

**Response to the Issues raised by Members of Kowloon City District Council (KCDC)**

The Urban Renewal Authority (URA)'s urban renewal programme comprises 2002 new projects identified in the Urban Renewal Strategy (URS) and the 25 uncompleted projects of the Land Development Corporation (LDC). Other than the 25 uncompleted projects of the LDC which have been announced in 1998, the locations of the 200 new projects identified in the URS would not be published until the URA is ready to implement the projects concerned. This is to prevent people from moving into the project areas to obtain compensation and rehousing, thus unnecessarily inflating the URA's projects costs. According to the Urban Renewal Authority Ordinance, development projects and development schemes of the URA would be published for public consultation and objections before a decision is taken on whether the projects should go ahead.

2. In considering the need and urgency for urban renewal of different areas and districts, we will take into account the age and state of dilapidation of buildings, whether the buildings lack sanitary facilities, potential fire risks, the general living and environmental conditions of the area and any opportunities for restructuring and replanning the area.