

Panel on Planning, Lands and Works

List of follow-up actions
(Position as at 20 April 2007)

Subject (Responsible Bureau/Office)	Date of meeting	Follow-up actions required	Administration's response
1. Fee proposal under the Town Planning (Amendment) Ordinance 2004 (HPLB)	24.1.2006	<p>The Administration was requested to --</p> <p>(a) provide the details of the basis for determining the various fee items under the fee proposal;</p> <p>(b) reconsider extension of fee waiver to all applications relating to "public causes", "public proposes" or "public interest" as a matter of policy;</p> <p>(c) investigate whether there was any definition for "public interest" in law;</p> <p>(d) provide the estimated costs incurred by the Government in processing various types of planning applications each year; and</p> <p>(e) consult Heung Yee Kuk on the fee proposal with particular regard to fee items applicable to small house applications.</p>	Administration's response awaited.

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2. Enhancement of continuity of the pedestrian links along the northern shore of the Hong Kong Island and the accessibility and environment of the harbourfront of the Hong Kong Island for public use (HPLB)	25.7.2006	<p>The Administration was requested to take follow-up actions as follows --</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) to provide information relating to the status of the proposed footbridge at Aon China Building;(b) to provide information on the distance and the time needed to walk to the waterfront from the exits of the Mass Transit Railway stations from Sheung Wan to North Point;(c) to provide the expected completion dates of the proposed waterfront enhancement works and expedite the works for those requiring no reclamation;(d) to provide the expected completion dates of the proposed pedestrian links, such as footbridges and elevated walkways; and(e) to provide information on the feasibility of introducing measures to better utilize the space under the Island Eastern Corridor in North Point, such as constructing boardwalks.	<p>The Administration's written response to items (a) and (b) (LC Paper No. CB(1)700/06-07(01)) was issued to members on 11 January 2007. The Administration has indicated that it will provide information on the remaining items in its next paper on the subject to be submitted in the first half of 2007.</p>

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<p>3. Developments creating the wall effect (HPLB)</p>	<p>27.02.2007</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to provide a written response to the following issues --</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) being the sole owner of the Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation and the majority shareholder of the MTR Corporation Limited, whether and how the Administration would exert its influence over the two corporations to prevent them from constructing further buildings that would create the wall effect; (b) given that the Administration already had sufficient authority under existing legislation to address the problem, whether the Administration would assure the community that it was determined to prevent the emergence of further developments creating the wall effect, and would promulgate a list of measures to address the problem within two weeks; (c) for existing developments creating the wall effect, what measures the Administration would take to alleviate the problem; (d) for developments approved but not yet 	<p>The Administration's written response (LC Paper No. CB(1)1406/06-07(01)) was issued to members on 19 April 2007.</p>

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		<p>commenced, whether the Administration would withhold the developments and amend the planning even if so doing might involve compensation;</p> <p>(e) when the Administration would make the Air Ventilation Assessment a statutory requirement;</p> <p>(f) to provide a list of developments for which the relevant authority or quasi-government organization had taken the initiative to implement measures to prevent the wall effect since 2002;</p> <p>(g) what the Planning Department had done in preventing the emergence of developments creating the wall effect;</p> <p>(h) whether the Administration would ensure that all statutory bodies would henceforth comply with the guidelines on air ventilation in the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines in planning new developments; and</p> <p>(i) whether the Administration would enhance the Technical Guide for Air Ventilation Assessment for Developments</p>	

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		in Hong Kong by providing more quantitative criteria/standards.	
4. Development of Greening Master Plans -- Progress Report (ETWB)	27.3.2007	The Administration was requested to explain why priority had been accorded to urban areas in implementing greening master plans, and to review the timetable for implementing greening master plans in the New Territories to see if it could be advanced.	Administration's response awaited.