

Task Force on Harbourfront Developments on Hong Kong Island

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Setting up Community Green Station at Hong Kong East

PURPOSE

This paper invites Members' views on the temporary occupation of some areas in the harbourfront areas at Eastern District for one of the five pilot community greens station (CGSs).

BACKGROUND

2. As the Chief Executive mentioned in 2013 Policy Address, Hong Kong has unparalleled natural endowments. With better environmental conservation, Hong Kong can be the loveliest city in the world. The Government's vision is to build a livable, healthy and green city, where residents can directly participate in green mobilization. Our belief is for environmental concepts and practices to become part of people's daily lives. To achieve this, we recognize that the government's role is to raise awareness, engage, facilitate and regulate where necessary so that the community becomes involved and adopt new attitudes and behaviour. We need resources to raise awareness and enable the public to participate in creating a green community. Among other new initiatives, development of CGSs is to enable the public to participate in creating a green community.

3. We plan to develop five pilot CGSs in different parts of the territory to provide accessible and visible support for green living at the community level. In general, each CGS will be operated by a non-governmental organization (NGO) to be selected through open tender. Leveraging on the NGO operator's local connections, a CGS operator will undertake recycling initiatives and collaborate with schools, property management and other relevant stakeholders or institutions on such initiatives and environmental education. A CGS operator will support recycling efforts at the community level, including reaching out to the community for the collection of recyclables, supporting the Community Recycling Network and conducting other measures to promote the separation of waste at source. In addition, a CGS operator will also hold publicity and educational programmes. We envisage that with the CGSs in place, we will be able to enhance our efforts in publicity and public education on environmental protection and ultimately lead to improved performance in waste reduction and recovery.

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SCOPE OF THE PROJECT

4. Having taken into account the need to maintain a geographical spread of the facilities across the territories, we aim to identify one potential site in each of the Legislative Council geographical constituencies has been identified. The proposed site in Eastern District is a piece of Government land of about 3,000m² in the hinterland of Sai Wan Ho between Oi Shun Road and Hing Man Street (adjacent to Tung Tao Court and a tram depot) underneath the Island East Corridor, which interfaces with the boundary of harbourfront areas (see **Annex 1**).

5. The scope of the CGS project in the Eastern District covers construction of the following facilities in support of the CGS operator's functions –

- (a) education centre, with multi-purpose rooms, for holding publicity and educational programme such as public seminars, engagement events, public exhibition and other activities, and other ancillary facilities;
- (b) office for operating staff; and
- (c) work area with covered storage for handling (such as simple sorting or bailing) collected recyclables.

The enlarged location plan of the CGS is attached at **Annex 2**. Photomontages/drawing of the Project are attached at **Annex 3** for ease of reference. Being a pilot initiative, the CGS will involve temporary land allocation for a period up to five years.

PROGRAMME AND PROGRESS

6. We consulted the Planning, Works and Housing Committee of the Eastern District Council on 9 May 2013, and the Committee members generally agreed to the initiative. We will carry out a study using the Building Environment Assessment Method (BEAM Plus) promulgated by the Hong Kong Green Building Council so as to ensure the CGS development would be sustainable from environmental, visual and landscape perspectives. During construction phase, temporary traffic arrangement (TTA) such as diversion of traffic/pedestrian circulation will be carefully planned, designed and implemented to minimize the impact on the vehicular and pedestrian traffic including the accessibility to the harbourfront. Consultation with relevant parties will be conducted prior to the implementation of TTA.

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7. We anticipate that the Project will commence by September 2013 for commissioning by Q1 2014.

COMPLIANCE WITH HARBOUR PLANNING PRINCIPLES

8. The Project is in compliance with Harbour Planning Principles on the following grounds:

Preserving Victoria Harbour

In line with the objective of protecting and preserving the Victoria Harbour, the Project does not involve any reclamation works.

Stakeholder Engagement

In addition to the Harbourfront Commission, the Planning, Works and Housing Committee of the Eastern District Council was consulted and they generally agreed to the initiative. Locals have also been consulted, and their concerns over potential environmental nuisances arising from the operation of the pilot CGS have been addressed.

Sustainable Development

To ensure the CGS development would be sustainable from environmental, visual and landscape perspectives, various technical assessments using BEAM Plus will be conducted.

Integrated Planning

The project is located in the hinterland of Sai Wan Ho and temporary in nature. However, for the purpose of integrated and long term planning of infrastructure, the Transport Department was still consulted. The Project will have no impact to the long-term harbourfront development and design of traffic infrastructure taking into account nearby new developments in the Eastern District.

Proactive Harbour Enhancement and Accessible Harbour

Taking into account the nearby existing road infrastructure and site characteristics, the Project will provide a pedestrian

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walkway and public open spaces with a view to enhancing the existing accessibility to the harbourfront areas.

Public Enjoyment

The design and construction of the CGS will be both sustainable and aesthetically pleasing. Its presence at the Eastern District would enhance public enjoyment of the harbourfront. Suitable measures will be taken to minimize any adverse impact to the local community during the construction and operation periods.

ADVICE SOUGHT

9. Members are invited to take note of the Project and offer advice if any.

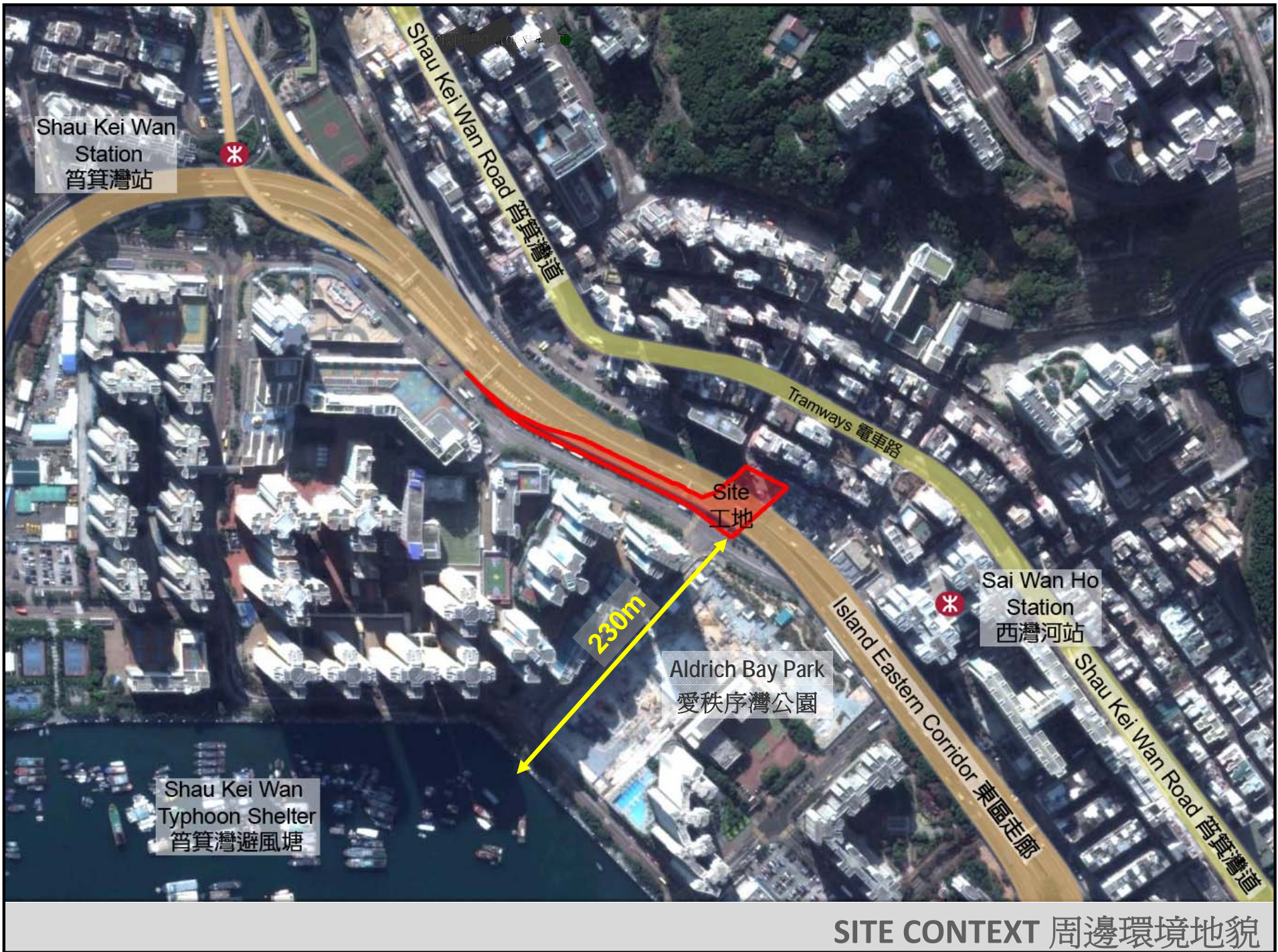
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Attachments

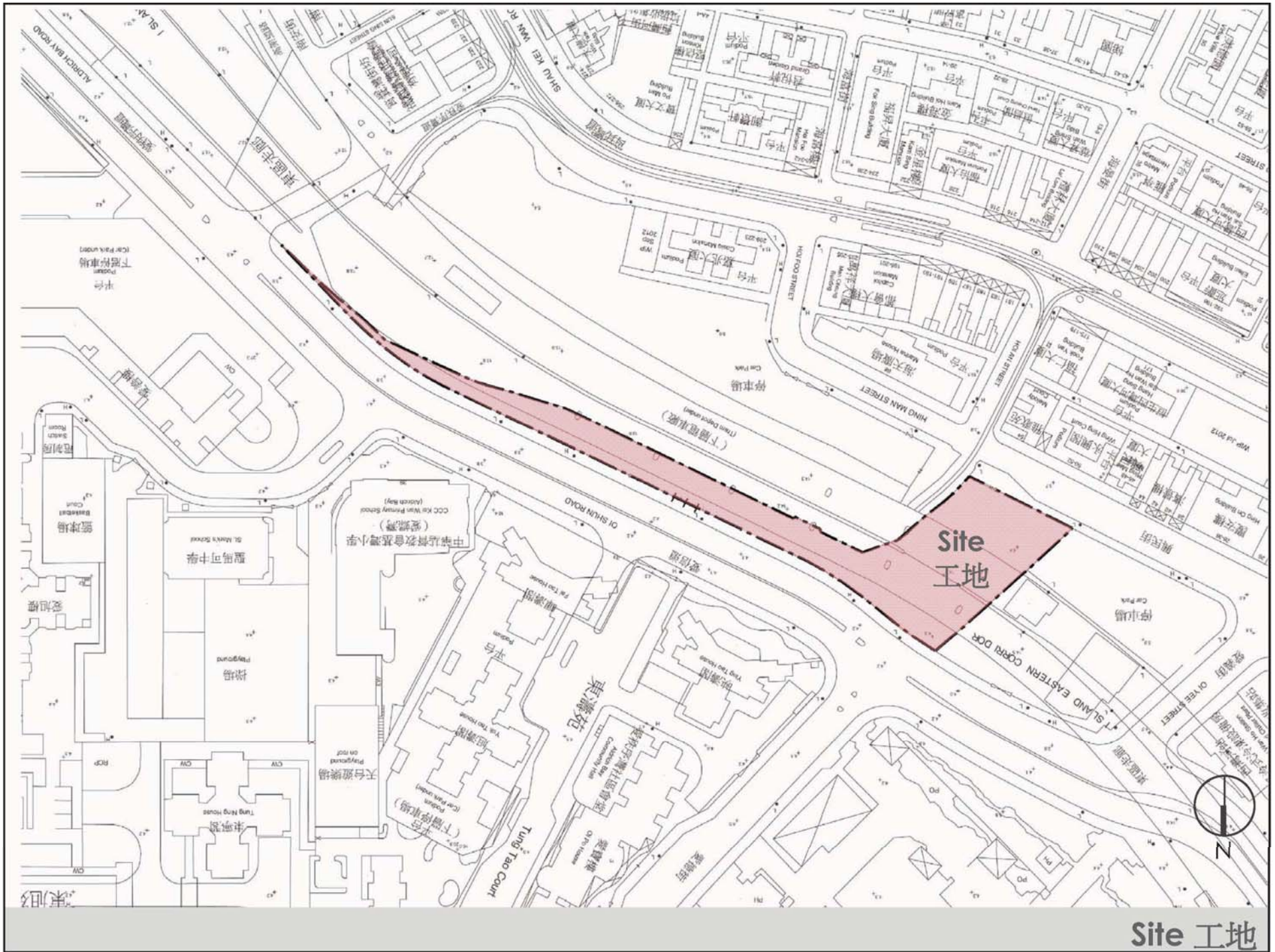
Annex 1 – Site Context

Annex 2 – Enlarged Location Plan

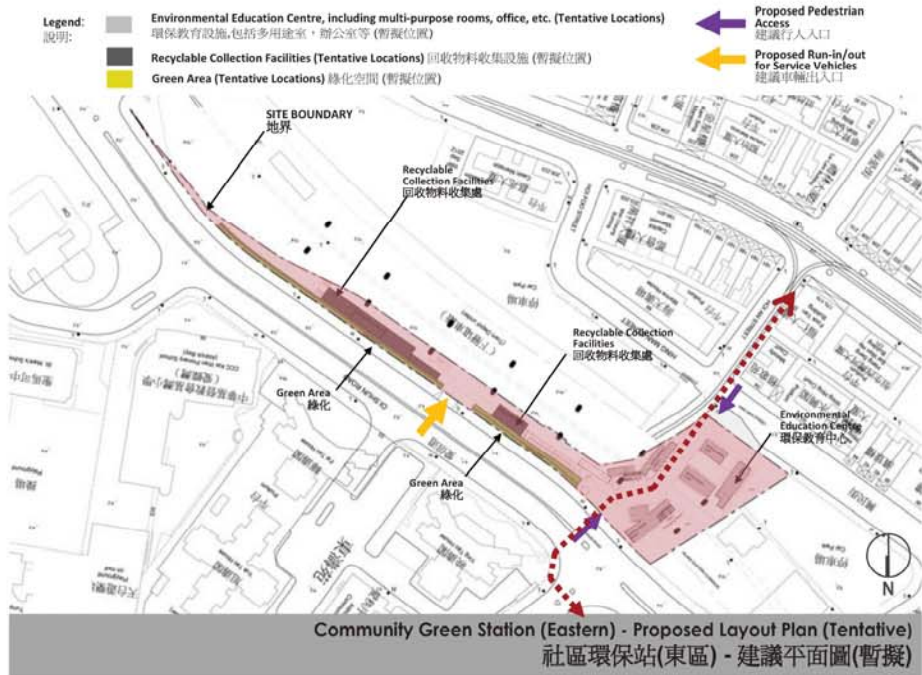
Annex 3 – Photomontages/drawing of the Project



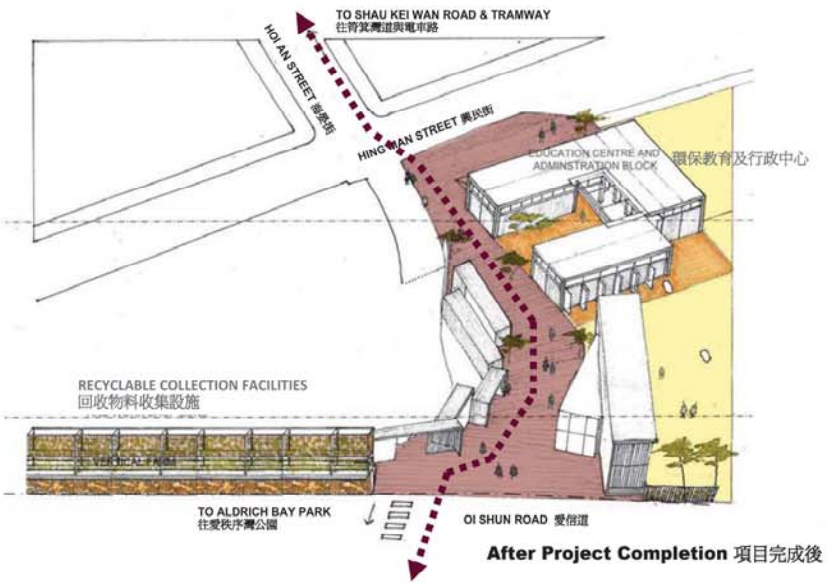
SITE CONTEXT 周邊環境地貌



Site 工地



Community Green Station (Eastern) - Existing Condition
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Community Green Station (Eastern) - Artist's Impression
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