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The Hon Lau Wong-fat

As an architect who has worked in Hong Kong on projects for the waterfront in Central, I would like to express my fears that the character of the city will be seriously threatened by the demolition of much of the historic old centre. There are so many tall and anonymous buildings in Central already and the area which preserves some human scale activity in the city is precisely the area which will be sacrificed for the new development.

The Tamar site is important and there is no doubt a valid reason to try and modernise the area, but it could be done in a much more sensitive way with a mixture of old and new at a scale which ordinary people can relate to.

I hope that your meeting tomorrow to discuss the Government Briefing Paper will take into account the views of the people of the Tamar site area and reconsider the scale of development proposed.

Yours faithfully