

Harbourfront Commission

For discussion
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Progress Report from Task Force on Kai Tak Harbourfront Development

REPORTING PERIOD

This progress report covers the period from May 2017 to June 2017.

MEETING HELD AND THE MAJOR OUTCOME, FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Twenty Seventh Meeting – 7 June 2017

2. The Task Force discussed the following items –

**(a) Kai Tak Development – Infrastructure Works at the former
Runway and South Apron**

- Kai Tak Development Office (KTO) of the Civil Engineering and Development Department sought Members' views on the infrastructure works proposed at the former runway and south apron in Kai Tak Development (KTD). Members were in support of KTO's proposal of constructing part of Road D3 (Metro Park) as a sunken road so as to release more open space at-grade and enhance connectivity between the future Metro Park and the waterfront promenade at the former runway. KTO was urged to further enhance the landscaped area above the sunken road and consider developing the waterfront promenade adjoining Road D3 in order to ensure its timely implementation for public enjoyment. Members also stressed that the areas underneath the elevated highway structures at the Kai Tak Approach Channel should be enhanced and made vibrant through the incorporation of urban design elements and activities.
- Members raised questions in relation to the intended function and necessity of having at-grade bus stops at the open space between the commercial site and Tourism Node and pointed out that considerations should be given to integrating the proposed public transport facilities into adjoining sites or developments so as to better utilise land

resources.

- It was concluded that KTO would take into account Members' views in taking forward the projects and Members would be briefed again on the progress and latest developments in future meetings.

(b) Stage 1 of Detailed Feasibility Study for Environmentally Friendly Linkage System for Kowloon East

- KTO consulted the Task Force on the findings of Stage 1 of the Detailed Feasibility Study (DFS) for the Environmentally Friendly Linkage System (EFLS) for Kowloon East. The Task Force commented that the proposed EFLS would be fundamental to enhancing the connectivity in Kowloon East and that it would be more ideal for its design and construction programme to tie in with that of the adjoining residential and commercial developments. The project proponent was urged to carefully examine and come up with measures to address the potential noise and visual impacts of the EFLS on adjacent development sites. In addition, it would be essential to protect the privacy of residents abutting the proposed EFLS.
- A Member commented that an elevated EFLS could not be supported on account of the potential visual impacts to be caused to nearby areas; the Government should consider enhancing the connectivity of KTD through other means, such as the enhancement of cycle tracks and walkway systems. The Task Force stressed that it would be necessary to holistically review the design and location of the proposed EFLS stations and Members were particularly concerned about the integration of the proposed EFLS with the developments in KTD from an urban design perspective. The Task Force would not be able to make any informed decisions or comments on the proposed EFLS in the absence of a specific alignment and station locations. Such information should be made available in due course to facilitate Members' consideration.
- Members' views and comments would be incorporated as part of the views gauged during the public engagement exercise for Stage 1 of the DFS. The Task Force would be briefed on the further development of the project in due

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