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Kowloon City District Urban Renewal Forum

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Stage 1 Public Engagement Report for Urban Renewal Plan for Kowloon City

Purpose

This paper aims to report the result of Stage 1 Public Engagement ("PE") for the Urban Renewal Plan for Kowloon City, and request Members to accept the Stage 1 PE Report.

Stage 1 Public Engagement

2. Stage 1 PE was completed on 30 September 2012, in which nine focus group meetings, three walking tours cum workshops, two public forums, seven briefings/sharing sessions, and a series of mobile and roving exhibitions were organised. The Consultants commissioned the Centre for Social Policy Studies of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University to conduct an on-site questionnaire survey, in order to study and analyse the views of local residents and the public on the Preliminary Urban Renewal Proposals for Kowloon City ("PURPs"). There are 1,222 questionnaires collected successfully.

3. During the PE, the Consultants have collected 301 written submissions through the dedicated Urban Renewal Plan for Kowloon City website, email or other modes of submission. The Consultants have analysed and collated the qualitative feedbacks gathered during the PE process and the quantitative analysis of the street survey, and prepared the draft Stage 1 PE Report. The Report was discussed in the Study Steering Group ("SG") meeting held on 29 November 2012 and the SG has made the following comments:

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- (a) The Consultants should state clearly in the Report regarding the public views on the incompatible land uses between residential areas and vehicle repair workshops, and also the environmental issues arising from privately-owned streets;
- (b) Apart from categorising public views, the Consultants should state responses to relevant issues in the Report;
- (c) Figures of each sub-area should be provided for cross-area analysis in reporting the result of survey; and
- (d) The survey report should conduct a cross-tabulation analysis on the respondents' identity (such as owners or tenants), and neutral wordings should be used in describing the figures.

4. After deliberation, the SG has endorsed the draft Stage 1 PE Report in principle and agreed to recommend to the Kowloon City District Urban Renewal Forum (hereinafter "DURF") to accept the Report, subject to the incorporation of comments raised by the SG. Taking into account comments of the SG, the draft Stage 1 PE Report was revised and now submitted to DURF for acceptance.

Public Engagement Report

5. In general, local residents, members of the community, various types of stakeholders and concerned community organisations have actively participated in the Stage 1 PE activities, and have enthusiastic discussions and exchange of views. Comments and aspirations of individuals or represented bodies had been clearly expressed. Among all the proposed PURP areas, those with the highest number of views collected are the 'Redevelopment Priority Area', 'Rehabilitation and Revitalisation Priority Area' and 'Mixed Redevelopment and Rehabilitation Area' respectively. On certain issues, views received by the Consultants have reached a certain degree of consensus, but there are also some diverse or individual comments. On the whole, individuals or organisations who/which expressed their views have given specific opinions regarding the content and coverage of the PURPs, the arrangement and priority of areas for urban renewal, community planning, public

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amenities, local environment and transportation. In addition, the public has expressed their views on the role of the Government, Urban Renewal Authority and DURF, and etc.

6. The Consultants have consolidated public views collected during the Stage 1 PE. For a more comprehensive and detailed Report, the Consultants has made recommended responses in the corresponding parts of the Report based on the comments from the Planning Consultants, DURF Secretariat and the SG. Please refer to **Appendix 1** for the content of the Report.

7. Stage 1 PE has deepened the understanding of members of the district, and the public towards the Urban Renewal Plan for Kowloon City, DURF and PURPs, and aroused their interest and concern. More importantly, the PE Consultants identified concerned stakeholders (including individuals, residents of sub-PURP areas, business operators, industry representatives, concern groups, opinion leaders and other local organisations, and etc.), and built up a network which helps initiate the next stage of work smoothly. The Report also helps the Social Impact Assessment ("SIA") Consultants to conduct the SIA and the Planning Consultants to prepare the Draft Urban Renewal Plan.

Advice Sought

8. Members are requested to note the content of the draft PE Report, and provide comments accordingly. If deemed appropriate, please consider to accept the Stage 1 PE Report.

Public Engagement and Social Impact Assessment Steering Group
Urban Renewal Plan for Kowloon City
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