

Harbourfront Commission

For discussion
on 24 June 2022

HC/09/2022

Progress Report from Task Force on Kai Tak Harbourfront Development

REPORTING PERIOD

This progress report covers the period from mid-January 2022 to mid-June 2022, where one Task Force meeting was conducted.

MEETINGS HELD AND THE MAJOR OUTCOME, FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Forty-third Meeting – 6 May 2022

2. The Task Force discussed the following items –

(a) Open Space along Kai Tak River

- The Civil Engineering and Development Department (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 are located at a distance from waterfront.
- At the Task Force meeting on 6 May 2022, Members raised concerns over connectivity of the open space along Kai Tak River to the waterfront under the proposed development scheme. Among others, Members were specifically concerned about the interface of the open space with the adjoining developments; how the design would bring people closer to the water; as well as the water quality, planting design and biodiversity.

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- In concluding the discussion, the Chairman remarked that to address Members' comments raised at the meeting, the project team should give further consideration to the interface and connectivity along and of the open space with the adjoining developments.

(b) Reinstatement Works at Cha Kwo Ling Promenade fronting the Kwun Tong Sewage Pumping Station

- As proposed in the Task Force meeting on 14 April 2021, the Drainage Services Department (DSD) would reinstate a temporary works area under its project of Enhancement Works for Kwun Tong Sewage Pumping Station. The works area, upon reinstatement, will form part of the future Cha Kwo Ling (CKL) Promenade. To take forward such reinstatement works, DSD consulted the Task Force on the detailed design of the reinstatement works and proposals to enhance the connectivity with adjacent development.
- The proposed promenade would be about 130 metres long and 0.7 hectares large, and the proposed design would provide flexibility for blending with future design of the CKL Promenade as a whole. Manifesting “incremental approach”, the reinstatement works would advance the opening of the CKL promenade by several years to the first quarter of 2023.
- Members generally appreciated DSD for going the extra mile to provide such reinstatement works and that such efforts would help advance the opening of the CKL promenade to 2023.
- In conclusion, the Chairman and the Task Force supported to take forward the project to proceed and look forward to the opening of CKL Promenade in 2023.

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PAPER CIRCULATION

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

- (a) TFKT/C01/2022 – Kai Tak Sports Park Proposed Temporary Government Land Allocation for Works Area at Kai Tak;
- (b) TFKT/C02/2022 – Extension of the Temporary Government Land Allocation for the Energizing Kowloon East Office;
- (c) TFKT/C03/2022 – Proposed Minor Relaxation of Building Height Restriction for Proposed Commercial and Trade Mart Redevelopment at New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 6032, 1 Trademart Drive, Kowloon Bay, Kowloon (Planning Application: A/K22/34); and
- (d) TFKT/C04/2022 – Kai Tak Development Progress Report as of January 2022.

Secretariat

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