

Harbourfront Commission

For discussion
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Progress Report from Task Force on Kai Tak Harbourfront Development

REPORTING PERIOD

This progress report covers the period from June to July 2011.

MEETING(S) HELD AND THE MAJOR OUTCOME, FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Fifth Meeting - 1 June 2011

2. The Task Force discussed the following items -

(a) Heliport at the tip of the former runway

- In response to Members' comments made at the last Task Force meeting, the Transport and Housing Bureau and Civil Aviation Department provided a paper on the subject for Members' information.
- Members agreed to request further information on the detailed design of the heliport, demand for the heliport, mitigation measures of adverse impacts on the neighbouring Runway Park as well as interface with the neighbouring Cruise Terminal.

(b) Urban Design Enhancement Proposals at Kai Tak

- The Civil Engineering and Development Department briefed Members on the proposed urban design enhancement initiatives for Kai Tak Development to be taken forward, including enhancement of waterfront accessibility at the former runway, enhancement of waterfront accessibility at the South Apron, and preservation of Remnants of Lung Tsun Stone Bridge.
- Members were generally supportive of these proposals.

(c) First Phase of Runway Park at Kai Tak

- In response to Members' comments at previous meetings, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) and Architectural Services Department (ArchSD) had revised the development scheme to enlarge the lawn area to be developed under the first phase as well as simplify the design to reduce abortive works and leave greater flexibility for second phase development. Detailed designs were presented at the meeting.
- Members considered that the revised scheme had shown improvements and were generally supportive of it.

(d) Kwun Tong Promenade Stage 2 Development

- LCSD and ArchSD presented the proposed design and scope of works of the Kwun Tong Promenade Stage 2.
- Members expressed comments including measures to enhance collective memory of local residents, provision of water access and activities, utilisation of the area underneath the Kwun Tong Bypass, provision of cycling track, etc.

- While Members were generally supportive of the scheme presented, the project team would take into account Members' comments in taking forward the project.

(e) Proposed Uses of Two Areas at Kwun Tong Ferry Pier

- The Government Property Agency (GPA) presented its proposal to use part of the Kwun Tong Ferry Pier as a pier for the berthing of Tenant's vessels cum commercial uses ancillary to pier use and to use the roof top of the Pier for advertisement purpose.
- Members did not support the proposal. They considered that (i) the proposed advertising uses would involve an increase in the Pier's building height and hence block the view of the buildings behind; and (ii) the commercial space in the Pier should be used for supporting facilities for the Kwun Tong Promenade such as dining/catering facilities, with the objective of enhancing vibrancy and achieving a more integrated planning of the waterfront at the region.
- GPA was asked to revise its proposal in the light of Members' comments.

(f) Residential Development at 7 Kai Hing Road, Kai Tak South

- The project proponent Kerry D.G. Warehouse (Kowloon Bay) Limited and their consultants presented a revised redevelopment scheme after consulting the Task Force at the previous meeting, with changes mainly on the building disposition.

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- Members acknowledged that the subject site faced certain constraints. They suggested that the proponent further revise the building disposition (specifically, to create a building separation between Blocks T2 and T3) with a view to enhancing visual permeability and air ventilation.

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