

# **Task Force on Harbourfront Developments on Hong Kong Island**

For discussion  
on 25 January 2024

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## **Provision of a Pet Garden Adjacent to the Public Open Space at Eastern Street North**

### **PURPOSE**

This paper aims to update Members on the provision of a pet garden adjacent to the public open space at Eastern Street North (hereafter “the Eastern Street North POS”) in Sai Ying Pun. Upon its completion, the pet garden will be managed together with the Eastern Street North POS.

### **BACKGROUND**

2. Located between the Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park and the Western Wholesale Food Market, the Eastern Street North POS is one of the harbourfront enhancement projects under the \$6.5 billion dedicated funding. It was presented at the 37<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Task Force on Harbourfront Developments on Hong Kong Island (HKTF) on 15 June 2020 and received support from Members. The funding application for the Eastern Street North POS was subsequently approved by the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council in April 2022, after which the construction of the Eastern Street North POS commenced in July the same year, with the target completion by mid-2025.

3. The Eastern Street North POS will showcase a number of new and innovative features, including a large bouncy trampoline, a roundabout which wheelchair users can access and play on, water and sand play areas, inter-generational play areas, etc.

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## PROJECT SCOPE AND DESIGN

4. Upon the commencement of works of the Eastern Street North POS, the Harbour Office of the Development Bureau noted a strong public demand for pet-related facilities in the Sai Ying Pun area. Upon review of the planning of the concerned harbourfront area, a land (thereafter “the Site”) including part of the site under the Drainage Services Department (DSD) adjacent to the Eastern Street North POS is proposed to be a pet garden as well as a leisure space for gym activities and other outdoor exercises thereat. The Site connects with Fung Mat Road and, upon its commissioning, will have two connection points to get access to the different parts of the Eastern Street North POS. With the Site being considered as an extension of the Eastern Street North POS, the proposal is believed to enrich visitors’ harbourfront experience.

5. The Site has an area of 1,640 square metres. The proposed pet garden will be located at the eastern portion of the Site. The rest of the Site is largely covered by an emergency vehicular access (EVA) for serving the existing pump house managed by the DSD, which is located outside of the Site. The western portion of the Site will be enhanced by providing a leisure space for gym activities and other outdoor exercises. These proposed facilities are set out in the ensuing paragraphs. For the site location, please refer to **Annex A** and **Annex B**. The current site photos and the master layout plan are at **Annex C** and **Annex D** respectively.

### Pet garden

6. The proposed provision of the pet garden seeks to address the requests from the public and District Council members for such facilities in the local community. While WE PARK (「捐山隆」公園) used to be popular among the pet owners, the place was meant to be a temporary park and has been closed since mid-2022 for the development of the Eastern Street North POS. After the opening of the Eastern Street North POS, it is our plan to allow pets to enter certain areas within the Eastern Street North POS on

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leash, subject to Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD)'s further consultation with the local community. In any event, there will still be no pet garden in the area. In view of this and the views received, we consider it appropriate to provide a dedicated pet garden with a lawn where pet owners and their pets can enjoy the space freely by making good use of the Site. The provision of the proposed lawn will cater for the needs of pet owners. Rain shelters, benches and play equipment for pets will be provided within the Site.

### *Leisure space for gym activities and other outdoor exercises*

7. To better utilise the dead-end of the existing EVA at the western portion of the Site, we propose uplifting the design of the area by providing a leisure space for outdoor exercises and introducing the concept of "Floor Gymnasium". Functional floor markings will be designed at suitable areas on the floor to facilitate users to do different kinds of outdoor trainings such as sprinting, twisting, long jump etc. The "Floor Gymnasium" will also be connected to the multi-purpose area with similar facilities to be provided within the Eastern Street North POS, thereby expanding the area for outdoor sports activities and facilitating the promotion of a healthy lifestyle for the community.

### **ACCESSIBILITY AND OTHER INTERFACING ISSUES**

8. As mentioned in paragraph 4 above, two connection points will be provided in the Site for accessing to the Eastern Street North POS. At the western portion of the Site, there will be a 3-meter-wide opening leading to the multi-purpose area which is on the western side of the Eastern Street North POS. As for the original access at connecting Fung Mat Road and the Open space, adjustments will be made to accommodate the proposed Pet Garden to create a more user-friendly access. Please refer to the Master Layout Plan at **Annex D**.

9. Regarding the interfacing between the proposed Pet

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Garden area and the Eastern Street North POS, metal fences will be avoided or kept low as far as possible to enhance integration and visual permeability between the two areas.

## **MANAGEMENT**

10. The Site will be operated by LCSD together with the Eastern Street North POS, while Home Affairs Department will serve as the works agent. In other words, upon gazettal, the Site will form part of the Eastern Street North POS, which LCSD will manage both the Site and the original area of the Open Space together holistically.

## **PROGRAMME**

11. It is expected that the construction works for the Site will commence in mid-2024 and be completed by the end of 2024. As regards the Eastern Street North POS, it is expected to be completed by the second quarter of 2025.

## **ADVICE SOUGHT**

12. Members are invited to note the new development and provide comments (if any) on the proposal.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

<b>Annexes A and B</b>	Site Location
<b>Annex C</b>	Key Plan and Site Photos
<b>Annex D</b>	Master Layout Plan

**Harbour Office  
Development Bureau  
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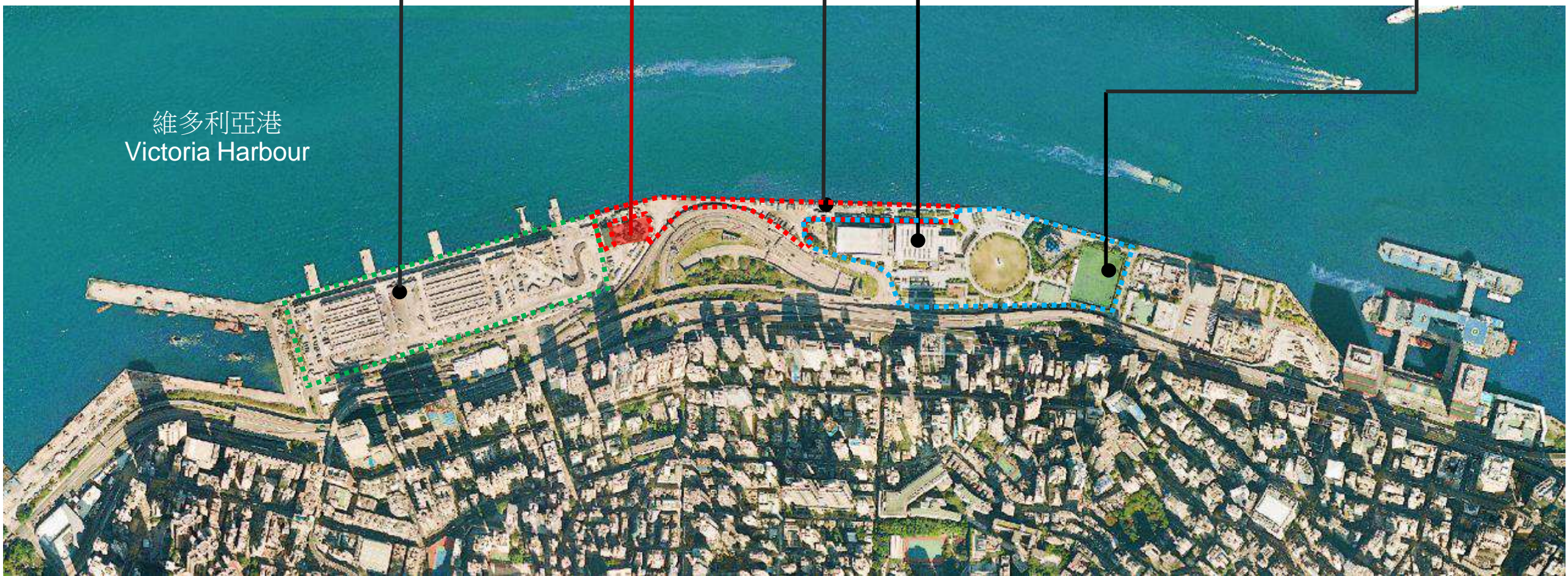
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Western Wholesale  
Food Market

擬建寵物公園  
Proposed Site  
for Pet Garden

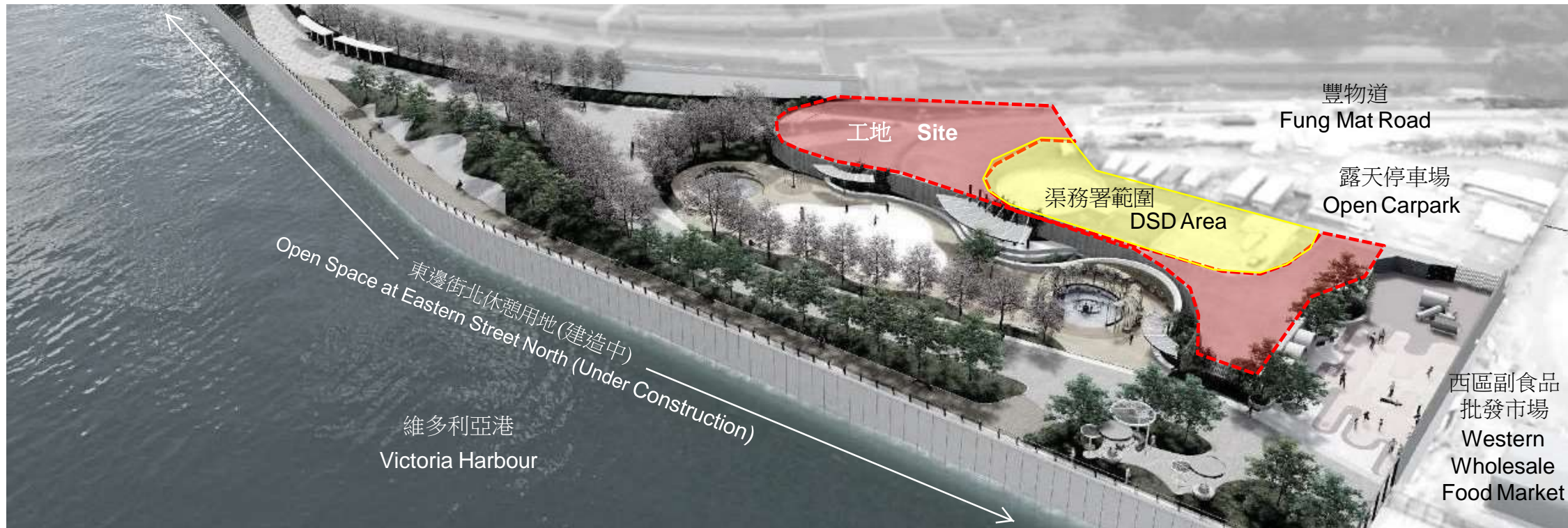
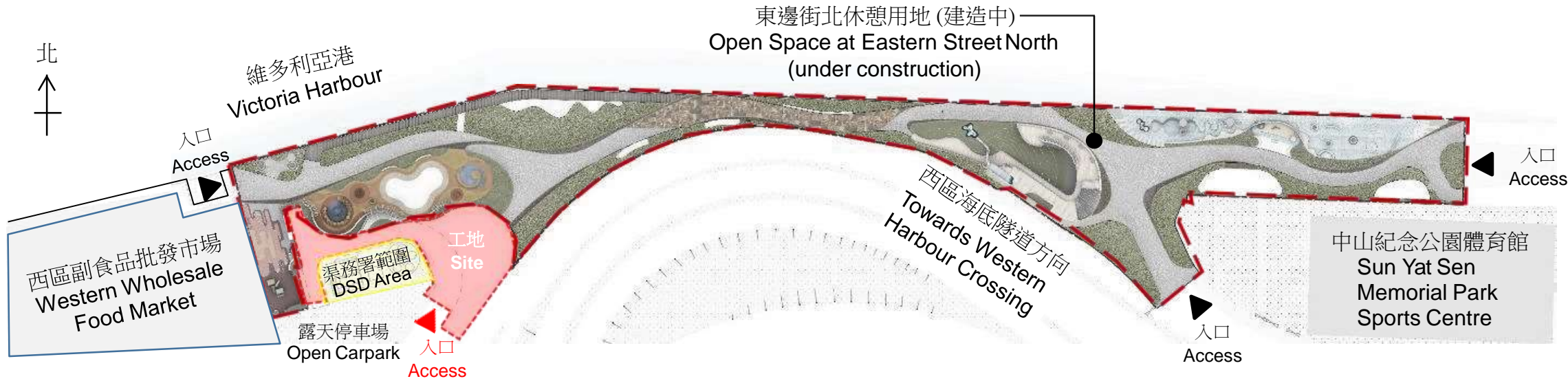
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Open Space at Eastern Street North  
(under construction) Sun Yat Sen Memorial  
Park Sport Centre

中山紀念公園  
Sun Yat Sen  
Memorial Park

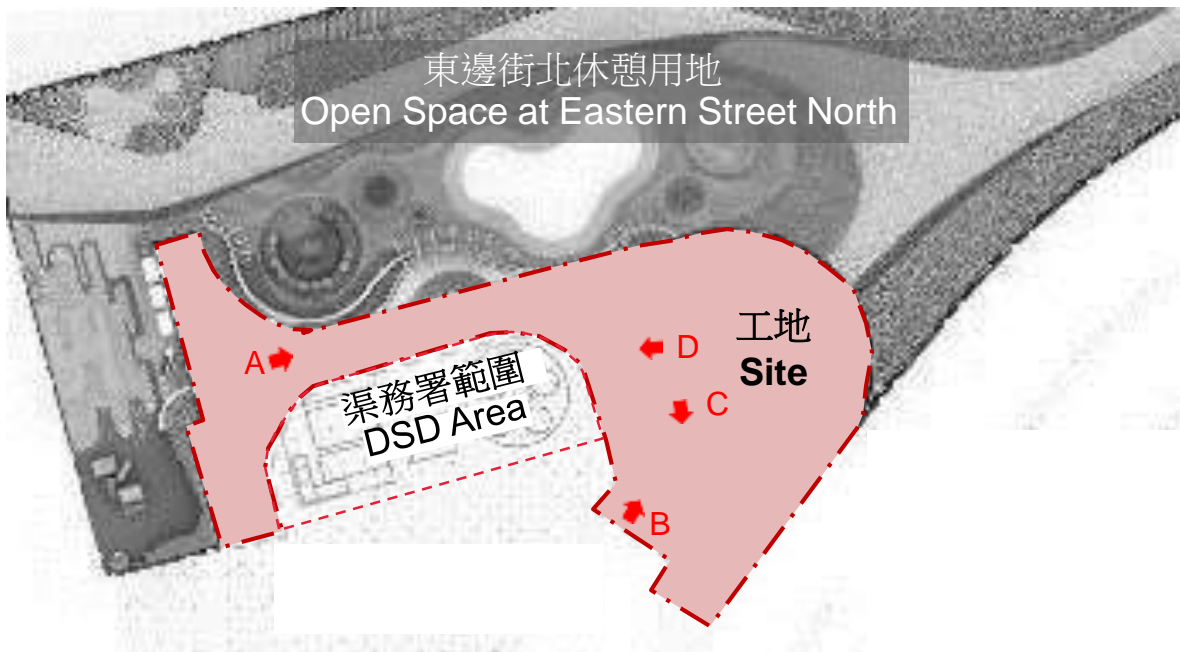
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位置圖 Key Plan

--- 工地範圍

Site Boundary

面積: 1,640平方米

Area: 1,640square meter



相片(一) Photo A



相片(二) Photo B



相片(三) Photo C

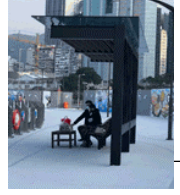
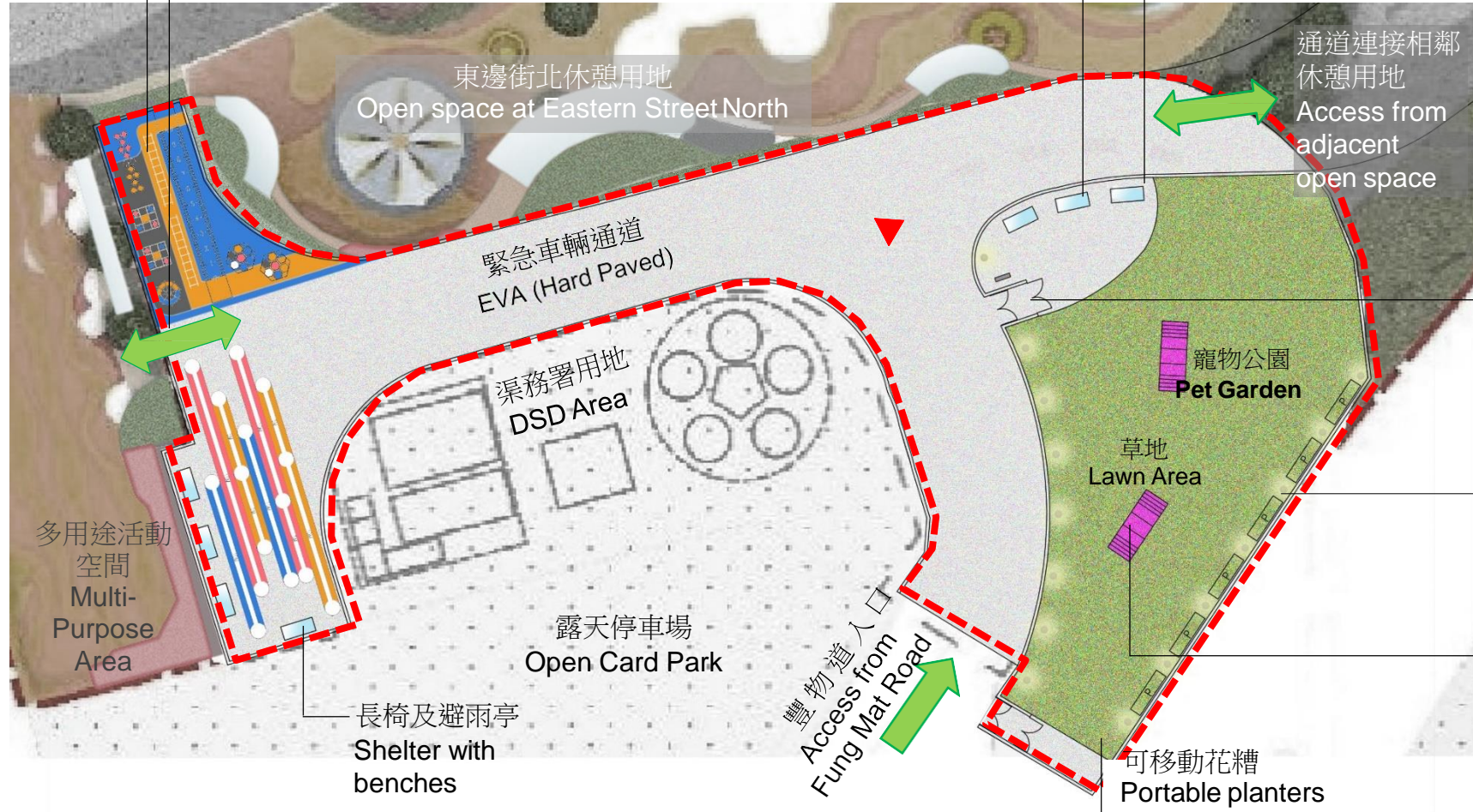
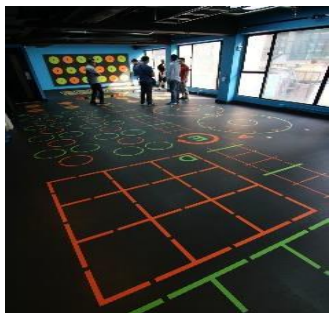


相片(四) Photo D

面積: 1,640平方米  
Area: 1,640square meter

通道連接相鄰休憩用地  
Access from adjacent open space

健身地面標記  
Floor gymnasium



長椅及避雨亭  
Shelter with benches



寵物公園圍欄  
Low Fence surrounding the pet garden

通道連接相鄰  
休憩用地  
Access from  
adjacent  
open space



雙閘門入口  
Double gate entrance



短柱燈  
Bollard Light



寵物遊樂設施  
Play equipment for pets