

Public Works Subcommittee Meeting on 7 May 2008
Issues Requiring Follow-up Actions by the Administration

Item PWSC(2008-09)4
190SC – Tseung Kwan O Complex in Area 44, Tseung Kwan O

Issues

To address the concern of Hon LAU Kong-wah about the provision of a civic centre instead of a community hall under the current proposal, the Administration was requested to provide information on:

- (a) whether it had given due consideration to the provision of a civic centre in Area 44, Tseung Kwan O during the initial planning stage of the project and if so, reasons for not providing such facility to meet the demand of local residents; and
- (b) progress of and schedule of delivery for the proposal of providing a civic centre in Area 66, Tseung Kwan O.

2. To address the concern of Hon LAU Kong-wah about the inadequate provision of car parking spaces under the design of the proposed Tseng Kwan O Complex, the Administration agreed to:

- (a) examine the feasibility of amending the design of the proposed Complex to provide additional car parking spaces, including the suggestion of constructing a car park in the basement of the Complex; and
- (b) provide information on the additional costs and the impact on the schedule of project delivery if amendments would be made to the design of the Complex pursuant to the findings of the examination in (a) above.

The Administration's Response

Provision of a civic centre in Tseung Kwan O

The conceptual design of the proposed Tseung Kwan O Complex in Area 44 was endorsed by the District Facilities Management Committee of the Sai Kung District Council (SKDC) on 12 February 2008. The endorsed design includes a 1 200-seat sports centre, a 450-seat Community Hall and office accommodation for Sai Kung District Council and government departments. We have not considered inclusion of a civic centre in this project as civic centre facilities are being planned in other contexts.

2. A site in Area 66 of Tseung Kwan O was originally reserved for the provision of a civic centre. However, the location has been changed to Area 67 as recommended in the report of the Feasibility Study for "Further Development of Tseung Kwan O" conducted in 2005. This civic centre project is one of the ex-Municipal Council projects to be further reviewed.

3. The Government is also actively taking forward the project of a Cross District Community Cultural Centre in Kwun Tong, the construction of which is scheduled for completion in 2015. This facility, with easy access by MTR, would serve the demand of both the cultural sector and the nearby districts including Tseung Kwan O.

4. The provision and operation of civic centres involve heavy capital investment and long-term commitment of resources. In planning new cultural facilities, we need to take into consideration multiple factors including usage of current facilities, demands of the cultural sector, needs of the community at large and the Government's policy objective on arts and culture.

Provision of additional car parking spaces

5. In response to the concern of Hon Lau Kong-wah about the inadequate provision of car parking spaces under the design of the proposed Tseung Kwan O Complex, the Government has examined the feasibility of amending the design of the proposed Complex to provide additional car parking spaces, including the suggestion of constructing a car park in the

basement of the Complex. We consider it feasible to provide some 50 additional car parking spaces in the Complex by constructing a new car park in the basement of the Complex, in addition to some 30 above-ground car parking spaces in the current design and some 1 000 public parking spaces already provided in the vicinity of the Complex. It is estimated that the additional cost for constructing a new basement car park will be \$80 million (in money-of-the-day prices), and additional 11 months (4 months to revise the existing design and 7 months for construction) would be required for the completion of the project.

6. The Sai Kung District Council (District Works Working Group of District Facilities Management Committee) was consulted on 15 May 2008 on the suggestion of constructing a new car park in the basement of the Complex to provide some 50 additional car parking spaces. The SKDC considered that the 30 odd car parking spaces would be adequate to cater for the need of the users of the Complex. Hence, no amendment to the existing design of the Complex should be pursued.

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