

Harbourfront Commission

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Progress Report from Task Force on Harbourfront Developments in Kowloon, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing

REPORTING PERIOD

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

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

Sixth Meeting – 27 July 2011

2. The Task Force discussed the following issues/items -

(a) Yau Ma Tei Action Area

Construction of a Two-storey Building for Harbour Patrol Section (HPS), Marine Department (MD)

- Following discussion at the previous Task Force meeting on 12 January 2011, two Members of the Task Force presented: (i) their report in relation to their informal site meeting with MD on the proposed new HPS building in Tai Kok Tsui on 1 February 2011; and (ii) a proposal on the land uses along the waterfront of the Yau Ma Tei Typhoon Shelter.
- While Members acknowledged the urgent need of MD for extra office space to facilitate its provision of smooth and

efficient services to the general public, some considered that expansion beyond the existing site might not be absolutely necessary. The Task Force asked MD to put up temporary structures for accommodating its immediate need as an interim measure, and to work out its long-term operational requirements for consultation with the new Task Force on water-land interface in due course.

- MD and the Architectural Services Department informed the meeting that expansion at the existing site was not technically feasible. MD added that it kept an open mind on the potential relocation of the whole expanded HPS structure in the long-term if circumstances warranted.

Pedestrian Connectivity between Tai Kok Tsui and West Kowloon Cultural District (WKCD)

- Members considered that pedestrian connectivity between Tai Kok Tsui and WKCD should be enhanced as a medium/long-term measure and that the Harbour Unit and TD should explore other options which might not necessarily be confined to the waterfront taking into the account of the constraint posed by the presence of the public cargo working area.

(b) Tsim Sha Tsui East Action Area

The Way Forward for the “Development of a Piazza in Tsim Sha Tsui” Project

- The project team led by the Tourism Commission briefed Members on the revised conceptual design of the project, including the integration of the planned piazza with the revitalization of the Tsim Sha Tsui (TST) pier, and the expansion of the planned turnaround into a new public transport interchange (PTI).

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- While the Task Force appreciated the need for an integrated conceptual design, some Members considered that the revised scheme with 40% of the originally planned piazza re-designated as PTI would reduce the scope for a comprehensive design for the piazza.
- Regarding the conceptual design of the proposed PTI, some Members raised concerns that it would affect pedestrian circulation and vehicular traffic in the vicinity.
- The Task Force agreed that the gazettal of the revised road scheme should proceed in September 2011 as scheduled, on the understanding that the scheme could be further amended to take account of the public views received during the gazettal period. In particular, a holistic approach should be adopted in the design of the piazza and PTI. TC was asked to revert to the Task Force with a design brief at a later stage.

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