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(Attn: Mrs Queenie YU)

Dear Mrs YU,

LegCo Panel on Planning, Lands and Works

**Issues raised at LegCo Members' Meeting with
Kowloon City District Council Members on 12 April 2001**

Thank you for your letter dated 12 June 2001 to the Secretary for Planning and Lands. The following is our response to the points raised by members of the Kowloon City District Council.

The Preliminary Layout Plan (PLP) prepared under Stage 1 of the Feasibility Study for the Revised Scheme of the South East Kowloon Development was released for public consultation in mid-2000. According to the PLP, about 36.9 hectares of land was reserved for public housing development (including both public rental housing and Home Ownership

Scheme (HOS) flats). An Outline Master Development Plan (OMDP) was subsequently drawn up taking into account public comments on the PLP. The OMDP was submitted to the relevant District Councils, including the Kowloon City District Council for consultation this month. In the OMDP, an area of about 39.1 hectares is proposed for public housing development. In this regard, there is no reduction in the amount of land proposed for public housing development. The distribution of land reserved for public housing development between public rental housing and HOS development is determined by the Housing Authority taking into account various relevant factors. The views of the District Council on the need for more public rental housing units in the district is one of the relevant factors for consideration.

One of the objectives of the South East Kowloon Development Study is to facilitate urban renewal in the surrounding area. The Ma Tau Kok/Hung Hom Target Area is one of the nine urban renewal target areas of the Urban Renewal Authority. The Urban Renewal Authority, in conjunction with the Planning Department, will identify suitable rehousing sites and work with the Housing Authority and Housing Society to make use of their casual vacancies in existing public housing estates to cater for the rehousing needs of tenants being affected by urban renewal.

Yours sincerely,

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for Secretary for Planning and Lands