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The Chairman  
Panel on Development  
Legislative Council  
Central  
Hong Kong

Attention: Mr Lau Wong-fat

Dear Mr Lau,

Re: Urban Renewal Authority H18 & H19 Comprehensive Development Areas  
- Urgent Request for Public Hearing

Further to our meeting of today with Legislative Councillors via the Complaints Division and our letter to you in Chinese dated 18 June 2008, we urgently request that the Development Panel call an urgent Public Hearing to discuss the H18 and H19 CDAs and that this Public Hearing be held before the end of the current term of the Legislative Council.

The public has serious objections to each of these Urban Renewal Authority development proposals – as seen by 2,000 supporting an alternative proposal to H18 and 1,500 objecting to URA's H19 proposal being sent during the recent Town Planning Board public comment periods to discuss each respective planning application.

We believe that a Public Hearing be urgently held as these two CDA proposals need immediate discussion by the Legislative Council. Waiting until after the Legislative Council elections – or, as some may argue, the start of the (still-to-be finalized) Urban Renewal Strategy, is just too late.

We humbly request that the Development Panel consider our request to call an urgent Public Hearing for your Panel to consider submissions from the public.

Yours faithfully

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Convenors for the Central & Western Concern Group