

# Harbourfront Commission

For discussion  
on 3 April 2024

HC/02/2024

## **Progress Report from Task Force on Harbourfront Developments on Hong Kong Island**

### **REPORTING PERIOD**

This progress report covers the period from March 2023 to March 2024, where three Task Force meetings, one event and one visit were conducted.

### **MEETINGS HELD AND THE MAJOR OUTCOME, FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

#### 45<sup>th</sup> Meeting – 25 April 2023

2. The Task Force discussed the following items –

**(a) *Conceptual Design of Dry Weather Flow Interceptor at Wan Chai East (TFHK/02/2023)***

- The Drainage Services Department (DSD) briefed Members on a revised Dry Weather Flow Interceptor (DWFI) design at Wan Chai East.
- Members expressed appreciation for DSD's efforts for incorporating their feedback provided during the last consultation at the 43<sup>rd</sup> meeting on 1 December 2022 by enhancing the design of the filtering station, improving pedestrian connectivity through the fenceless design, minimising the footprint of the DWFI building, and retaining the existing tree on Wan Shing Street as a visual screen.
- Members further suggested widening the pavement near the filtering station as it appeared to be relatively narrow.
- In conclusion, the Task Force supported the revised design and looked forward to its implementation.

### ***(b) Development of Airport Railway Extended Overrun Tunnel (TFHK/03/2023)***

- The MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL) briefed Members on the details of the Airport Railway Extended Overrun Tunnel (ARO) project including implications for the harbourfront during and after the construction period.
- Members opined that the proposed aboveground ventilation building (ARB) looked unpleasant and was unnecessarily massive. They stressed the need to reduce the ARB's size to mitigate its visual impact on the harbourfront.
- Members considered that the seven-year construction period, spanning from 2025 to 2032, was not justified. The proposed works area would deprive the Central Harbourfront Event Space (CHES) of the ability to organise activities and events; and it would also render the provision of any new facilities around the harbourfront difficult during the construction period. Members suggested exploring alternative construction methods to shorten the duration and minimize the land required.
- Members suggested that the ARB be designed as a building that could contribute to the functionality and aesthetic of the harbourfront setting by providing amenities such as seating, shading, a café, and/or an art piece.
- Members also suggested MTRCL to provide additional facilities for public enjoyment as a part of the reinstatement in order to compensate the public for the impact caused by the construction.
- The Task Force considered that the proposed plan was not yet adequate and requested MTRCL to present a revised plan, with more information and measures to address the concerns raised, in subsequent consultation.

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### 46<sup>th</sup> Meeting – 22 September 2023

3. The Task Force discussed the following items –

**(a) Hong Kong Maritime Museum Anchor Plaza Visitor Centre (TFHK/04/2023)**

- The Hong Kong Maritime Museum (HKMM) briefed Members on the proposed design of a plaza for the display of a historical anchor; and a pavilion as a visitor centre with Art-tech displays.
- Members welcomed the proposal and suggested making the design more creative to enhance the sensory experience for visitors, and expanding the theme of the art-tech display to include the history and development of the harbour and harbourfront of Hong Kong.
- Members suggested relocating the proposed anchor and pavilion closer to the HKMM in order to attract visitors and preserve the view of the Observation Wheel. They also suggested removing the potted plants to ensure the safety of children. Furthermore, Members suggested enhancing the integration of the proposed project with other adjacent developments, including Site 3.
- Members raised concern about the adequacy of natural ventilation within the pavilion and its capacity to withstand strong winds and severe weather conditions, given its location near the waterfront.
- In conclusion, the Task Force generally supported the proposal and invited the proponent to consider Members' comments on several design aspects.

**(b) Proposed Enhancement in Temporary Commercial Concession at Waterfront at Central & Western and Wan Chai Districts (TFHK/05/2023)**

- The “Star” Ferry Company Limited (SF) briefed Members on their proposal to relax the conditions for temporary

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commercial concessions at Central Pier and Wan Chai Ferry Pier.

- While Members supported SF's proposal to ensure the continuity of ferry operations and fully utilise the underutilised space at the piers, they also emphasised the role of SF as one of the key players to activate the harbour and the harbourfront. They suggested that SF develop plans to enhance the vibrancy of the harbourfront and connect people with the piers.
- In conclusion, the Task Force offered in-principle support to SF's proposal to preserve the branding of SF, utilize the space more effectively and enhance visitors' overall experience. SF should work with relevant government departments to implement its proposal and provide more details at an appropriate juncture. SF was invited to carefully evaluate their limited resources and explore opportunities to achieve better synergy and enhance the vibrancy of the harbourfront.

### 47<sup>th</sup> Meeting – 25 January 2024

4. The Task Force discussed the following items –

**(a) *Proposed Salt Water Pumping Station and Adjoining Recreation Area at Sai Ning Street, Kennedy Town (TFHK/01/2024)***

- The Water Services Department briefed Members on the proposed design of the salt water pumping station, sitting-out area, and futsal pitch to be constructed at Sai Ning Street.
- Members generally supported the proposed schematic design and suggested incorporating food and beverage (F&B) facilities such as food kiosks and beverage vending machines.
- Members stressed the need for careful preservation of

the Victoria City Boundary Stone, given its historical value and rare nature. Members suggested exploring options to effectively display the Stone and preserve its historical value to the public.

- Members suggested choosing suitable plants, and plants that could withstand strong winds. Besides, Members suggested project proponent to be mindful of the measures to address climate resilience and to explore the possibility of shortening the construction period.
- In conclusion, the Task Force fully supported the proposal and looked forward to its early implementation. The proponent was invited to consider Members' comments and explore options for speeding up the opening of the waterfront promenade and the futsal pitch by adopting incremental approach.

***(b) Provision of a Pet Garden Adjacent to the Public Open Space at Eastern Street North (TFHK/02/2024)***

- The Harbour Office briefed Members on providing a pet garden adjacent to the public open space at Eastern Street North in Sai Ying Pun.
- While Members supported the proposed design, they suggested adding more play equipment to make it more appealing for pets and more seating and shelters for pet owners. Members also suggested replacing the portable plants with taller shrubs planted on the ground.
- In conclusion, the Task Force unanimously supported the proposal and appreciated the team for their responsiveness to public feedback and making improvements to enhance the public space.

## **EVENT & VISIT**

5. The Task Force invited Members to participate in the Opening Ceremony of the Quarryside at Quarry Bay on 17 June 2023. During the period, a large variety of events/activities were held at Quarryside. So far, the new harbourfront site has been generally well-received by the local community. Besides, a visit to the AIA Carnival and the Hong Kong Observation Wheel was conducted on 21 February 2024 (jointly with Task Force on Water-land Interface and Harbourfront Activation).

## **PAPER CIRCULATION**

6. The following Task Force papers were circulated to Members during the period –

- (a) TFHK/C02/2023 – Transformation of the Public Play Space at Tung Lo Wan Garden;
- (b) TFHK/C03/2023 – Transformation of the Public Play Space at Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park;
- (c) TFHK/C04/2023 – Proposed Non-profit-making Environmental Learning and Education Centre in Kennedy Town;
- (d) TFHK/C05/2023 – Proposed Re-tender of the Short Term Tenancy for Operation of Observation Wheel and Ancillary Facilities in front of Central Piers No. 9 and No. 10, Central;
- (e) TFHK/C06/2023 – Proposed Temporary Government Land Allocation to Civil Engineering and Development Department for Temporary Works Area for Boardwalk underneath Island Eastern Corridor Adjacent to Victoria Road, Kennedy Town;
- (f) TFHK/C07/2023 – Proposed Short Term Tenancies for Fee-paying Public Car parks for Government Lands at Hoi Yu Street, Quarry Bay and Oi Lai Street, Shau Kei Wan, Hong Kong to Address the Demand of Parking Spaces in

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connection to Light Public Housing Development;

- (g) TFHK/C08/2023 – Proposed Temporary Government Land Allocation to Drainage Services Department for Temporary Works Area and Construction of Temporary Coach Parking Area near Junction of Fenwick Pier Street and Convention Avenue, Wan Chai; and
- (h) TFHK/C09/2023 – Proposed Temporary Government Land Allocation to Civil Engineering and Development Department for Temporary Works Area for Boardwalk underneath Island Eastern Corridor Adjacent to ICAC Headquarters Building, Java Road, North Point.

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