LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PANEL ON DEVELOPMENT

417RO – Improvement works at Tai O

Follow-up Actions to Meeting on 26 April 2016

Supplementary information as required by the Panel on 26 April 2016 is provided below:

(a) The scope of each phase of the entire project on "improvement works at Tai *O*".

The "Improvement Works at Tai O" project is being implemented in phases. A drawing showing the scope of different phases of "Improvement works at Tai O" is in **Annex A**.

Phase 1 of the project comprised mainly the construction of a riverwall at Yat Chung and the associated drainage and sewerage improvement works for alleviating the flooding risk at Tai O. It also included the upgrading of the temple garden in front of Kwan Tai Temple, and improvement to the signage within the inner-core area of Tai O. Construction works started in August 2010 and were completed in March 2013.

Phase 2 Stage 1 of the project, which was the subject of the funding application considered by the Panel on 26 April 2016, aims to improve the local facilities to enhance traffic and pedestrian circulation and provide additional parking spaces at Tai O. It includes the construction of a public open space, a public transport terminus, a public car park for private cars, a loading and unloading area, a cycle parking area, provision of on-street parking spaces for coaches and goods vehicles, and associated roadworks, landscaping and ancillary works.

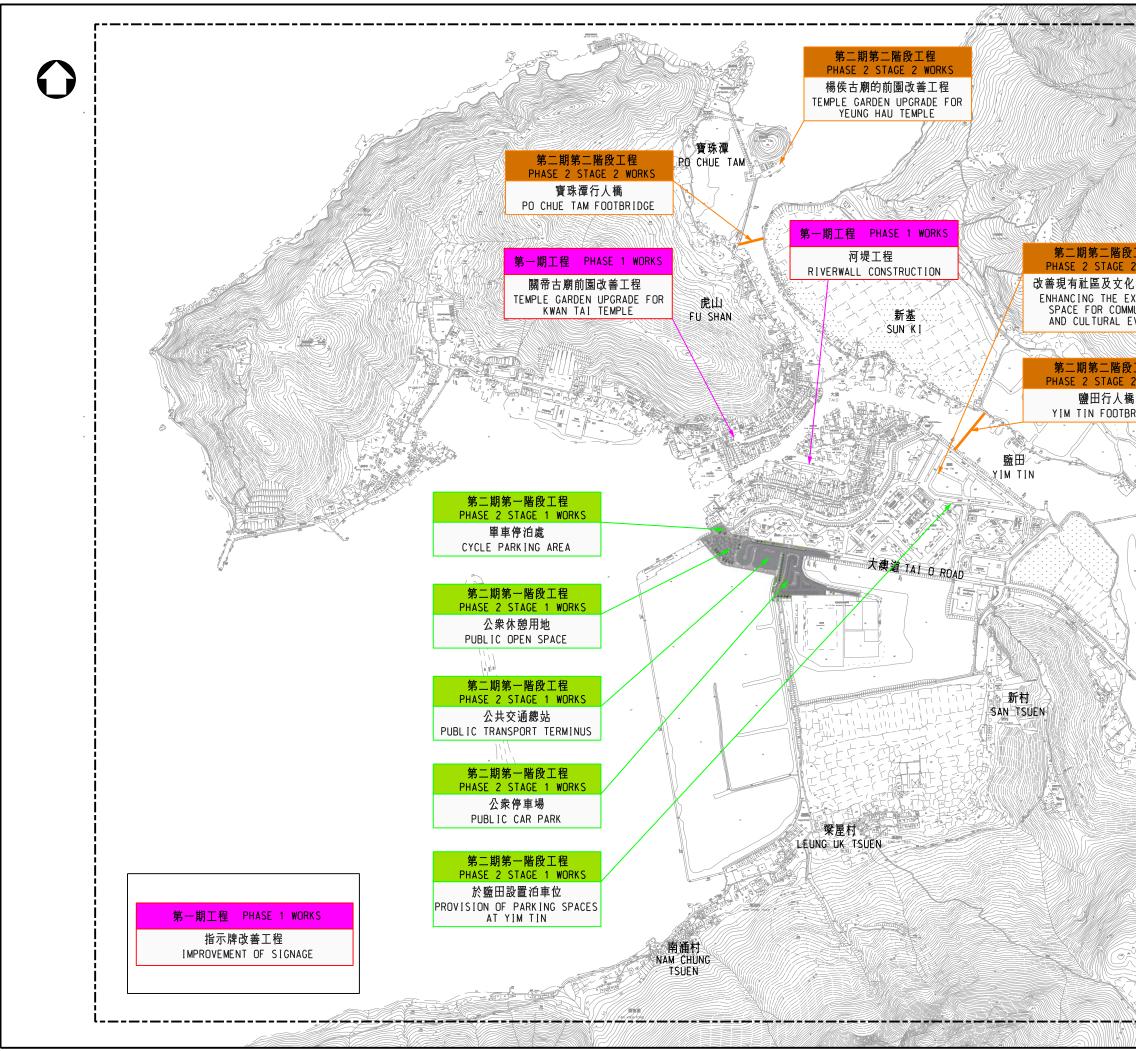
Phase 2 Stage 2 of the project which is under detailed design aims to improve local connectivity and facilities for preserving the heritage of Tai O. It includes the construction of two footbridges at Po Chue Tam and Yim Tin, enhancement of the existing temple garden for Yeung Hau Temple and the existing space for community and cultural events at Yim Tin.

The remaining phase of the project aiming to improve local facilities for preserving the heritage and facilitating visitors' appreciation of the natural attributes of Tai O is still under planning. It will mainly include improvement of existing streetscape within Tai O inner-core area, signage, inner loop heritage trail, the existing jetties etc. and are subject to the further study.

(b) The current situation and the cause of illegal parking of private cars at Tai O and how the proposed construction of a public car park would solve the problem of illegal parking.

There are currently a total of 98 private car parking spaces at several locations at Tai O. According to Transport Department's latest car parking surveys, while there are vacant private car parking spaces available at some locations, illegal parking is still observed at the car park near the bus terminus at the western end of Tai O Road. Such phenomenon indicates that there is a higher demand for car parking spaces at the western end of Tai O Road, perhaps due to convenience. The proposed works will increase the number of parking spaces for private cars from 49 to around 100 at the western end of Tai O Road which will be adequate to meet the prevailing demand of parking spaces, and therefore would solve the illegal parking problem there.

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