organized either on Tuesdays or Thursday evenings based on the availability of venues and convenience of the various District Councils involved.

COMMUNITY DESIGN CHARRETTES

The aim of the community design charrettes is to allow participants to envision the future Wan Chai harbourfront after gaining a proper understanding of the related constraints and opportunities of Wan Chai and adjoining areas together with the issues and concerns of the general public. The facilitators will be briefed through an inhouse charrette briefing session held prior to the community design charrettes. Two community design charrettes will be conducted in Wan Chai and Yau Tsim Mong districts during the month of June 2005 and will be held on Saturday afternoons.

Registration

The charrette will start off with registration and individual concerns and vision statements are gathered during registration. Public views will be collected by requesting participants to write down their specific concerns at the time of registration for the community design charrette. Each participant is asked the following questions and requested to record their answers on a card. Participants will be asked the following questions:

- What do you like best about Wan Chai in general and more specifically Wan Chai harbourfront ? (strengths, good things, assets and qualities)
- What do you like least about Wan Chai in general and more specifically Wan Chai harbourfront ? (weaknesses, bad things, liabilities and concerns)
- What is your aspiration for the future of Wan Chai generally and more specifically Wan Chai harbourfront ? (ideas, visions, dreams, aspirations)

The completed cards will be posted on a board for participants to browse through during session break.

Briefing Session

Welcoming remarks by the HEC Task Force Chairman, is followed by an initial briefing of the study background and the input from the public forums. Sustainability review, SD principles and indicators refined during the public forums will be presented by the specialist consultant. This will be followed by a presentation by the WDII consultants on the highway possibilities and related land use constraints and opportunities.

The participants will be divided into groups of 10 to 12 participants and briefed about the ground rules of the charrette. Each group will be given the highway possibilities and related land use constraints and opportunities, a base map of Wan Chai, preliminary sustainability review and SD principles and indicators as background information.

Charrette Session I

Each group is assisted by a facilitator, a recorder, two graphic assistants to help with drawings and a basic tool kit. The tool kit will consist of the base map of the Wan Chai

waterfront and adjoining areas, drawing tools such as templates, sketch pens, tracing sheets, stickers etc. A group of students will be standing by to help in possibly developing a simple working model of the concepts produced for each group. Each group will be sitting around a large table and light refreshments, cookies, biscuits, drink boxes etc., are provided to encourage informal discussion and dialogue. An elected spokesperson(s) will make the group presentations at the end of each session.

During the first session each group is given background information on the sustainability review, the SD principles and indicators matrix. Each group will discuss about their concerns and issues and come up with their vision for Wan Chai harbourfront and adjoining areas after achieving consensus. The facilitators ensure that each member is able to participate freely and the recorders help in notetaking. Each group will then come up with a set of planning and urban design principles to achieve their stated vision that will guide their design proposals to be developed during the next session. An elected spokesperson(s) will make a presentation on the vision statement and planning/urban design principles for Wan Chai harbourfront and adjoining areas. After the group presentation each member will indicate their preferences of the community visions presented using the three stickers given to each member earlier on.

Charrette Session II

Each group will then proceed further with their vision, planning and urban design principles and discuss the various possibilities and strategies they may choose with the related land use options using the background information on sustainability review, highway possibilities, related land use constraints and opportunities provided. These strategies will form the basis of their initial design concepts drawn on the given base map and tracing sheets. After finalizing their concepts each group will further refine their design proposals and work on the presentation of their ideas using drawings, sketches and a working model with the help of the graphic assistants. There is a final presentation on the design concepts proposed by each group towards the end of the second session.

Wrap Up Session

The concepts developed by various groups are further discussed during the wrap up session. This will provide an opportunity to answer any further questions on the concepts developed and will also give an indication of participants' preferences towards the concepts developed during the charrettes.

Towards the end of the charrette a summary and the way forward is discussed which includes the next stage, the Realization Stage of the study. Participants are briefed that the WDII consultants will take the input from the specialist consultants at the end of the Envisioning stage to develop preliminary detailed concepts for the harbourfront in Wan Chai and adjoining areas and will come back to the community for their feedback during the next stage of the Study.

The specialist consultants in the follow up work at the end of the public events will prepare a report to document the process and the input received from the community during the envisioning stage of HER.

Community Design Charrette Schedule

A tentative outline of the schedule for the community design charrettes is given below.

Community Design Charrette (Saturdays – 2.00 – 6.00 pm)

VENUE	TIME	ACTIONS
	2.00 – 2.30 pm	Registration Individual concerns, and aspirations for Wan Chai and its waterfront noted on a card
	2.30 – 2.35 pm	Briefing Session Welcoming remarks by TFC
	2.35 – 2.45 pm	Study Background: An introduction of HER and overview and purpose of the Community Design Charrettes
	2.45 – 2.55 pm	Preliminary Sustainability Review, Principles, Indicators and input from the Public Forums and Surveys
	3.55 – 3.10 pm	Preliminary Highway Possibilities and Land Use Opportunities and Constraints by WDII Consultants
	3.10 – 3.15 pm	Briefing on Charrette Sessions
	3.15 – 3.45 pm	Charrette Session I Constraints and opportunities for Wan Chai harbourfront, related vision statements, planning and urban design principles
	3.45 – 3.55 pm	Reporting
	3.55 – 4.00 pm	Preferences on Community Visions
	4.00 – 4.15 pm	Session Break
	4.15 – 4.55 pm	Charrette Session II Preliminary concepts for Wan Chai harbourfront based on stated vision, planning and urban design principles
	4.55 – 5.15 pm	Finalizing concepts developed
	5.15 – 5.30 pm	Presentation of concepts developed
	5.30 – 5.50 pm	Wrap Up Session Floor discussion on concepts developed
	5.50 – 6.00 pm	Summary and Way Forward

Community design charrettes in Hong Kong and Kowloon side will be organized on Saturday afternoons based on the availability of suitable venues and convenience of the various District Councils involved.

Updated Dates for Public Forum and Charrettes

<u>Public Forum (PF)</u>	<u>Venue</u> (exact location to be confirmed)	<u>Date</u>
1 st PF	Wan Chai	10 May (Tue) Evening (7:00 – 9:30pm)
2 nd PF	Eastern District	12 May (Thu) Evening (7:00 – 9:30pm)
3 rd PF	Southern District	17 May (Tue) Evening (7:00 – 9:30pm)
4 th PF	Yau Tsim Mong District	19 May (Thu) Evening (7:00 – 9:30pm)
5 th PF	Central & Western District	24 May (Tue) Evening (7:00 – 9:30pm)

<u>Community Design Charrettes</u>	<u>Venue</u> (exact location to be confirmed)	<u>Date</u>
1 st Charrette	Wan Chai	28 May (Sat) Afternoon (2:00 – 6:00pm)
2 nd Charrette	Yau Tsim Mong	4 June (Sat) Afternoon (2:00 – 6:00pm)