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Clerk to Public Works Subcommittee
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(Attn: Mr. Derek LO)

Dear Mr. LO,

**Public Works Subcommittee (PWSC)
Follow-up to meeting on 8 February 2012**

**Item 3 - PWSC(2011-12)47
16QW - Revitalisation Scheme - Revitalisation of
the Blue House Cluster into Viva Blue House (“the Project”)**

We refer to our letter dated 10 February 2012 on the captioned subject and your letter dated 16 February 2012 on follow-up to the PWSC meeting of 8 February 2012, and would like to provide a follow-up letter from the selected non-profit-making organization for the revitalisation of the Blue House Cluster (i.e. St. James' Settlement's (“SJS”)) dated 1 March 2012 for your record purpose. According to SJS's letter, SJS has provided further explanation to Hon. Albert CHAN about the provision of barrier free access in the Blue House Cluster through a partner of SJS for the Project, and that Hon. Albert CHAN has expressed his kind support and understanding.

Through the follow-up actions taken by the Development Bureau and SJS, we believe that Members' concern on the provision of barrier free access in the Project has

been fully addressed.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alice PANG' with a stylized flourish at the end.

(Ms. Alice PANG)
for Secretary for Development

cc:
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Ms. PANG,

Public Works Subcommittee (PWSC)
Follow-up to meeting on 8 February 2012

Item 3 – PWSC(2011-12)47
16QW – Revitalisation Scheme - Revitalisation of
the Blue House Cluster into Viva Blue House

In relation to the question raised by Hon Albert CHAN on the provision of barrier free access in project 16 QW "Revitalisation of the Blue House Cluster into Viva Blue House" ("the Project") at the captioned meeting, and the follow-up letter dated 10 February 2012 from Development Bureau to Clerk to Public Works Subcommittee ("PWSC"), St. James' Settlement ("SJS") has informally checked with the Equal Opportunities Commission ("EOC"). EOC's view is that, if the design has taken into account the current statutory requirements and is monitored by building control mechanism under the Buildings Ordinance, EOC will normally accept the design in the aspect of barrier free access.

SJS has already contacted Hon Albert CHAN through Ms. Mirana SZETO of Community Culture Concern, one of the partners of the Project. Ms. SZETO has explained to Hon Albert CHAN the reasons why not all units in the Project will have barrier free access, including the principle of minimal intervention in heritage conservation, and the technical difficulties due to site constraints. Ms. SZETO has also explained to Hon Albert CHAN about the advice sought from the EOC. In this connection, Hon Albert CHAN has expressed his kind support and understanding to

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Ms SZETO's explanation. He also agreed to have the project implemented as soon as possible so as to improve the living quality of the residents.

The follow-up to the PWSC meeting is reported as above to your office. We hope that you could pass this letter to the Chairman and Secretary of PWSC, so that the funding application for the project could be approved by the Legislative Council Finance Committee with the general support of PWSC Members.

Should you have any query, please feel free to contact the undersigned at 2835 4350, thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Michael LAI
Chief Executive Officer

c.c.: Hon Albert CHAN (Public Works Subcommittee)
Ms. Mirana CHAN (Community Culture Concern)

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