

Subcommittee on West Kowloon Cultural District Development

Town planning for the West Kowloon Cultural District

Issues raised by members at the meeting on 25 April 2008

- (a) The implications of the current stage of town planning on the subsequent stage(s) of the statutory town planning process (e.g. whether the imposition of the proposed development restrictions will unduly constrain the town planning work at the subsequent stages; whether the proposed development restrictions are sufficient to ensure that certain planning aspects most treasured by the public are safeguarded etc.);
- (b) The justifications for the proposed development parameters, in particular the proposed imposition of building height restrictions on the West Kowloon Cultural District (WKCD) site, and for this purpose, the site is divided into sub-areas with varied height restrictions;
- (c) Whether the proposed development parameters have taken into account the topography of the areas in the vicinity of the WKCD site in applying the relevant urban design principles, as well as the visual and other impacts on these areas;
- (d) How far and in what manner the public have been consulted and explained on the proposed development parameters, in particular the proposed building height restrictions on three sub-areas which were only revealed to the public upon gazettal of the proposed amendments to the draft Outline Zoning Plan (OZP);
- (e) Whether the public would still have opportunities to raise objection or make representation to the Town Planning Board in respect of the gazetted proposed amendments to the draft OZP upon the close of the public inspection period on 9 May 2008; and
- (f) Role of Planning Department in the preparation of the Development Plan for WKCD.