

## Task Force on Kai Tak Harbourfront Development

### Minutes of Forty-third Meeting

Date : 6 May 2022 (Friday)

Time : 3 p.m.

Venue : Room 1303, 13/F, Wing On Kowloon Centre, 345 Nathan Road,  
Kowloon

#### Present (attending in person)

Mr Vincent NG	Chairman
Mrs Margaret BROOKE	Representing Business Environment Council Limited
Dr Vivian WONG	Representing Friends of the Earth (HK) Charity Limited
Mr Ivan HO	Individual Member Chairman, Task Force on Harbourfront Developments on Hong Kong Island
Hon Frankie NGAN	Individual Member

#### Present (attending online)

Mr Benny CHAN	Representing Hong Kong Institute of Urban Design
Mr Paul ZIMMERMAN	Representing Society for Protection of the Harbour
Mr LEUNG Kong-yui	Representing The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport in Hong Kong
Dr Rico WONG	Representing The Conservancy Association
Mr Jacky CHEUNG	Representing The Hong Kong Institute of Architects
Ms Iris HOI	Representing The Hong Kong Institute of Landscape Architects
Mr Edward LO	Representing The Hong Kong Institute of Planners
Sr Raymond CHAN	Representing The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors

Ir Victor CHEUNG	Representing The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers
Mr Jeff TUNG	Representing The Real Estate Developers Association of Hong Kong
Mr Mac CHAN	Individual Member
Ms Kelly CHAN	Individual Member
Ms Angela SO	Individual Member
Hon Tony TSE	Individual Member

**Official Members (attending in person)**

Miss Rosalind CHEUNG	Commissioner for Harbourfront, Development Bureau (DEVB)
Mr CHOW Bing-kay	Chief Assistant Secretary (Works) <sup>3</sup> , DEVB
Ms Stephenie HO	Senior Manager (Tourism) 41, Tourism Commission (TC)
Mr Patrick HO	Assistant Commissioner/Urban, Transport Department (TD)
Mr Henry CHU	Head (Kai Tak Office), Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD)
Mr Horman CHAN	Assistant Director (Leisure Services) 1, Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD)
Ms Vivian LAI	District Planning Officer/Kowloon, Planning Department (PlanD)
Ms Ophelia LUI	Secretary

**In Attendance**

Mr NG Shing-kit	Senior Engineer (Harbour) <sup>2</sup> , DEVB
Ms Phoebe WU	Engineer (Harbour), DEVB

Absent with Apologies

Nil

For Item 3

Mr Henry CHU	Head (Kai Tak Office), CEDD
Ms Jacqueline LEE	Senior Architect/1 (East), CEDD
Mr Wayne WONG	Architect/1 (East), CEDD
Mr Leo CHEUNG	Architect/2 (East), CEDD
Ms Amy TONG	District Leisure Manager (Kowloon City), LCSD
Mr CHAN Tsz-fung	Senior Executive Officer (Planning)12, LCSD
Ms Margaret LAU	Director, Design 2 (HK) Limited
Mr Frankie WAN	Associate, Design 2 (HK) Limited
Mr Kanson HO	Architectural Assistant, Design 2 (HK) Limited
Mr Anselm CHEUNG	Architectural Assistant, Design 2 (HK) Limited
Mr Barry LO	Senior Project Manager, ADI Limited

For Item 4

Mr Terence TSE	Chief Engineer/Harbour Area Treatment Scheme, Drainage Services Department (DSD)
Ms Doris CHOY	Senior Engineer 2 (Harbour Area Treatment Scheme), DSD
Ms Euphen WONG	Landscape Architect, Atkins China Limited

**The Chairman** welcomed all to the 43<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Task Force on Kai Tak Harbourfront Development (KTTF).

**The Chairman** informed the meeting that -

- (a) **Miss Rosalind CHEUNG**, Principal Assistant Secretary (Harbour), Development Bureau, attended on behalf of Mr Vic YAU, Deputy Secretary (Planning & Lands) 1;
- (b) **Mr CHOW Bing Kay**, Chief Assistant Secretary (Works) 3, Development Bureau (DEVB), attended on behalf of Mr Vincent MAK, Deputy Secretary (Works) 2;
- (c) **Mr Henry CHU**, Head (Kai Tak Office) of the Civil Engineering and Development Bureau (CEDD), attended on behalf of Mr Michael LEUNG, Project Manager (E);
- (d) **Ms Stephenie HO**, Senior Manager (Tourism) 41 of TC, attended on behalf of Henry LAI, Assistant Commissioner for Tourism 4.

## **Item 1 Confirmation of Minutes of the 41th & 42nd Meetings**

1.1 **The Chairman** informed Members that the draft minutes of the 41<sup>st</sup> and 42<sup>nd</sup> KTTF meetings had been circulated to Members on 25 April 2022. The finalised minutes with Members' comments incorporated were further circulated to Members on 28 April 2022.

1.2 With no further amendments proposed at the meeting, the minutes of the 41<sup>st</sup> and 42<sup>nd</sup> meeting were taken as confirmed.

## **Item 2        Matters Arising**

2.1            There was no follow-up matter arising from the last meeting.

## **Item 3        Open Space along Kai Tak River (TFKT/01/2022)**

### Briefing by the proponent

3.1            **The Chairman** welcomed representatives from CEDD and its consultants to the meeting. He informed Members that an informal briefing on the subject had been held on 22 April 2022.

3.2            Upon the Chairman's invitation, Ms Ophelia LUI briefed Members on the background of the item. In summary, CEDD submitted a proposal regarding the conceptual design for the open spaces near Kai Tak River. The design proposal comprised two parts, i.e. -

- (i)    open spaces OS6 and OS6a along the downstream of Kai Tak River near the Station Square; and
- (ii)   open spaces OS3b, OS4 and OS5 and POSPD OS3a in Area 2 of former North Apron, which were located at a distance from waterfront.

3.3            With the aid of a PowerPoint presentation, **Ms Jacqueline LEE** from CEDD briefed Members on the latest proposal.

## Discussion

### *Open Space Connectivity*

3.4 **Mr Ivan HO, Mr Benny CHAN, Mr Jacky CHEUNG, Mr Jeff TUNG** and **the Chairman** expressed concerns over connectivity of the open space along Kai Tak River to the waterfront under the proposed development scheme. **Mr Ivan HO** stressed the importance of not only having pedestrian/physical connectivity, but also visual and waterbody connectivity along the whole park. **Mr Benny CHAN** suggested that the river should be walkable from downstream to upstream, where a bridge should be constructed at the upstream along with some trees and plants for visitors' enjoyment. **The Chairman** remarked that while Project Proponents often focused on the areas along the Project site boundaries, they should also provide details of surrounding areas when preparing the development proposal such that Members could consider the proposal in a holistic manner.

3.5 **Ms Jacqueline LEE** supplemented that CEDD also intended to bring people from Kai Tak River to the approach channel and promenades, and had planned a preliminary route for connecting cyclists and pedestrians to the waterfront via the area south of Shing Kai Road. CEDD was currently planning this route in coordinate with relevant departments and would report to members in due course.

### *Biodiversity*

3.6 **Mr Ivan HO** opined that the Project had provided a great opportunity to enhance biodiversity of the urban area by fostering healthy biodiversity, e.g. artificial bird nests, artificial bee hives, farms, and a river where fish and other organisms could inhabit. **The Chairman, Ms Kelly**

**CHAN, Mr Benny CHAN, Mr Jacky CHEUNG and Dr. Rico WONG** concurred. **Mr Benny CHAN** supplemented that biodiversity was not only about choosing different species of trees and flowers, but also about enhancing the interaction among plants and other organisms, such as birds, frogs and insects as well.

*Water level, quality and pollution*

3.7 **Ms Kelly CHAN, Mr Benny CHAN, Mr Edward LO, Mr Jacky CHEUNG, Mr Jeff TUNG and the Chairman** expressed concerns over water level, quality and pollution of the open space along Kai Tak River to the waterfront under the proposed development scheme.

3.8 In terms of water level, **Mr Benny CHAN** raised that instead of prohibiting people from getting close to the water, appropriate warnings should be put in place when water level rose so that people would move to safer locations. **Mr Raymond CHAN** supported and mentioned that with the water level changing from time to time, references could be made to some overseas practices of categorising the size or depth of the river into three levels with each level subject to corresponding set of arrangement in response to the risk of the river. Besides, since sea water would backflow into the river during typhoon season, the Project Proponent should prepare relevant precautionary measures along Kai Tak River.

3.9 In terms of water quality and pollution, **Ms Kelly CHAN** suggested to explore the possibility of having gondola along the river while striking a balance between biodiversity and water quality. **Mr Edward LO** supported further enhancing waterfront elements and improving water quality such that the site could turn into a family-friendly place providing activities for different age groups including the elderly.

3.10 **Ms Jacqueline LEE** responded that they had been working with the Drainage Services Department (DSD) throughout the design stage. The storm water drainage system in the urban area could be subject to pollution from various sources such as expedient sewerage connections. EPD and DSD had been carrying out inspection and enforcement actions to rectify illegal discharge of pollutants. **Ms Jacqueline LEE** also pointed out that although DSD would not allow people getting close to the floodway due to risk of flash flood, the design of the open space would cater for the visitors' visual connection and spatial experience with the water, such as provisions of floating platforms and split levels formation along the embankment.

### *Cycling*

3.11 **Mr Ivan HO, Ms Kelly CHAN, Mr Benny CHAN, Mr Edward LO, Mr Paul ZIMMERMAN** and **the Chairman** expressed concerns over cycling of the open space along Kai Tak River to the waterfront under the proposed development scheme.

3.12 **Mr Ivan HO** was of the view that while the Project Proponent presented a lot of greenway and cycle tracks for public use, there did not seem to be sufficient parking space for bicycles. He made reference to train stations in Japan which were equipped with automated bicycle parking system, similar to the automatic car parking system in Hong Kong. **Ms Kelly CHAN** shared his views. **Mr Benny CHAN** enquired the exact location of the cycling track along the River. **Mr Edward LO** suggested that the Project Proponent should identify more parking spaces for bicycles, such as installing automatic parking system or using underground spaces. He opined that cycling was not just a leisure activity, but could also promote as a form of transport for people to commute. The Project Proponent should make reference to overseas examples

of using underground spaces for parking bicycles.

3.13 **Ms Jacqueline LEE** responded that there was a preliminary plan for bicycle parking space along the GreenWay at the southern shore of the River. As regards provision of facilities for cyclists, rain shelters, seating and drinking facilities would be provided along the GreenWay.

3.14 **Mr Paul ZIMMERMAN and the Chairman** raised further concern about the cycling connection in the area.

3.15 **Mr Henry CHU** supplemented that the cycling in Kai Tak as a whole would be provided via the proposed 13km GreenWay network. CEDD would consult the Task Force, District Council and stakeholders including cycling organisations on the proposal by end 2022. A total of over 1 000 parking spaces for bicycles will be provided in Kai Tak Development along the GreenWay and the adjoining developments. It is anticipated that the Kai Tak River section of the GreenWay would be a stopover for cyclists and more parking spaces would be provided at the major destinations such as Sports Park, Tourism Node and Runway Park. Other developments in the area, such as housing sites, were also required to provide bicycle parking spaces in their developments according to relevant land leases.

#### *Other Comments*

3.16 Noting LCSD would manage the open space, **Dr Rico WONG** would like to know whether and how some of the suggestions raised at the meeting, such as those relating to enhancing biodiversity, would be implemented in the open space under LCSD's management approach. **The Chairman** suggested government departments to remain open-minded in considering Members' ideas and suggestions while balancing the need to minimise risks.

## *Way Forward*

3.17           **The Chairman** remarked that to address Members' comments raised at the meeting, the project team should give further consideration to the interface and connectivity of the open space with the adjoining developments when working out the detailed design of the project.

### **Item 4       Reinstatement Works at Cha Kwo Ling Promenade fronting the Kwun Tong Sewage Pumping Station (TFKT/02/2022)**

#### Briefing by the proponent

4.1           The Chairman informed Members that DSD submitted a paper (TFKT/02/2022) on its proposal to reinstate the works area at the Cha Kwo Ling (CKL) Promenade fronting the Kwun Tong Sewage Pumping Station under "incremental approach".

4.2           **Ms Ophelia LUI** briefed Members on the background of the item. In summary, DSD proposed at the Task Force meeting on 9 April 2021 to reinstate the works area at the CKL Promenade fronting the Kwun Tong Sewage Pumping Station under "incremental approach". The reinstatement works would advance the opening of the CKL promenade by several years. To take forward the project, DSD would like to consult the Task Force on its proposed detailed design of the reinstatement works.

4.3           **Mr Paul ZIMMERMAN, Ms Kelly CHAN, Mr Benny CHAN, Mr LEUNG Kong-yui, Mr Jacky CHEUNG, Dr Vivian WONG and the Chairman** appreciated DSD's efforts for advancing the opening of the CKL Promenade by more than five years.

4.4 **Mr Paul ZIMMERMAN and Mr Benny CHAN** raised concern about the connectivity of cycling tracks and parking spaces for bicycles. They also suggested adding other facilities in the area, such as water dispensers, large trees to provide shelter, children-friendly and elderly-friendly facilities, as well as tactile pavement for people with disabilities. **Ms Vivian WONG** concurred.

4.5 **Mr LEUNG Kong-yui** acknowledged that the proposed design and facilities of the area had adopted some generic elements such that they could be incorporated with the overall design of the CKL Promenade in future. In addition, he suggested installing some runner-friendly facilities along the running path.

4.6 **Mr Terence TSE** responded that they would take into account valuable views from Members, including the cycling arrangement, facilities supporting the elderly, children and people with disability, the provision of running path and connectivity with areas nearby.

#### *Way Forward*

4.7 Members expressed appreciation to DSD for going the extra mile to implement the reinstatement works. In conclusion, the Chairman and the Task Force supported the project and looked forward to the opening of this section of the CKL Promenade in 2023.

#### **Item 5 Any Other Business**

5.1 There being no other comments, the meeting was adjourned at

5:05 pm.

**Secretariat**

**Task Force on Kai Tak Harbourfront Development**

**August 2022**