

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

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## **Proposed Pedestrian Facilities for Public Housing Development in Kennedy Town**

### **PURPOSE**

This paper is to seek Members' view on the proposed pedestrian facilities for the Public Housing Development in Kennedy Town.

### **BACKGROUND**

2. Hong Kong Housing Authority (HA) proposed to implement public housing development at an area to the south of Victoria Road and to the west of Ka Wai Man Road, Kennedy Town and has considered developing the site in 2 phases.

3. Phase 1 of the public housing development will be carried out by HA, while the site formation and infrastructure works for Phase 2 of the public housing development (the Project) will be carried out by Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) prior to handing over the site to HA for housing construction.

### **SCOPE OF THE PROJECT**

4. The scope of the Project includes :
- (a) formation of land with slope improvement works for public housing development site in Phase 2;
  - (b) construction of a vehicular access connecting Victoria Road and Phase 2 of public housing development site, and the associated improvement works on the adjoining road and junction; and
  - (c) construction of a footbridge spanning across Victoria Road, connecting Ka Wai Man Road and the proposed public housing development with the developments to the north of Victoria Road through the landing to the east of Sai Ning Street for enhancing pedestrian connectivity and road safety.

The general layout of the Project is shown at **Annex A**.

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## PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES

5. Currently, the western part of the Kennedy Town is an urban area with developed sites mostly under private ownerships. The residents along Victoria Road could reach some of the harbourfront areas by several existing at-grade pedestrian crossings and corridors.

6. To cater for the proposed housing development, two new pedestrian connections are proposed in the Project. In association with the proposed works in paragraph 4(b), an at-grade signalized pedestrian crossing at the road junction would be provided. Moreover, as described in paragraph 4(c), a footbridge associated with lifts and staircases would be provided to connect pedestrians along Ka Wai Man Road and the proposed public housing development with Victoria Road and the harbourfront. A photomontage of the footbridge is at **Annex B**.

7. Apart from the two new connections, HA would also provide lifts at the northeast corner of Phase 2 of the public housing development so that the residents could reach the area to the north of Victoria Road and the harbourfront via the nearby existing at-grade pedestrian crossing.

## HARBOUR PLANNING PRINCIPLES AND GUIDELINES

8. The proposal has taken into account the Harbour Planning Principles and Guidelines, in particular the following aspects:

### *Integrated Planning*

9. Arrangements are proposed to blend the footbridge into the surrounding environment and maintain its harmony. The proposed footbridge has an opened up design to create a more open area encouraging natural ventilation and visual transparency. The lift tower elevations are intended to become support for plant climbers and species which will maintain a rich and varied seasonal appearance.

### *Public Engagement*

10. HA and CEDD consulted Central and Western District Council (C&WDC) about the public housing development and the associated site formation works in the meeting held in October 2017, C&WDC members did not raise objections to the Project during the consultation.

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11. The schematic design of the proposed footbridge was presented to the Advisory Committee on the Appearance of Bridges and Associated Structures (ACABAS)<sup>1</sup> in March and September 2017. We shall continue to work with the Committee to refine the design of the proposed footbridge.

12. We have been consulting departments about the proposed road works including the footbridge and plan to gazette the road scheme in March 2018 under Roads (Works, Use and Compensation) Ordinance (Cap. 370). Members of the public views would be invited to express their views during the statutory process.

### ***Permeability***

13. The proposed footbridge is not immediately fronting the Victoria Harbour and its works areas would be situated only at both sides of Victoria Road. Therefore, it is considered that the permeability of the harbour would not be much affected by the proposed footbridge.

### ***Connectivity and Accessibility***

14. The proposed footbridge together with the landscaping works of the planters will provide a direct, pleasant and covered connection to the future harbourfront promenade and other recreation facilities at the North of the Victoria Road from the public housing development. It helps provide the general public a safe and comfortable walking environment separated from vehicular traffic and providing comfort for travelling on foot at an elevated level.

### **IEWS SOUGHT**

15. Members are invited to give views on the proposed pedestrian facilities.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

**Annex A** - General Layout of the Project

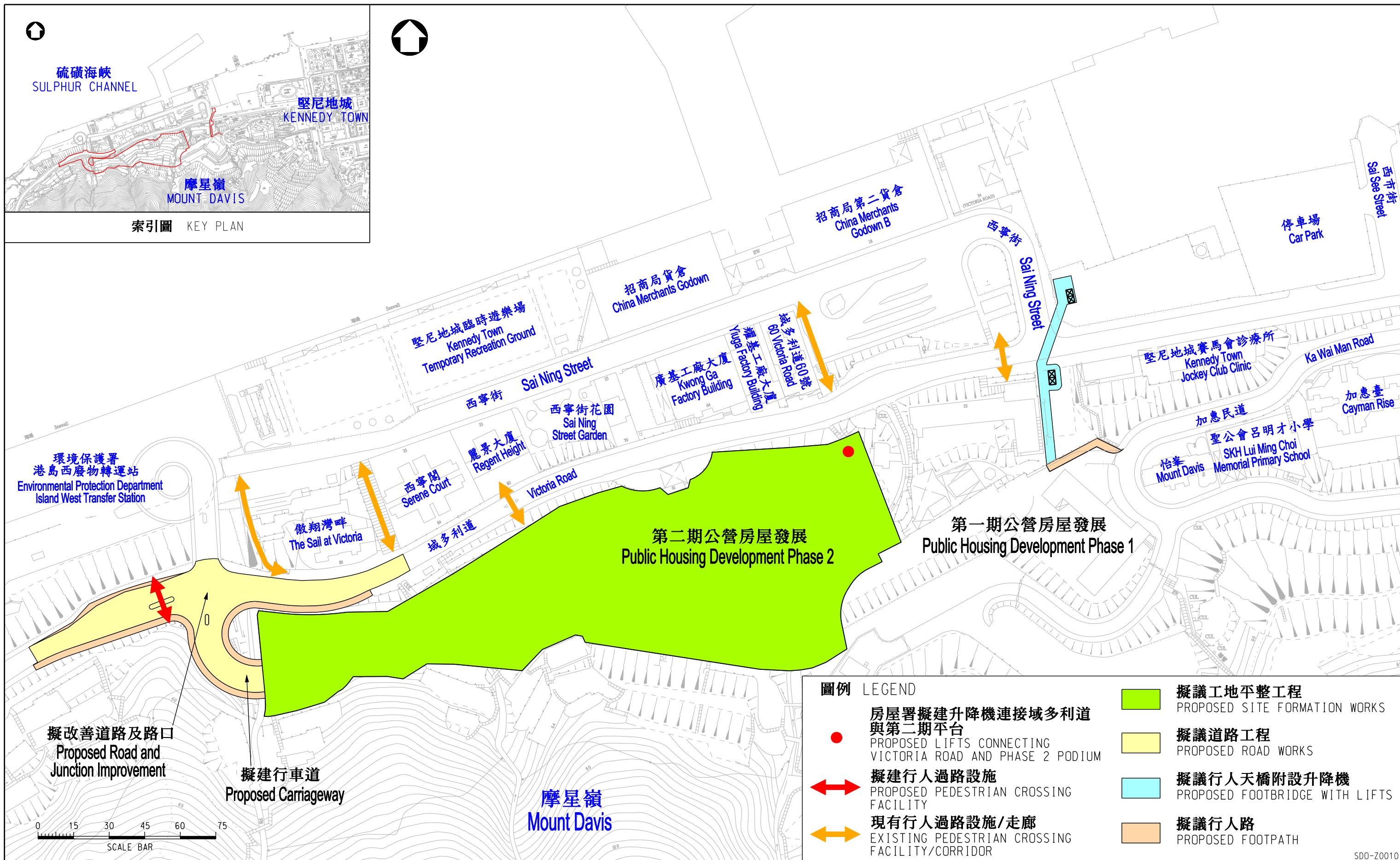
**Annex B** - Preliminary Photomontage of the Footbridge

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<sup>1</sup> ACABAS is set up by the Government to advise on the visual merit, general amenity value and related environmental considerations of all proposals to construct bridges and associated structures over, under, on or adjacent to public roads. The members of ACABAS include representatives from various government departments, professional bodies and academic institutions and its primary activity is the vetting of the design of bridges and other structures associated with the public highway system from the aesthetic, visual and greening points of views.



# Annex A - General Layout of the Project



Annex B - Preliminary Photomontage of the Footbridge