

Public Engagement Digest
'Enhancing Land Supply Strategy'
4/F Civil Engineering and Development Building,
101 Princess Margaret Road, Homantin,
Kowloon

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Re: Hong Kong Land Supply Strategy

Dear Sirs/Madams,

The French Chamber wishes to voice its strong interest in relation to the Government's Land Supply Strategy to resolve and adequately address what the land supply issues the Government has identified over the next 25 years, namely the projected population growth, economic development to maintain the position, role and influence of Hong Kong in the region, and the preservation of quality of life in the City.

Members of the French Chamber do appreciate that the resolution of the land supply issues cannot rest solely on the implementation of one single option, be it rezoning, redevelopment, land resumption, re-use of ex-quarry sites, rock cavern development and reclamation. In respect of this last option which invariably attracts criticism and close scrutiny, not least for its actual and potential effects on environment, the French Chamber takes the view that although the Government's reclamation projects should not be ruled out entirely, these should be:

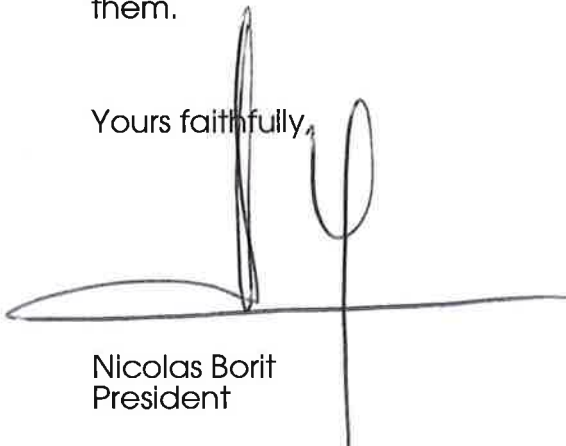
- considered, not as a priority, but as a complement to all other options earmarked by Government;
- gradually implemented in conjunction with and by reference to the implementation of all other options;
- subjected to the consideration of the public and all concerned groups;

- selected on the basis of their limited overall impact and, if applicable, their benefit to environment;
- implemented in accordance with the relevant legislation as it currently stand; and
- be preferably ancillary to the implementation of other options such as rezoning.

The French Chamber recommends that Government continue, with the benefit of the views of all concerned groups that represent the population of Hong Kong, to explore and refine all options it has earmarked to date. In particular, redevelopment of a number of zones including but not limited to, the fringe of land between New Territories and the Shenzhen boundary, areas in the Western part of New Territories and Lantau Island. There may also be further options which Government may wish to consider, such as changes to OZP in certain parts of the New Territories and outlying islands.

The French Chamber fully shares Governments' land supply concerns for the next generation and supports Government's thinking and strategy to address them.

Yours faithfully,



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President