

Harbourfront Commission

For discussion
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Progress Report from Task Force on Harbourfront Developments in Kowloon, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing

REPORTING PERIOD

This progress report covers the period from mid-March 2019 to September 2019, where three Task Force meetings had been conducted.

MEETINGS HELD AND THE MAJOR OUTCOME, FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Thirty-fourth Meeting – 27 March 2019

2. The Task Force discussed the following item -

(a) Proposed Extension of Short Term Tenancies for Fee-paying Public Car Park at (i) Wa Shun Street, and (ii) the Junction of Bailey Street/Sung Ping Street, Hung Hom

- The Transport Department, Tourism Commission, Kowloon City District Office and District Lands Office/Kowloon West sought Members' views on the re-tender proposal of two Short Term Tenancies car parks with coach parking at Hung Hom.
- Members noted that the proposal was one of the comprehensive measures to alleviate traffic condition related to tourism in To Kwa Wan, Hung Hom and Tsim Sha Tsui, and that due regard had been given to the Harbour Planning Principles and Guidelines, as well as the implementation of the nearby Hoi Sham Park Extension project at the harbourfront. After consideration, Members supported the proposal for extending the two STTs for a fixed term of one year certain and thereafter quarterly, and requested TD to closely monitor and ensure optimum utilisation of the car parks so as to create a less obstructed pedestrian walking environment from the hinterlands to the harbourfront.

Thirty-fifth Meeting – 26 June 2019

3. The Task Force discussed the following items -

(a) Enhancement of Tsuen Wan Waterfront

- The Harbour Office briefed Members on the latest progress of the Enhancement of Tsuen Wan Waterfront project, including the design thinking workshop, as well as public engagement and place making exercise for phase 2 of the project. Members expressed views on the future management and facilities to be provided at phase 2.

(b) Transitional Housing Project at the Junction of Hoi Kok Street and Hoi Hing Road, Tsuen Wan

- The Yan Chai Hospital Board sought Members' views on their proposed transitional housing project in Tsuen Wan. The Task Force acknowledged the good intentions underlying the project, especially in providing interim relief to address the acute problem of housing shortage for many in the society. Many Members expressed concerns about the proposed design of the project, and suggested paying more efforts in refining the design, articulating the objectives and clientele the project intended to serve, and providing a better living environment for the beneficiaries. A few Members also expected wider involvement from the local community and enhancement of pedestrian connectivity from the hinterland to the harbourfront while implementing the project.

Thirty-sixth Meeting – 24 September 2019

4. The Task Force discussed the following items -

(a) Enhancement of Tsuen Wan Waterfront

- The Harbour Office reported that the first section of Phase 1 enhancement of 120 metres in length was opened to the public in September 2019.

(b) Comprehensive Residential Development at 5 & 8 Tung Yuen Street and the adjoining Government land, Yau Tong

- The private proponent sought Members' views on the planning and design of the Project. Members expressed major concerns and widely shared the views that the promenade and its public access should be opened to the public at all time, and the public access leading to the promenade should be widened.

(c) Lei Yue Mun Waterfront Enhancement Project

- The Tourism Commission sought Members' views on the latest conceptual design of the project. Members expressed support to the project and looked forward to its early implementation.

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