

立法會
Legislative Council

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From : Principal Council Secretary 2
Legislative Council Secretariat
To : Hon Members of the Legislative Council

**Consultation with Members on proposed security enhancements
for the Legislative Council Complex**

Background

In July 2014, a security consultant ("the Consultant") was appointed by The Legislative Council Commission ("the Commission") to conduct a review on how security management of the Legislative Council ("LegCo") Complex can be improved to ensure that the operation of LegCo is free of hindrance and disruption while the Complex remains an open and welcoming place for members of the public.

2. The Consultant earlier submitted its review report to the Commission. Having considered the findings and recommendations of the Consultant, further incidents of the Complex being stormed in September and November 2014 and views of the Secretariat on the recommendations, the Commission wishes to consult all Members on the following proposals:

- (a) erection of gates, fences and roller shutters;
- (b) enhancement of security screening;
- (c) equipping the closed-circuit television ("CCTV") cameras at the drum area with sound recording function; and
- (d) setting a ceiling on the number of staff access cards for each Member.

Proposals

Erection of gates, fences and roller shutters

3. The Consultant has made a number of recommendations relating to

the erection of gates, fences and roller shutters to strengthen the physical security of the LegCo Complex when it comes under threat. It should be emphasized that under normal circumstances, these gates, fences and roller shutters will remain open. Having consulted the Architectural Services Department ("ArchSD") on the technical feasibility of the recommendations, the following fixtures are proposed:

- (a) erection of gates at the entrance of the passageway to the LegCo Carpark and bollards in front of the guard kiosk also at the entrance, as shown in **Appendices I and I(a)**;
- (b) erection of a fence and a gate along the east entrance of the Children's Gallery, as shown in **Appendices II and II(a)**;
- (c) installation of roller shutters at Public Entrance 1 and Members' Entrance 1 behind the glazed sliding doors for both entrances, as shown in **Appendices III, III(a), III(b) and III(c)**; and
- (d) erection of a fence and a gate at the LegCo Garden, as shown in **Appendices IV and IV(a)**.

4. The gates, fences and roller shutters will be kept open under normal circumstances and will only be closed when the Amber or Red Alert is issued. (For Members' ease of reference, the colour alert system is summarized in **Appendix V**, which is extracted from LC Paper No. AS 7/14-15 issued to Members on 13 October 2014.)

Enhancement of security screening

5. At present, only members of the public attending or observing meetings of the Council or its committees are required to go through security screening, i.e. to pass through a metal detector archway, to have their belongings screened by X-ray machines and to produce proof of identity for inspection and registration.

6. The Consultant has proposed that, in line with the security practice of most major parliamentary buildings overseas, security screening be extended to cover all persons entering the LegCo Complex. The Secretariat considers that the present level of security risk in Hong Kong does not warrant such an escalation at all times and that under normal circumstances, the current security screening procedures should only be extended to cover individual visitors (Members' visitors excluded) to the LegCo Complex and members of the public visiting the Public Complaints Office. However, if the LegCo Complex is under the Amber or Red Alert, all persons entering the LegCo Complex, including all Members' visitors, Members' staff, LegCo Secretariat staff and

media representatives, should be required to go through the security screening procedures.

Equipping the CCTV cameras under the drum area with sound recording function

7. The Consultant has pointed out that it may be necessary for certain CCTV cameras to be equipped with sound recording function to enhance the effectiveness of the CCTV system. The Secretariat is mindful of the sensitivities of taking sound recording inside the LegCo Complex and do not consider it necessary or desirable for CCTV cameras inside the Complex to have sound recording function. The Secretariat proposes that only the CCTV cameras at the drum area and the LegCo Square should be equipped with sound recording function. This is to enhance the ability of the Estate and Security Office to monitor crowd activities inside such public spaces, especially when there is a safety risk to deploy Secretariat staff to be stationed at or patrol the area.

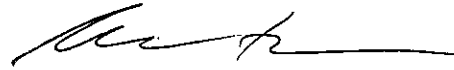
Setting a ceiling on the number of staff access cards for each Member

8. The Consultant has recommended that the number of staff access cards for each Member should be limited to five. The Secretariat agrees that a ceiling should be set for better management of access cards, but considers five cards for each Member to be too small a number. Two Commission members have suggested that each Member should be issued with a maximum of 15 access cards for his/her staff. According to the Secretariat's record as at 15 February 2015 (see table below), 60 Members have obtained 15 or less staff access cards. The highest number of staff access cards issued to one Member is 40 while the lowest number is 3.

Number of access cards issued to the staff of one Member	Number of Members
1 – 5	10
6 – 10	28
11 – 15	22
16 – 20	5
21 – 25	4
26 – 30	0
31 – 35	0
36 – 40	1

Advice sought

9. Members are invited to give their views on the above proposals by completing and returning the reply slip at **Appendix VI** to the Secretariat **by 31 March 2015**. If Members have any enquiries, please contact Mr Lemuel WOO at 3919 3012 or the undersigned.



(Ms Miranda HON)
Principal Council Secretary 2

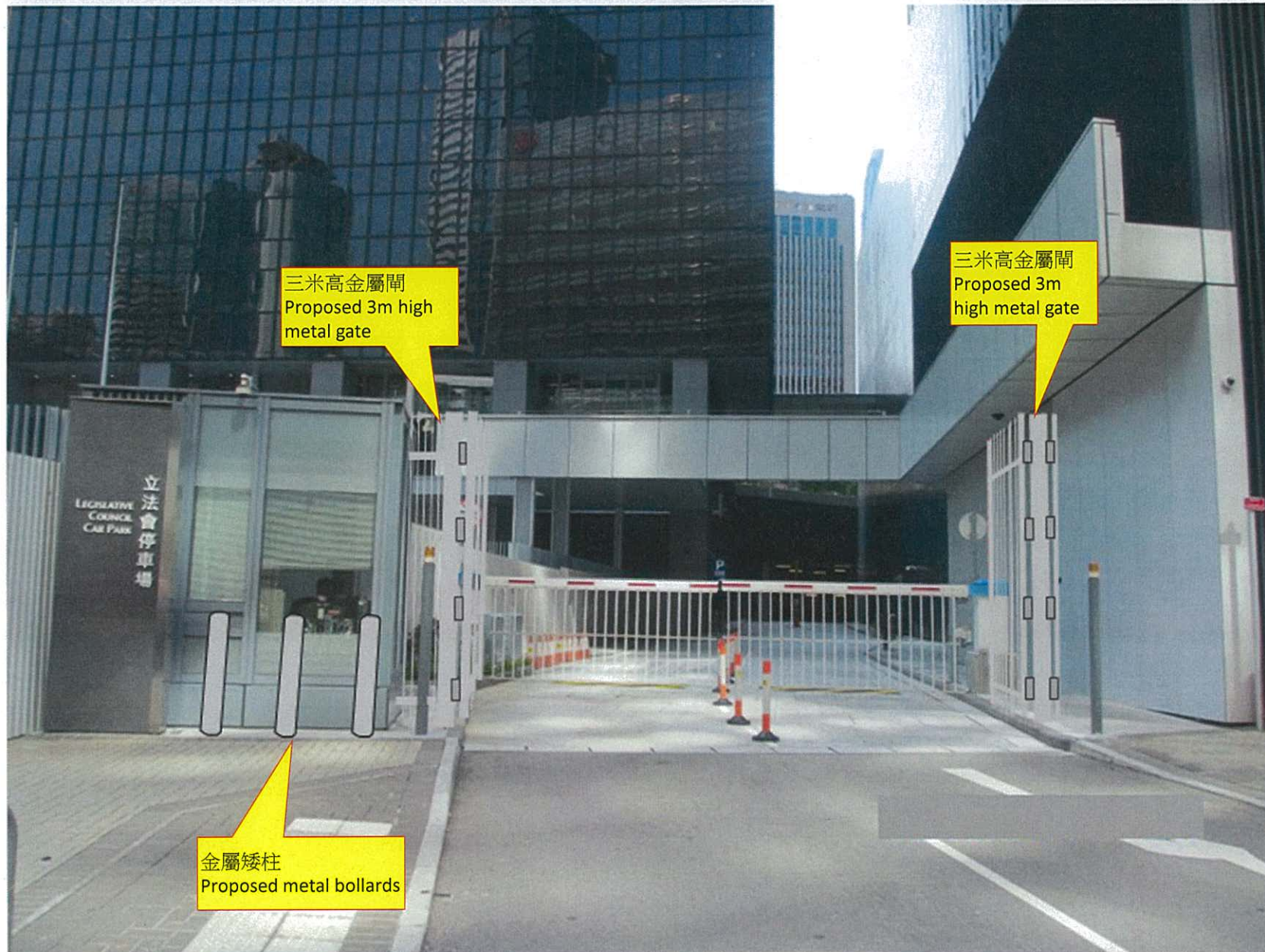
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(A1) 往停車場的車路入口

VEHICULAR ACCESS TO CAR PARK

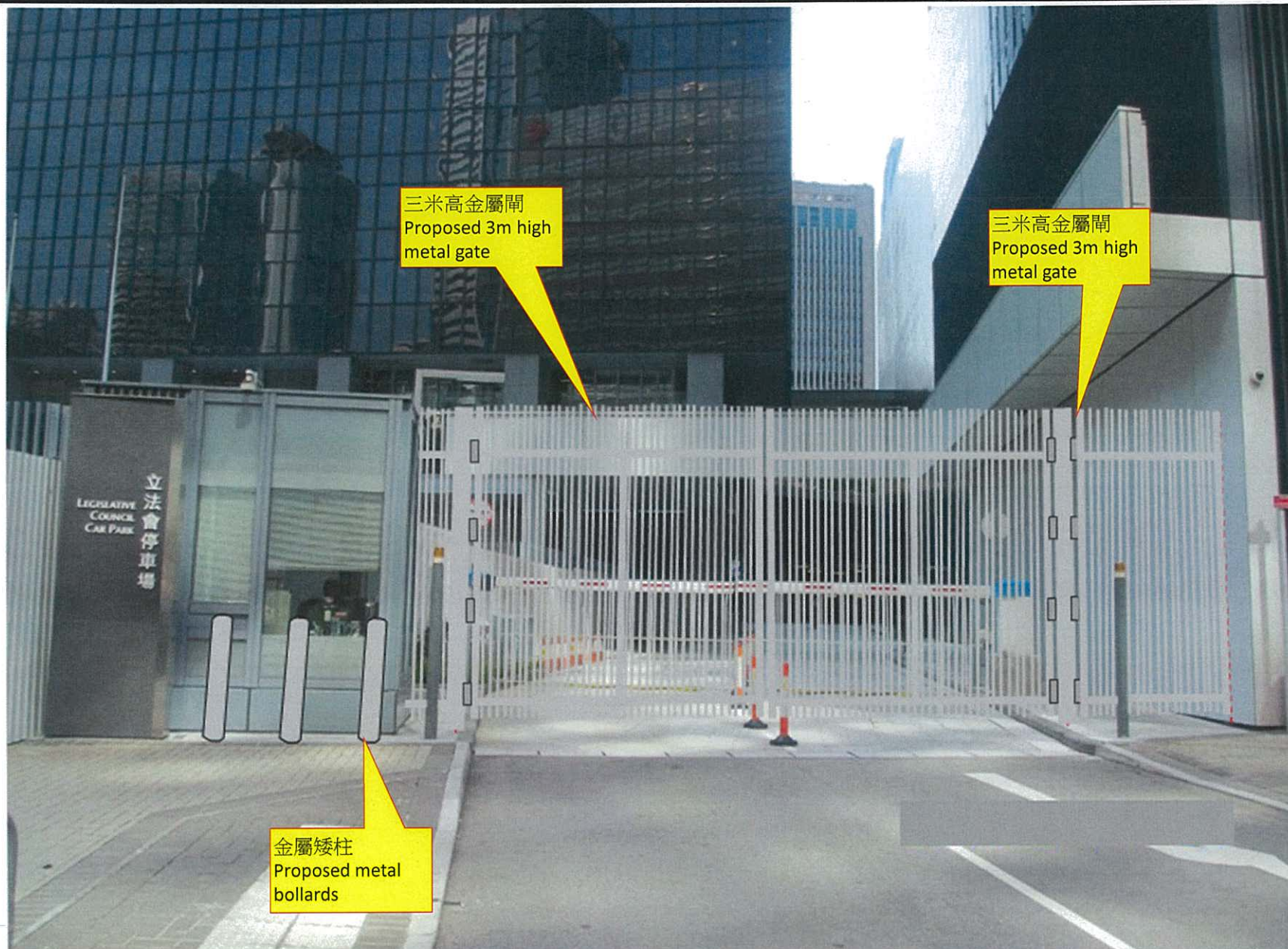
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Normally kept Open



(A1) 往停車場的車路入口

VEHICULAR ACCESS TO CAR PARK

必要時關閉
Closed when necessary



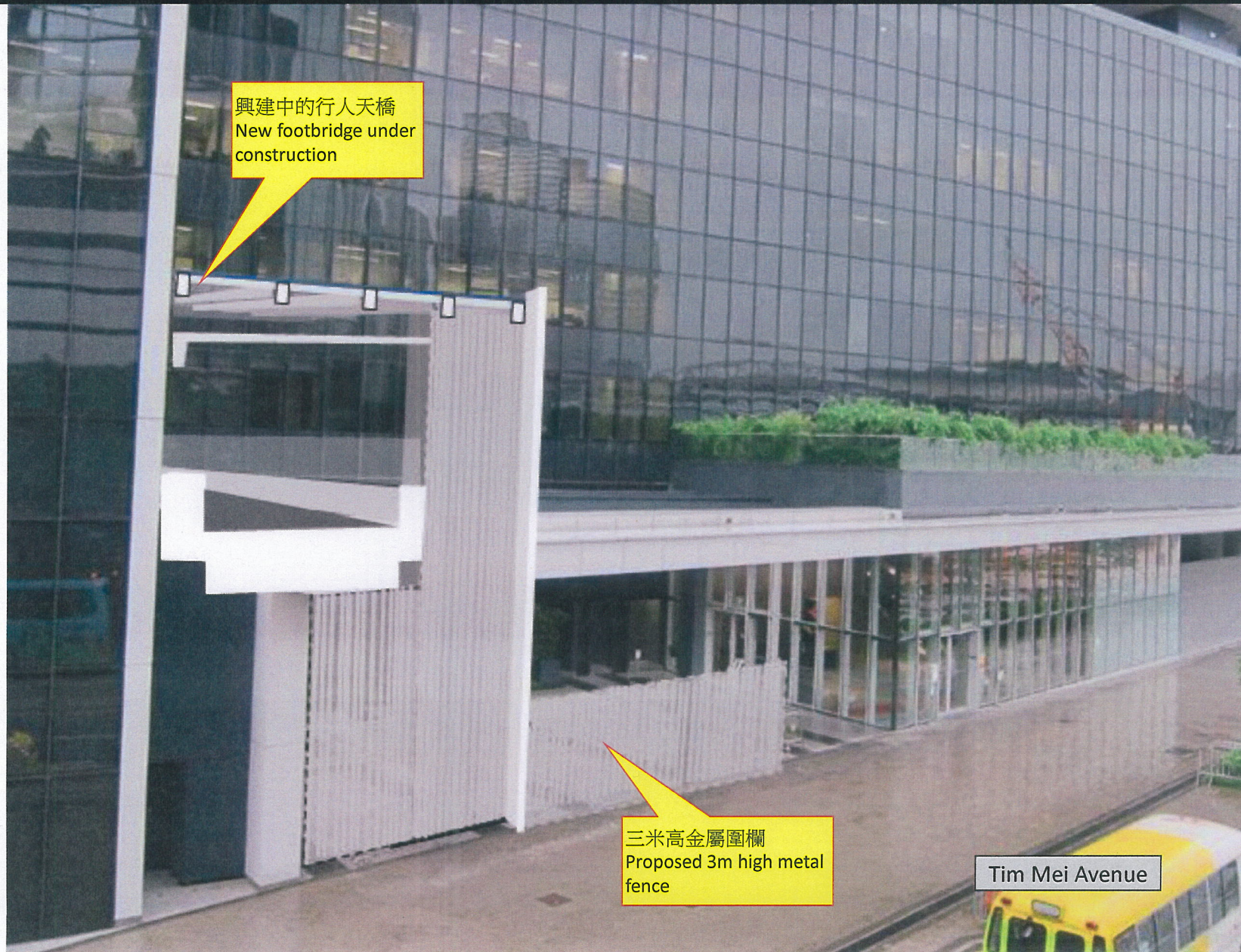
三米高金屬閘
Proposed 3m high
metal gate

三米高金屬閘
Proposed 3m high
metal gate

金屬矮柱
Proposed metal
bollards

(A2) 議員二號入口對出空地
OPEN AREA NEAR ME2

一般時間開啓
Normally kept Open



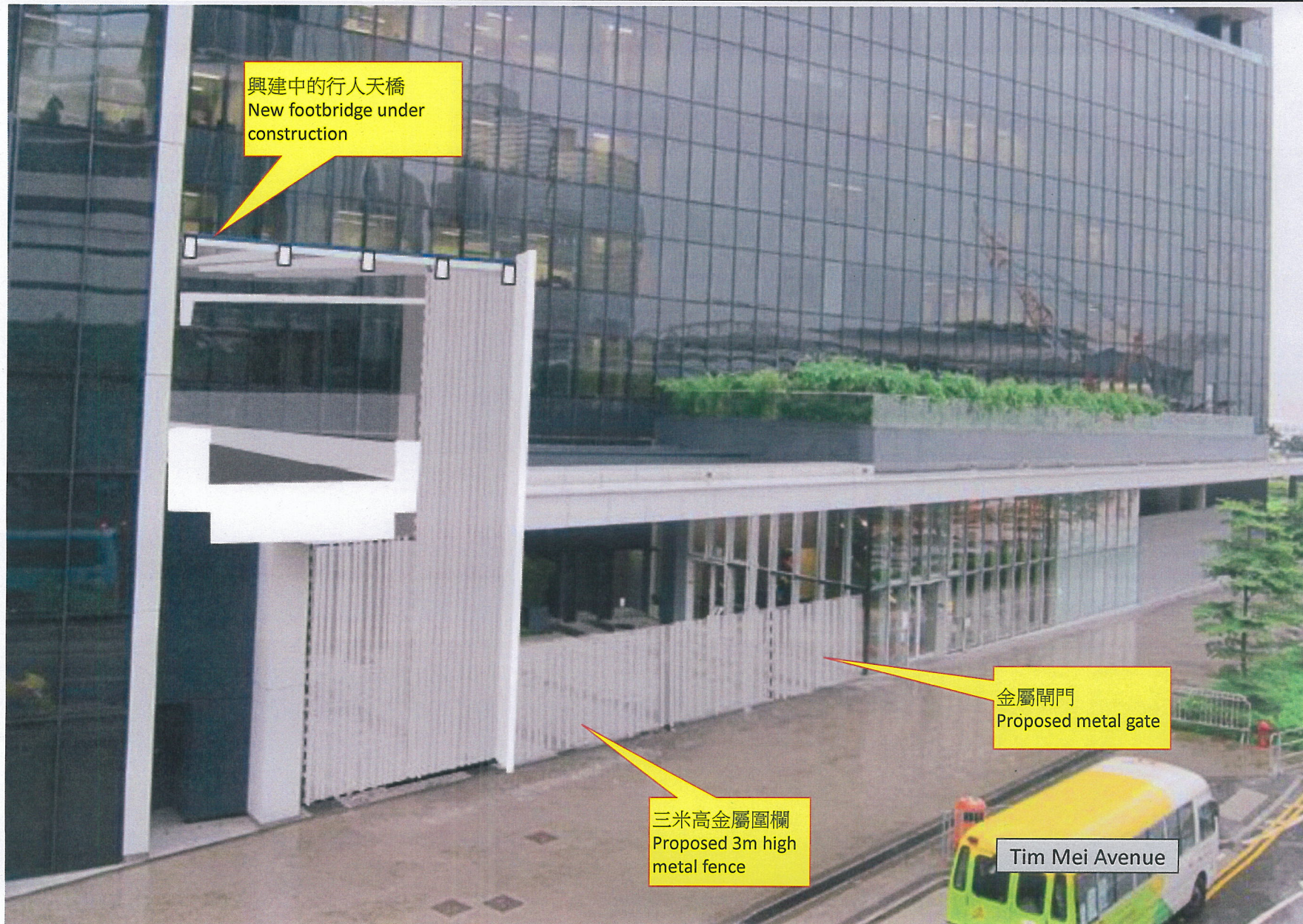
興建中的行人天橋
New footbridge under
construction

三米高金屬圍欄
Proposed 3m high metal
fence

Tim Mei Avenue

(A2) 議員二號入口對出空地
OPEN AREA NEAR ME2

必要時關閉
Closed when necessary



(B1) 公眾一號入口

PUBLIC ENTRANCE 1

一般時間開啓
Normally kept Open

電動捲閘
Proposed electric roller shutter



(B1) 公眾一號入口

PUBLIC ENTRANCE 1

必要時關閉
Closed when necessary

電動捲閘
Proposed electric roller shutter



(B2) 議員一號入口

MEMBERS' ENTRANCE 1

一般時間開啓
Normally kept Open

電動捲閘
Proposed electric roller
shutter

(B2) 議員一號入口

MEMBERS' ENTRANCE 1

必要時關閉
Closed when necessary



電動捲閘
Proposed electric roller
shutter

(A3) 立法會花園

LEGCO GARDEN

加建圍欄及閘門後之效果模擬圖 (閘門一般時間須開啓)

Simulated view showing additional fence and gate
(Gate normally kept Open)



注：擬建之圍欄及閘門位於公眾休憩用地範圍之內，運作上需符合《工程方面的條款》第二條有關開放予公眾人士使用的要求。
Note: The proposed fence and gate are within the **Public Open Space**. Clause 2 of the Engineering Conditions regarding opening for public use shall be observed in operation.

(A3) 立法會花園

LEGCO GARDEN

加建圍欄及閘門後之效果模擬圖 (閘門必要時關閉)
Simulated view showing additional fence and gate
(Gate closed when necessary)



注：擬建之圍欄及閘門位於公眾休憩用地範圍之內，運作上需符合《工程方面的條款》第二條有關開放予公眾人士使用的要求。
Note: The proposed fence and gate are within the **Public Open Space**. Clause 2 of the Engineering Conditions regarding opening for public use shall be observed in operation.

The colour alert system
 (extracted from LC Paper No. AS 7/14-15 issued on 13 October 2014)

Depending on the situation in the drum area and the vicinity of the Legislative Council ("LegCo") Complex, the following alert will be communicated to Members and all users of the LegCo Complex:

Colour	Alert
<p>Amber</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="491 611 1334 819">(i) Large numbers of protestors have assembled in the drum area and/or the vicinity of the LegCo Complex and some of them are engaging in rowdy behaviour and conflicts among them are highly possible. <li data-bbox="491 869 1334 1032">(ii) The Secretary General ("SG"), after consulting the Chairman and the other two ex-officio members of the Commission, will request the Police to stand by within the LegCo Complex. <li data-bbox="491 1081 1334 1160">(iii) Those Secretariat staff not required to operate in the LegCo Complex may leave the Complex. <li data-bbox="491 1209 1334 1373">(iv) Members will also be informed of the situation. It would be for Members to decide if they would arrange for their staff to leave the LegCo Complex.
<p>Red</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="491 1429 1334 1675">(i) Violent conflicts have broken out in the drum area and/or in the vicinity of the LegCo Complex posing an imminent threat to the safety of the users of the Complex. SG will request the Police to take actions to maintain public order in the LegCo Complex. <li data-bbox="491 1724 1334 1933">(ii) [If a Council meeting is being held,] SG will immediately inform the President, who will decide if the Council meeting should be suspended so that Members and other Complex users will leave immediately.

Reply Slip

(Please return by 31 March 2015)

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 Legislative Council Complex
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 Hong Kong

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**Consultation with Members on proposed security enhancements
 for the Legislative Council Complex**

My views on the proposed enhancements set out in LC Paper No. AS 83/14-15 are as follows:

	*Agree	*Disagree
<u>Erection of gates, fences and roller shutters</u>		
(a) The following fences, gates and roller shutters (which will be kept open under normal circumstances and will only be closed when the Amber or Red Alert is issued) should be erected/installed:		
(i) gates at the entrance of the passageway to the Legislative Council ("LegCo") Carpark and metal bollards in front of the guard kiosk also at the entrance, as shown in Appendices I and I(a) of LC Paper No. AS 83/14-15;		
(ii) a fence and a gate along the east entrance of the Children's Gallery, as shown in Appendices II and II(a) of LC Paper No. AS 83/14-15;		
(iii) roller shutters at Public Entrance 1 and Members' Entrance 1 behind the glazed sliding doors for both entrances, as shown in Appendices III, III(a), III(b) and III(c) of LC Paper No. AS 83/14-15; and		
(iv) a fence and a gate at the LegCo Garden, as shown in Appendices IV and IV(a) of LC Paper No. AS 83/14-15.		

* Please "✓" in the appropriate box.

Name of Member : _____

	*Agree	*Disagree
<u>Enhancement of security screening</u> (b) The current security screening procedures should be extended to cover individual visitors (Members' visitors excluded) to the LegCo Complex and members of the public visiting the Public Complaints Office under normal circumstances.		
(c) When the Amber or Red Alert is issued, all persons entering the LegCo Complex, including all Members' visitors, Members' staff, LegCo Secretariat staff and media representatives, should be required to go through the security screening procedures.		
<u>Closed-circuit television ("CCTV") system</u> (d) The CCTV cameras at the drum area and the LegCo Square should be equipped with sound recording function.		
<u>Access cards for Members' staff</u> (e) A ceiling should be set on the number of staff access cards for each Member.		
(f) If you agree to (e), please specify the appropriate maximum number of staff access cards for each Member.	No. _____	

* Please "✓" in the appropriate box.

Other views:

Signature of Member : _____

Name of Member : _____

Contact Person : _____

Telephone No. : _____

Date : _____