#### For Information

# Legislative Council Panel on Home Affairs Open space at Hing Wah Street West, Sham Shui Po

#### Purpose

This paper briefs Members on a proposed open space project at Hing Wah Street West, Sham Shui Po, for which the Administration plans to seek support from the Public Works Subcommittee (PWSC) and funding approval from the Finance Committee (FC) in this legislative year.

## **Location of the Project Site**

2. The project site occupies an area of about 0.8 hectare (ha) at the junction of Hing Wah Street West and Tung Chau Street, Sham Shui Po (SSP). It is zoned "open space" on the approved South West Kowloon Outline Zoning Plan No. S/K20/30. The layout plan and artist's impression of the proposed development are at Enclosures 1 and 2.

# **Project Scope**

- 3. The proposed project scope includes
  - (a) a garden with soft landscaping and seating areas;
  - (b) an area with fitness stations for the elderly;
  - (c) a children's play area with a designated area for tricycling;
  - (d) a pet garden;
  - (e) a 7-a-side artificial turf football pitch; and
  - (f) a service block with ancillary facilities including toilets, changing rooms, a baby-care room, a management office and a store room.

#### Justification

4. The area around the project site has several public and private housing estates including Hoi Lai Estate, Aqua Marine, Banyan Garden, Liberte and The Pacifica with a total population of about 40 000. The only public open space in the immediate vicinity is a small area of about 0.15 ha. The proposed project will provide a recreational and leisure venue with specific facilities that benefit a wide cross-section of the community.

5. In addition to providing a garden with seating areas and a children's play area for public relaxation, the project will also provide fitness stations for the elderly to facilitate older people in maintaining an active lifestyle. The provision of a 7-a-side football pitch will appeal to younger members of the community and will support the development of district-level football training and competitions. The proposed inclusion of a pet garden in the project is consistent with our commitment to make available more amenities to cater for the needs of pet lovers, and is also a response to requests from members of the Sham Shui Po District Council (SSPDC) for additional pet gardens in the district.

# **Project Estimate and Implementation Plan**

6. The estimated cost of the proposed project is about \$122 million in money-of-the-day prices. Subject to FC's approval, the target commencement and completion dates of the project are the first quarter of 2016 and the third quarter of 2017 respectively.

# **Public Consultation**

7. We consulted the Community Affairs Committee (CAC) of the SSPDC on the proposed project scope and the conceptual layout in May 2009 and March 2011 respectively. We have kept the District Facilities Committee (DFC) of the SSPDC updated of the project progress, and the most recent update was given in November 2014. Both the CAC and DFC support the project and have urged for its early implementation.

## **Way Forward**

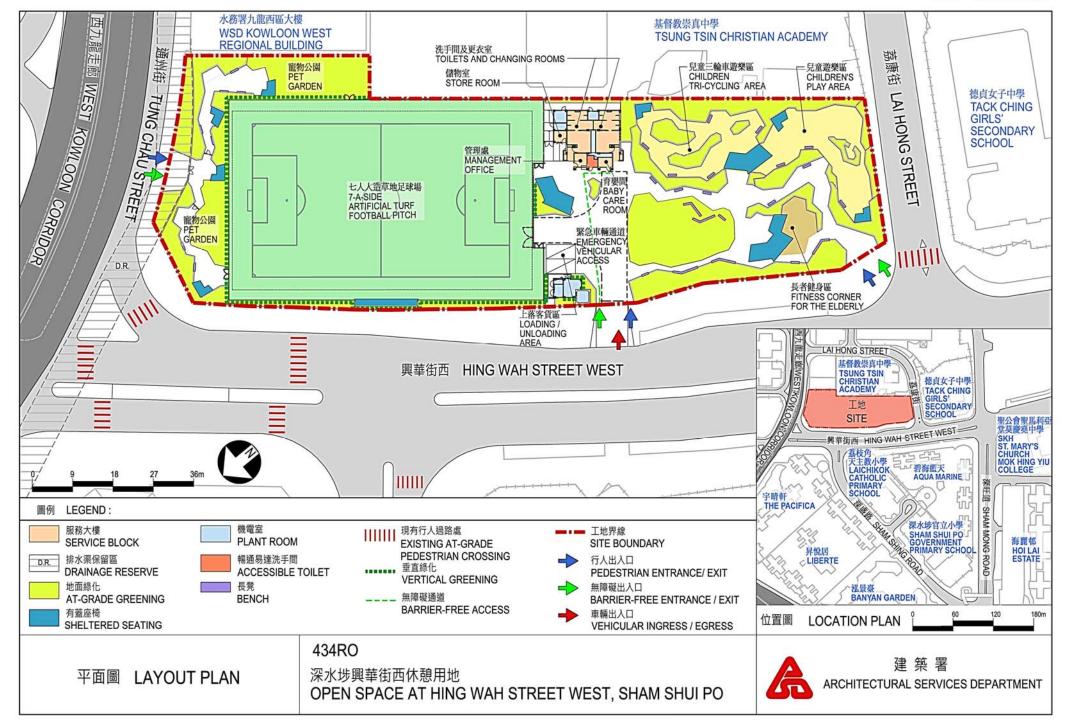
8. Subject to members' views, we plan to seek support from the PWSC and funding approval from the FC.

# **Advice Sought**

9. Members are invited to support the proposed project and note our intention to seek funding approval for the project. If Members wish to discuss issues related to the project, we will arrange with the Secretariat for discussion at the Panel meeting in May 2015 before we submit the proposal to the PWSC.

Home Affairs Bureau April 2015

#### 附件1 ENCLOSURE 1





PERSPECTIVE VIEW FROM NORTHERN DIRECTION (ARTIST'S IMPRESSION)

深水埗興華街西休憩用地 OPEN SPACE AT HING WAH STREET WEST, SHAM SHUI PO

