Proposed Temporary Use at the Three Berths Released from the Western District Public Cargo Working Area in Kennedy Town

Development Bureau
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Purpose

- To seek Members’ views on a proposal to use the three vacant berths released from the Western District Public Cargo Working Area (WDPCWA) for the temporary use as a community farm.
Background

- A motion was passed at the Central & Western District Council’s (C&W DC) Working Group on the Central & Western District Harbourfront:
  - urging the Government to develop more community farms in the harbourfront areas of C&W DC
  - recommending the three berths released from WDPCWA in Kennedy Town for this proposal
**Current Land Use**

The Site is:-

- about 7,500m² in size
- currently held by Marine Department
- excluded from the boundary of WDPCWA under Port Control (Cargo Working Areas) Ordinance (Cap.81) in August 2016
- zoned “Other Specified Uses (Public Cargo Working Area)” on the Kennedy Town and Mount Davis Outline Zoning Plan (OZP)
- recommended to be developed into waterfront promenade by the Central and Western District Council in the long-run
Time Frame to Permanent Development

- Long-term land use is being reviewed

- Works for developing waterfront promenade (including preparation work, design and acquiring funding approval) would take at least three to four years

- The Government is committed to make use of vacant harbourfront sites for temporary uses for early public enjoyment pending their long-term development
Proposed Temporary Use

- To use the Site for the short-term operation of a leisure farm with ancillary facilities

- With additional space, the Site could allow more members of the public to join in leisure farming activities and to increase their knowledge about and liking of greening.
Proposed Temporary Use

- To require the future operator to design and construct a promenade of at least 10m and allow public access at all times

- To allow using some portion of the Site for other uses including ancillary commercial activities to bring vibrancy to the waterfront and to sustain the operator’s operation on a commercial basis
Harbour Planning Principles

- We consider that the proposal aligns with the Harbour Planning Principles in the following aspects –
  - Preserving Victoria Harbour
  - Public Engagement
  - Sustainable Development and Integrated Planning
  - Proactive Harbour Enhancement
  - Vibrant Harbour and Public Enjoyment
Way Forward

- If the proposal is supported by both the C&WDC and the Task Force, DEVB and the Lands Department would work with various Government departments to proceed with taking the proposal forward.
Thank You