

# Harbourfront Commission

For discussion  
on 9 March 2023

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

### **REPORTING PERIOD**

This progress report covers the period from July 2022 to February 2023, where three Task Force meetings were conducted.

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

#### 42<sup>nd</sup> Meeting – 26 July 2022

2. The Task Force discussed the following item –

#### ***Development of Remaining Works Areas at Wan Chai Harbourfront***

- The Harbour Office briefed Members on the proposed arrangement of remaining works areas at Water Sports and Recreation Precinct (WSP) and Wan Chai Harbourfront Event Space (WCHES) at Pierside Precinct (PP) at Wan Chai North. The WCHES would be implemented through a short-term tenancy (STT).
- Members raised suggestions on the proposed design of WSP, including extending the rail track lines for people to take photos, moving seats inside the train compartment to the outside, installing more solar panels and providing ample food kiosks or station for food delivery. Besides, more greenery area, sun-shading devices, facilities for the elderly, and fixed facilities and equipment such as permanent PA system should be provided.
- Members opined that the WCHES should be fenceless

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and penetrable so that people could walk through it. Members also suggested extending the two-year tenancy term for a more viable business.

- In conclusion, the Task Force generally supported the proposal and invited the project team to take into account Members' comments and suggestions when preparing the detailed design of the project. In particular, the design should be more elderly-friendly and capable of accommodating events such as performing arts. Also, the team should consider adopting the Modular Integrated Construction method, and address practical issues such as hot weather and sustainability in terms of design and operation.

## 43<sup>rd</sup> Meeting – 1 December 2022

3. The Task Force discussed the following items –

### ***(a) Master Layout Plan for Site 3 Development of the New Central Harbourfront (Inland Lot No. 9088)***

- The Pacific Gate Development Limited briefed Members on the Master Layout Plan (MLP) for Site 3 Development.
- Members pointed out the importance of selecting suitable species of trees for planting in the Grand Boulevard and Horizon Park, and asked for appropriate mitigation measures to reduce the risk of rooftop trees under adverse weather conditions.
- Members suggested to further enhance the connectivity and accessibility to the waterfront from the hinterland. Besides, Members suggested creating more connection and synergy with the Central Piers and the Hong Kong Observation Wheel site. Members also suggested providing water dispensers, benches and facilities to meet the needs of all walks of life.

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- Regarding sustainability, Members suggested adopting carbon-neutral design, adding recycling bins and installing a rainwater harvesting system.
- Members raised concern about the nine-year construction period and considered that some facilities should be provided for the public in the interim. In addition, Members recommended more public engagement with stakeholders and to keep the public posted on the latest development.
- In conclusion, while the Task Force supported the MLP in-principle, the proponent should take into account Members' comments during the subsequent detailed design stage, and to consult the Task Force again on details of public open space (POS), connectivity and interface with the surrounding areas, and facilities including motorcycle parking spaces, toilets, sitting-out areas, shelters, dining tables, as well as measures to cope with extreme weather.

## ***(b) Conceptual Design of Dry Weather Flow Interceptors at Wan Chai East, Causeway Bay and Shau Kei Wan***

- Drainage Services Department (DSD) briefed Members on the proposed conceptual design of respective Dry Weather Flow Interceptors (DWFIs) at Wan Chai East, Causeway Bay and Shau Kei Wan.
- While Members acknowledged the operational need of the DWFIs for improving the water quality, the proposed two-storey filtering station at Wan Chai was considered too bulky and not desirable. They asked DSD to minimise the building footprint, and suggested DSD to consider the nearby Tunnel Approach Rest Garden as alternative site. Members also raised concern over the lack of POS at the filtering station in Causeway Bay and the electrical and mechanical (E&M) kiosk in Shau Kei Wan.

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- In conclusion, the Task Force had no objection to the proposed DWFI projects at Shau Kei Wan. For the proposed DWFI project at Wan Chai East, the proposal was not acceptable to the Task Force and DSD was asked to come back with a revised design to incorporate Members' comments and suggestions for the consideration of the Task Force. For the proposed DWFI in Causeway Bay (inside Victoria Park), the Task Force considered that the proposal was not desirable without incorporating the co-use concept and the completely fence-off approach depriving the public to enjoy the site which was originally a POS. However, due to the extremely tight time schedule as informed by DSD on this project, the Task Force did not raise objection for this project to proceed on for public interest at large.

## 44<sup>th</sup> Meeting – 22 February 2023

4. The Task Force discussed the following item –

### ***Public Open Space at Celebration Precinct, Wan Chai***

- The Harbour Office and Architectural Services Department briefed Members on the proposed arrangement of the Celebration Precinct in Wan Chai.
- Members generally supported the proposed schematic design. Members suggested providing sufficient tables, seats, shelters, water dispensers and barrier-free facilities. Moreover, essential utilities including electricity, water and drainage system should be provided for organising events. Members also suggested to realign the Emergency Vehicular Access.
- Members suggested the project team to explore minimising the impact of existing pump houses and ventilation shafts on the proposed landscape.

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Members also suggested better interface with the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre (HKCEC) to enhance synergy.

- In conclusion, the Task Force noted that the project was targeted to be completed by 2027 and supported the project including the proposed 6-m “share-used zone”. The project team was invited to consult the Task Force again on the revised design after taking into account Members’ comments, in particular in fulfilling the Task Force requirement in maintaining a safe, convenient, user’s friendly and pleasant accessibility and connectivity of the harbourfront connecting two side of the site during the whole of the construction period.

## PAPER CIRCULATION

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

- (a) TFHK/C01/2023 – Transformation of the Public Play Space at Phase I, Quarry Bay Park; and
- (b) Email circulation - Proposed Refurbishment Works at Central Pier No. 3 (Central to Discovery Bay).

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