

Harbourfront Commission

For discussion
on 3 November 2014

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Progress Report from Task Force on Kai Tak Harbourfront Development

REPORTING PERIOD

This progress report covers the period from August to October 2014.

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

Fifteenth Meeting on 1 September 2014

2. The Task Force discussed the following item –

(a) Kai Tak Development – Proposal of Increasing Development Intensity and Findings of Technical Study

- The Planning Department (PlanD) and the Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) briefed Members on the proposed increase in the development intensity of KTD and the findings of the associated technical study.
- While recognising the pressure on land resources and hence the need for increasing the development intensity, the Task Force commented that the proposed relaxation in building height might impose adverse visual impact to residents in the surrounding neighbourhood. Members considered it crucial to have a variation in building heights to ensure sufficient ventilation and visual permeability.
- Some Members expressed concern about the issue of connectivity between Kowloon Bay and the former South Apron area and commented that alternative transportation modes should be explored. Members also emphasised the need to diversify uses in the various G/IC and commercial sites at the South Apron area in order to attract pedestrian flow to the promenade.

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- In response, PlanD and CEDD assured Members that mitigation measures would be taken to minimise visual impact, and agreed to explore flexible land uses in the South Apron area for better integration with the promenade.

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