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The HKILA supports the "Enhancing Land Supply Strategy" in principle proposed by the government for the sustainable development of Hong Kong's population, economy, and quality of life. However, in taking on the further feasibility studies and detailed development of this strategy, the following measures relating to the quality of our living environment should be adopted as part of the strategy:

1. To undertake comprehensive environmental impact assessments on any arising environmental impacts on the targeted areas, and advocate the importance of environmental mitigation and improvement measures for the protection and preservation of our quality living;
2. High priority should be given to the mitigation and improvement measures for any adverse environmental effects/impacts on these sites in the early planning stage to ensure they can be realized later on;
3. Pleasant forms and innovative designs should be the integral part of the new land development strategy to create physically attractive, environmentally friendly and sustainable developments for future users, and to foster the coexistence of both human occupation and natural habitats;
4. Good coordination of architectural, engineering, landscape architectural and site planning issues of the existing or planned landuses, transport, utilities layout, urban greening, landscape open spaces, and other communal facilities should be provided to ascertain the harmonious implementation of the proposed developments; and finally,
5. In parallel, to set new policies and measures to improve the living environment of the existing overcrowded urban environment.