

A. Lantau Development Task Force

Background

Pursuant to the 2004 Policy Address, the Lantau Development Task Force (Task Force) chaired by the Financial Secretary was set up in February 2004 to provide policy steer on the economic and infrastructure development in Lantau. The Task Force comprises senior officials from policy bureaux and departments involved in planning, economic and infrastructure development, transport, environmental protection and conservation.

Key Issues

Some commenters supported the setting up of the Task Force to plan the future development of Lantau. However, some had concerns on the composition of the Task Force and urged for involvement of different stakeholders in the Task Force.

The Way Forward

The Task Force has actively involved different stakeholders, the locals and the general public throughout the consultation exercise. The views and suggestions collected will be carefully analyzed and taken into account, where appropriate, in revising the Concept Plan. The Task Force will continue to engage the community in planning the future development of Lantau.

No.	Summary of Comments	Raised By	Responses
A-1	Support the setting up of the Task Force to plan the future development of Lantau.	DAB-Islands Branch Office (429) Lantau Island Residents' Assoc. (386) 50 Teachers from Tung Chung (428)	Noted.
A-2	In drawing up the Concept Plan, Task Force members may not fully appreciate the actual situation of Lantau.	Larry Feign (348) Cecilie Gamst Berg (12) Dr Martin Williams (352) J Green (406)	The Task Force under the chairmanship of the Financial Secretary comprises senior officials from policy bureaux and departments involved in planning, economic and infrastructure development, transport, environmental protection and conservation. District Officer/Islands is a co-opted member of the Task Force, and technical inputs from concerned departments at the district level are taken on board through departmental consultation. The terms of reference and membership of the Task Force can be found on the Concept Plan website.

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A-3	Who is part of the Task Force?	Cecilie Gamst Berg (49) Dr Hung Wing-tat & Albert Lai of CA (ECG)	See responses in A-2.
A-4	Department responsible for nature conservation and country park is absent from the Task Force.	Kadoorie Farm & Botanic Garden Corp. (449)	See responses in A-2. Secretary for Environment, Transport and Works and Director of Environmental Protection who are heads of the policy bureau and department on environmental protection and conservation (including country parks) are members of the Task Force.
A-5	Suggest to invite members of the Islands District Council and Rural Committees to join the Task Force.	Mr. Tsui (78)	See responses in A-2. The purpose of the current consultation exercise is to engage the public at the early stage of planning. The proposals in the Concept Plan are conceptual in nature for community discussion. Comments on the Concept Plan as well as suggestions of new proposals received from the public will be carefully analyzed in taking forward the Concept Plan.
A-6	Invite representatives from the island including community leaders, green power, educator and rural to sit/chair in the board to define final development.	Lantau Post (90)	See responses in A-5.
A-7	Invite non-official members or set up special working group under the Task Force.	Lantau Island Residents' Assoc. (386)	See responses in A-5.
A-8	The operation of the Task Force should be more open. The Task Force should consult the public and release information regularly.	Lantau Island Residents' Assoc. (386)	See responses in A-5.

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A-9	Requests made by LIM and or other parties to be represented on or present before the Task Force have been rejected.	Living Islands Movement (378)	See responses in A-5.
A-10	Involve all stakeholders in the formulation of the Concept Plan.	Kadoorie Farm & Botanic Garden Corp. (449)	See responses in A-5.
A-11	Why the Concept Plan was prepared by a very high-powered Task Force, but not through the joint effort of technical/professional departments such as the South West New Territories Recommended Development Strategy? Is this to add pressure on the Town Planning Board to accept the proposals in the Plan? Or, is this an attempt to bypass the Board?	HK Policy Research Institute Ltd. (307)	<p>Pursuant to the 2004 Policy Address, the Task Force chaired by the Financial Secretary was set up to provide policy steer on the economic and infrastructure development on Lantau. One of the key tasks of the Task Force is to provide a planning framework to ensure a balanced and co-ordinated approach for the planned developments in Lantau. The Planning Department has assisted the Task Force to prepare the Concept Plan. Technical inputs of relevant Government departments have been taken on board through departmental consultation.</p> <p>The Concept Plan is a conceptual planning framework for community discussion. The Town Planning Board was consulted on the Concept Plan on 7.1.2005. The proposals selected to be taken forward would be subject to further feasibility studies. New statutory town plans or amendments to existing statutory town plans will be prepared as and when required to take forward the proposals. The Town Planning Board will be fully involved in the process.</p>

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A-12	<p>The Task Force has launched the public consultation on Concept Plan. The consultation digest delineated a number of economic infrastructure projects, such as Lantau Logistics Park in Siu Ho Wan, Theme Park at Tung Chung East, etc.</p> <p>We would like to know the roles of the Planning Department and the Town Planning Board in respect of the overall planning of Lantau and the process of handling the projects stated above.</p>	Hon Martin Lee Chu-ming & Hon Lee Wing-tat (25)	<p>The Concept Plan is prepared by the Task Force which is under the chairmanship of the Financial Secretary and comprises senior officials from policy bureaux and departments involved in planning, economic and infrastructure development, transport, environmental protection and conservation. The Planning Department is responsible for assisting the Task Force in drawing up the Concept Plan, organizing the public consultation and consolidating and analyzing the public comments. The Town Planning Board is one of the consultees.</p> <p>The proposals in the Concept Plan are conceptual in nature for community discussion. They would be subject to further feasibility studies before implementation. Statutory town plans would be prepared or existing statutory town plans be amended as and when required to take forward the proposals. Any new plans or amended plans will be submitted to the Town Planning Board for consideration and will be exhibited for public inspection. The proposals to be implemented should be in line with the statutory town plans.</p>

Abbreviations

AAHK	Airport Authority, Hong Kong
AC	Area Committee
Assoc.	Association
CA	The Conservancy Association
CILTHK	The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport in Hong Kong
CMPB	Country and Marine Parks Board
Co.	Company
Corp.	Corporation
Ctr	Centre
CUHK	The Chinese University of Hong Kong
DAB	Democratic Alliance for Betterment of Hong Kong
DC	District Council
GLA	Green Lantau Association
HK	Hong Kong
HKCA	The Hong Kong Construction Association
HKIA	The Hong Kong Institute of Architects
HKIE	The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers
HKIP	Hong Kong Institute of Planners
HKIS	The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors
HKU	The University of Hong Kong
HKUSU	Hong Kong University Students' Union
In. Rep	Indigenous Inhabitant Representative
KFBG	Kadoorie Farm & Botanic Garden Corporation
KTCRSAA	Kwun Tong Culture, Recreation, Sports and Arts Association
LIM	Living Islands Movement
Ltd.	Limited
MTRCL	MTR Corporation Limited
NT	The New Territories
OC	The Owners' Committee
RC	Rural Committee
Reg.	Registered
Res. Rep	Resident Representative
Soc.	Society
WWF HK	World Wide Fund for Nature Hong Kong
(AAA)	Abbreviation in brackets indicates the respective consultative sessions (Please refer to Annex 1 – List of Consultative Sessions for details).
(000)	Number in brackets indicates the number of submission (Please refer to Annex 2 – List of Written Submissions for details).