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Avenue Park at Kai Tak

PURPOSE

This paper is to seek Members' views on the design of Avenue Park at Kai Tak.

BACKGROUND

2. The project site of Avenue Park is zoned as "open space" (O) on the approved Kai Tak Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/K22/4 and located adjacent to Kai Ching and Tak Long public housing estates and the Station Square. The total site area of Avenue Park is about 3.2 hectares (ha). This project is included in the Five Year Plan for Sports and Recreation Facilities announced in the 2017 Policy Address. On 5 February 2013, we consulted the Task Force on Kai Tak Harbourfront Development (KTTF) on the design of the then Phase I of the Avenue Park at the 11th meeting in February 2013. Now that the release date of the then Phase 2 site held by the Shatin Central Link project shall be able to match with the whole development, there is no longer any need to develop the project in 2 phases. In this connection, Members' further views are invited on the design in particular the then Phase 2 site of the project. A location plan is at **Annex 1** and a demarcation plan of the then two phases is at **Annex 2**.

SCOPE OF WORKS

3. The proposed scope of works of Avenue Park comprises –

- (a) thematic gardens such as scented garden and native plants garden with seasonal flowers at focal points;
- (b) children's play area for children of different age groups;

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- (c) fitness area and Tai Chi area;
- (d) a basketball court;
- (e) covered walkways to facilitate the public and residents of Kai Ching and Tak Long public housing estates to reach the Kai Tak Station of the Shatin to Central Link; and
- (f) a service building and ancillary facilities including a park management office, toilets, baby care room, refuse collection chamber and a service yard.

PROPOSED DESIGN

4. The design of the project includes leisure and recreational facilities mingled with a rich soft landscaping environment. In drawing up the design, we have taken into account the following Harbour Planning Principles¹:

- (a) **Vibrant and Accessible Harbour** Although Avenue Park is not directly located at the waterfront, the park, on one hand, will act as a logistics hub for ensuring safe and efficient passage of people and goods between the waterfront area and the hinterland and, on the other hand, will provide both active and passive leisure facilities to enhance the vibrancy of the area;
- (b) **Sustainable Development** The park will provide large lawn, avenue of trees and landscaping areas with leisure facilities as well as connections with the adjacent sites which helps meeting the current and future social, environmental and recreational needs of the local residents and visitors in the vicinity;
- (c) **Integrated Planning** Without any fence wall erected along the park boundary, the park will integrate seamlessly with the adjacent pedestrian network, commercial/residential developments and play an

¹ The eight principles are on preserving Victoria Harbour, stakeholder engagement, sustainable development, integrated planning, proactive harbour enhancement, vibrant harbour, accessible harbour and public enjoyment

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important role as a green connector in linking the Station Square to the northeastern side of Kai Tak development, particularly to the neighbourhood housing estates;

- (d) **Public Enjoyment** The park will provide thematic tree avenue, landscaped gardens, featured plaza and leisure facilities such as elderly fitness area, children's play area and basketball court for serving both the local community and visitors; and
- (e) **Stakeholder Engagement** We have consulted the Leisure and District Facilities Management Committee of the Kowloon City District Council on the scope, conceptual layout and sketch design of the proposed project in May 2008, July 2011 and March 2017 respectively. They supported the proposed project and requested for early implementation.
- 5. A layout plan of the project is at **Annex 3**.

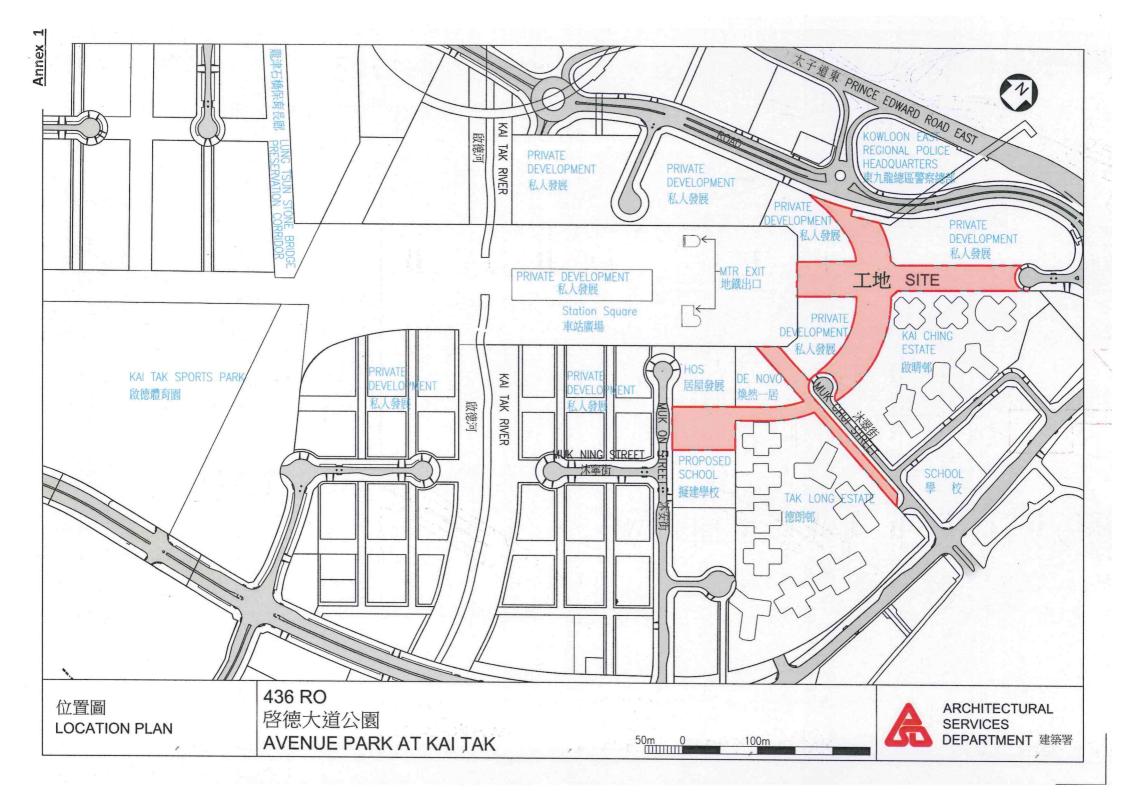
ADVICE SOUGHT

6. Members are invited to comment on the design of the project.

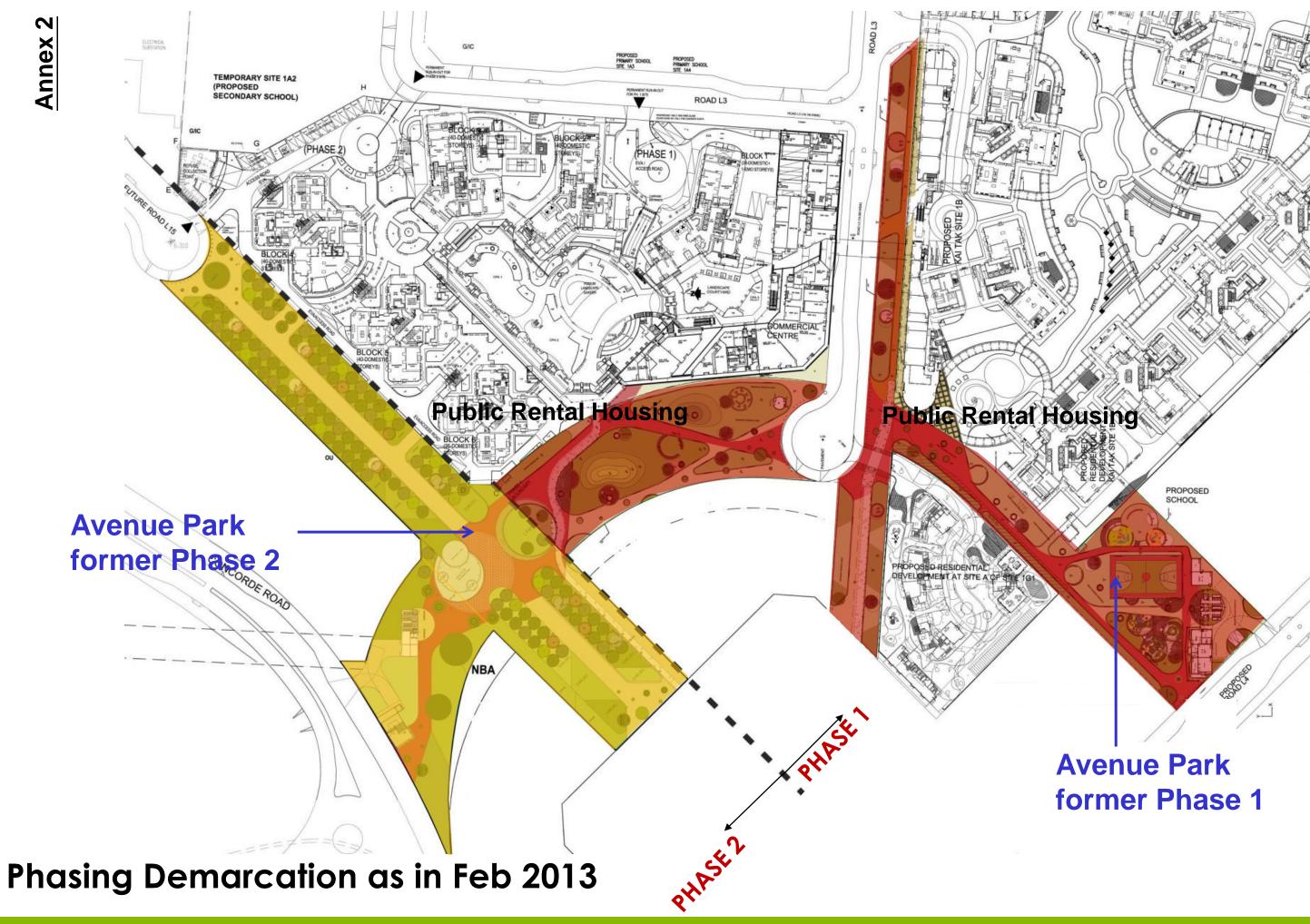
ATTACHMENTS

Annex 1	Location Plan
Annex 2	Demarcation Plan of the then two phases
Annex 3	Layout Plan

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