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Dear Dr Hon CHIANG,

Planning and Enhancement of Kowloon West

Thank you for raising the issues of (a) Planning of Kowloon West (Item 13) and (b) Enhancement and beautification for streets in Kowloon West (Item 14) that you suggested for discussion at the Panel on Development (the Panel) at its meetings on 16 October 2012 and 10 October 2013.

As suggested by the Chairman of the Panel, my colleagues from the Development Bureau together with subject officers of the Planning Department (PlanD) and the Highways Department (HyD) met with you and District Councillors Messrs PUN Kwok Wah, NG Po Keung and CHAN Wai Ming on 24 February 2015 to exchange views on the issues concerning Kowloon West. We also informed the Panel of the Government's follow-up in our letter to the Clerk to the Panel on 13 April 2015. After further consultation with relevant departments, this consolidated reply further supplements on the actions to be taken by the Government (a) to improve the planning of Kowloon West, particularly on the ancillary facilities; and (b) to enhance and beautify the streets in Kowloon West.

Planning of Kowloon West

As mentioned in our letter of 13 April 2015, the relevant Outline Zoning Plans of Kowloon West provides a comprehensive planning framework for the area, including the provision of community facilities and open space. We also note the various local issues in Kowloon West raised by you and the DC Members at the meeting on 24 February 2015, including the suggestions to increase car parking provision, to provide culture/heritage trail and cycle track, to extend the waterfront promenade in Kowloon City, and to increase the provision of Government, Institution and Community facilities in Sham Shui The Government will take these into consideration in our on-going Po. relevant district planning works.

Enhancement and Beautification of Streets in Kowloon West

As stated in our letter of 13 April 2015, relevant departments will continue to improve the street environment through quality greening and landscaping work in accordance with the established mechanism and guidelines. For instance, as advised by HyD, when a new project is to be implemented on a public road, certain part of the street/road adjacent to the project may also be enhanced. Should opportunities arise for the replacement of dilapidated/damaged pavers on HyD's footway/pedestrians walkways, HyD would also improve the paving design wherever possible in order to beautify and enhance the streetscape. Moreover, the Advisory Committee on the Appearance of Bridges and Associated Structures of HyD would review and advise on the visual merit, general amenity value and related environmental considerations of all proposals to construct bridges and associated structures over, under, on or adjacent to the public roads.

District planning could only be a success with local inputs and supports, and we appreciate your views and suggestions at various forums and at the meeting with us and PlanD. Should you have further views and suggestions on Kowloon West planning, please feel free to contact the Tsuen Wan and West Kowloon District Planning Office.

Yours sincerely,

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