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Ms. Sarah Yuen
For Clerk to Subcommittee
Legislative Council
Legislative Council Building
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Dear Ms. Yuen,

Thank you for your letter of 8 September.

Swire Properties has serious doubts that the WKCD project will provide the optimum way to develop art and culture in Hong Kong.

Our Cultural Harbour submission which was in response to the WKCD invitation for proposals last year and presented to the Legislative Council in January of this year, was submitted as a positive contribution to the public debate by presenting a viable alternative that provided new facilities and enhanced existing facilities to focus the development of art and culture at key locations within the core harbour district. Our submission addressed many of the issues included in the revised work plan which are of equal importance to the provision of new facilities in the most appropriate locations. In particular we are concerned that a focus on extensive "hardware" especially in one relatively isolated location such as the proposed WKCD, without addressing the "software" will not be in the best long term interests of Hong Kong.

Our views remain unchanged.

Yours sincerely,
For and on behalf of
SWIRE PROPERTIES LTD

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gordon Ongley", written in a cursive style.

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