

For information

Legislative Council Panel on Home Affairs
Local Open Space in Area 25, Fanling/Sheung Shui

Purpose

This paper informs Members of a proposed capital works project (the Project) to construct a skateboarding ground and a BMX cycling ground in Area 25, Fanling/Sheung Shui in the North District that we plan to submit to the Public Works Subcommittee (PWSC) for consideration at its meeting on 20 May 2009. 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 identified as one of the 21 Leisure and Cultural Services projects committed for further planning and has the support of the Home Affairs Bureau.

Location of the Project Sites

3. The two project sites are located in the On Lok Tsuen Industrial Area as follows:

a) Skateboarding Ground

The project site, with a total area of about 0.22 hectare, is located at On Lok Mun Street and On Kui Street. It is currently being used as a temporary public car park under a short term tenancy and would be made available for permanent development; and

b) BMX Cycling Ground

The project site, with a total area of about 0.17 hectare, is located at On Fuk Street. It is currently being used temporarily for concrete production under a short term tenancy and would be made available for permanent development.

The conceptual layouts of the project together with the location plans are at **Enclosure 1** and **Enclosure 2** respectively.

Project Scope

4. The proposed scope of the Project comprises:

- a) Skateboarding Ground
 - (i) a skateboarding ground for users with different level of skills;
 - (ii) an open piazza;
 - (iii) landscaped and sitting-out facilities;
 - (iv) ancillary facilities including service block, store room, etc.;and

- b) BMX Cycling Ground
 - (i) a BMX cycling ground;
 - (ii) landscaped and sitting-out facilities; and
 - (iii) ancillary facilities including service block, store room, etc.

Justifications

5. The North District currently has a population of about 294,200 which is expected to increase by about 8.4% to 318,900 by 2016. As a reference, the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines (HKPSG) suggests a provision of about 63.78 hectares of public open space for the projected population in 2016. At present, there are about 70.03 hectares of public open space (including 42.53 and 27.50 hectares of public open space managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department and the Housing Department respectively) provided in the district.

6. Although the existing provision of public open space in the district generally exceeds the suggested provision in the HKPSG, there is no skateboarding

facility and only one BMX cycling ground (in Pak Wo Road Playground) is available in the district. The North District Council has strongly requested the provision of more active and innovative recreational facilities, in particular skateboarding and BMX cycling, for the youth in the district in the light of the growing demands for skateboarding and BMX cycling facilities in the district in the past few years. There are some 10 secondary and primary schools in the vicinity. It is expected that the Project will be highly welcomed and become a very popular recreational facility for the local residents, especially the teenagers of the district.

Project Estimate and Implementation Plan

7. The estimated cost of the Project is about \$50 million in September 2008 prices.

8. Subject to funding approval by the Finance Committee, construction is expected to commence in January 2010 for completion in January 2012.

Public Consultation

9. We consulted the Recreation and Culture Committee of the North District Council on the scope of the Project on 5 January 2006. Members supported the Project and looked forward to its early implementation.

10. We consulted the District Facilities Management Committee of the North District Council on the conceptual layouts of the Project on 15 January 2009. Members supported the Project and urged for its early implementation.

Way Forward

11. We intend to submit the Project to the PWSC of the Finance Committee for consideration at its meeting on 20 May 2009.

Advice Sought

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

Home Affairs Bureau

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位置圖 LOCATION PLAN
比例 SCALE 1:4000

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