

For information

Legislative Council Panel on Home Affairs

District Open Space in Area 18, Tung Chung, Lantau

Purpose

This paper informs Members of a proposed capital works project (the Project) to construct District Open Space in Area 18, Tung Chung, Lantau that we plan to submit to the Public Works Subcommittee (PWSC) for consideration at its meeting on 30 January 2008. If Members of the Panel on Home Affairs would like to discuss the Project, we would make arrangement with the Secretariat for it to be discussed at a meeting of the Panel on Home Affairs before it is submitted to the PWSC.

Background

2. The Project is an ex-Municipal Council project and is one of the 25 priority projects announced in the January 2005 Policy Address.

Location of the Project Site

3. The project site, with a total area of about 3.8 hectares, is located in Area 18, Tung Chung. The project site is vacant and is available for development. A site plan is at the **Enclosure**.

Project Scope

4. The proposed scope of the project includes –

- a) a 7-a-side hard-surfaced soccer pitch and a skateboard ground;
- b) a landscape garden with a jogging trail and a children play area;
- c) a woodland with a walking trail;
- d) fitness corners for the elderly with a natural grass lawn and a pebble walking trail;
- e) an exhibition/education centre with an exhibition hall for display of Chinese herbs and education materials, a Chinese herbs garden and a refreshment kiosk; and
- f) a park office and ancillary facilities including toilets, changing rooms, storerooms and loading and unloading areas.

Justifications

5. Tung Chung New Town is a fast growing new town in the Islands District. Currently, Tung Chung New Town has a population of about 77 500 which is expected to increase by about 14.6% to 88 800 by 2015. As a reference, the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines suggest a provision of about 15.5 hectares of public open space for the current population in the Tung Chung New Town. At present, there are about 14.4 hectares of public open space in Tung Chung, including about 11.2 hectares of open space provided by the Housing Department. The Project will help improve the provision of open space in the area. There is only one temporary 7-a-side hard-surfaced soccer pitch and no skateboard ground in Tung Chung. The utilisation rate of existing leisure facilities, including the temporary 7-a-side hard-surfaced soccer pitch in Tung Chung, is very high and there is continuous demand for active outdoor recreational and sports

facilities. A special feature of the Project is the provision of a Chinese herbs garden and an exhibition hall for display of Chinese herbs and education materials. These facilities are supported by the Islands District Council and expected to be welcomed by the public as they will help enhance public knowledge and interest in Chinese herbs.

6. There are a number of public and private housing estates in the vicinity of the project site, namely, Coastal Skyline, Caribbean Coast, Seaview Crescent, Tung Chung Crescent, Fu Tung Estate and Yu Tung Court; and four secondary schools and four primary schools. The total population of these estates is about 40 000. It is expected that the Project will become a popular recreational facility for the local residents.

Project Estimate and Implementation Plan

7. The estimated cost of the project is \$194.311 million in September 2007 prices.

8. Subject to funding approval by the Finance Committee, the construction is expected to commence in July 2008 for completion in June 2010.

Public Consultation

9. We consulted the Community Affairs, Culture and Recreation Committee (CACRC) of Islands District Council on the scope of the project on 4 July 2005 and 6 March 2006. Members supported the project.

10. We consulted the CACRC on the conceptual layout of the project on 9 July 2007. Members strongly supported the project and urged for its early implementation.

Way Forward

11. We intend to submit the Project to the Public Works Subcommittee of the Finance Committee for consideration at its meeting on 30 January 2008.

Advice Sought

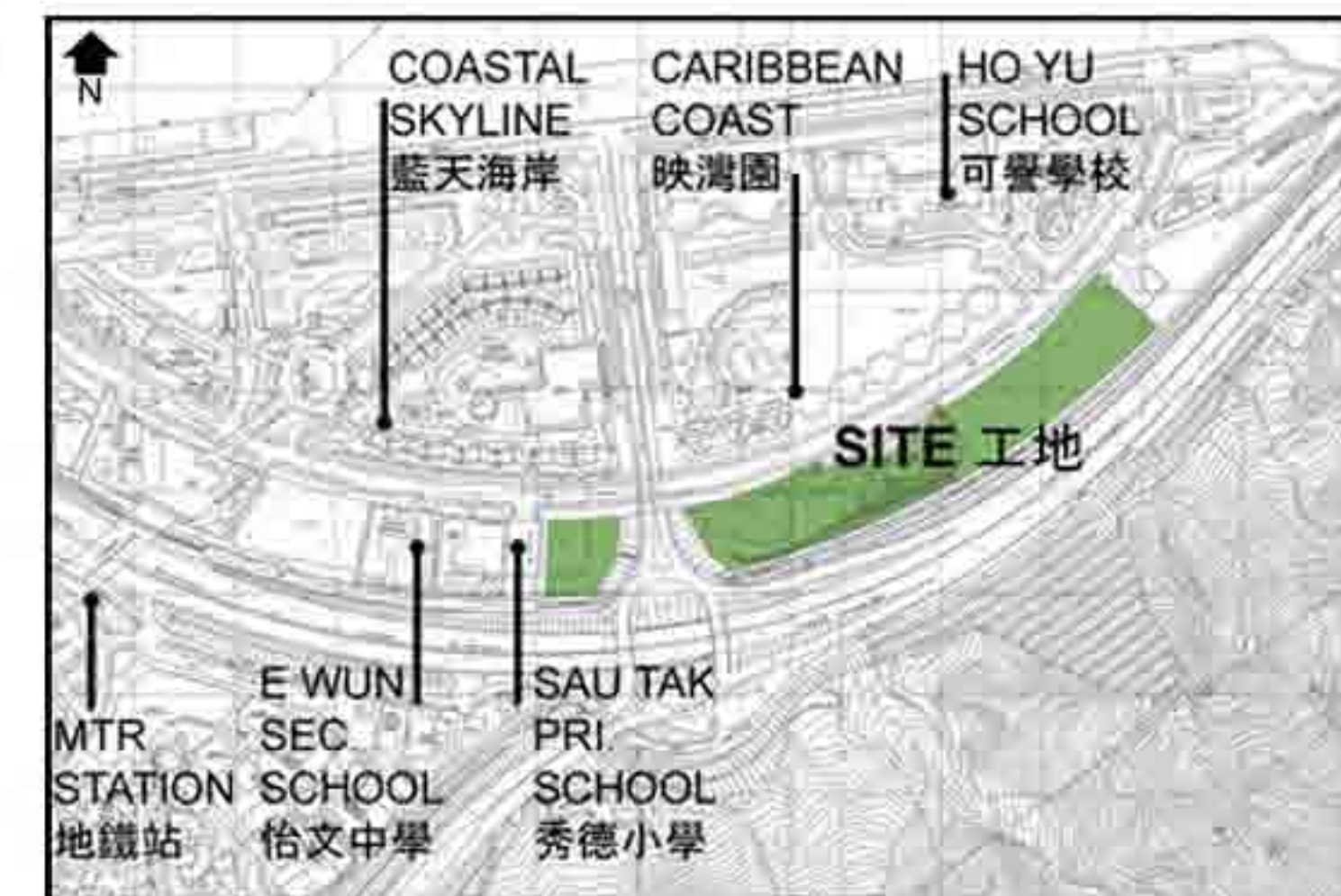
12. Members are invited to support the implementation of the Project.

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LEGEND 圖例

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| 1. LANDSCAPE GARDEN 園景花園 | 10. SKATEBOARD GROUND 滑板場 |
| 2. NATURAL GRASS LAWN 天然草坪 | 11. PARK OFFICE 公園辦事處 |
| 3. CHINESE HERBS GARDEN 中草藥園 | 12. TOILETS 洗手間 |
| 4. EXHIBITION / EDUCATION CENTRE 展覽/教育中心 | 13. PEDESTRIAN ENTRANCE 行人入口 |
| 5. SITTING-OUT AREA 休憩處 | 14. VEHICULAR ENTRANCE 車路入口 |
| 6. 7-A-SIDE HARD-SURFACED SOCCER PITCH 7人硬地足球場 | 15. TOILET CUM CHANGING ROOMS 洗手間及更衣室 |
| 7. JOGGING TRAIL 緩跑徑 | 16. WOODLAND AND WALKING TRAIL 林地及步行徑 |
| 8. FITNESS CORNER FOR THE ELDERLY 長者健身角 | 17. CHILDREN PLAY AREA 兒童遊樂處 |
| 9. PEBBLE WALKING TRAIL 卵石路步行徑 | |



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