

For information

Finance Committee

Follow-up Actions to the Meeting held on 2 March 2018

The Government's responses to the information requested by Members are as follows –

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- (a) the current ratio of the use of manufacturing to warehousing of the space in the Industrial Estates (*Requested by Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan; meeting time: 14:42:41*)**

According to the admission criteria of Industrial Estates (IEs), tenants cannot use their leased land in the IEs mainly as warehouse. At present, the IEs in Tai Po, Yuen Long and Tseung Kwan O accommodate a total of more than 160 companies, most of which have ancillary warehouses for storage of end-products or raw materials for production. As the demand of tenants varies from time to time, there is no fixed ratio of the use of manufacturing to warehousing in the IEs.

- (b) describe/tabulate the distribution and size of brownfield sites identified by the Government and the problems involved in the resumption/development of each of these sites (*Requested by Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki and Hon Jeremy TAM Man-ho; meeting time: 14:54:17 and 15:04:51 respectively*)**

[Note: The Government has indicated that the location profile could be shown on a map, but such information as the size and exact address would not be available until the completion of the study conducted by the Planning Department]

For the challenges in developing brownfield sites and their broad distribution, please refer to Task Force on Land Supply Paper No. 5/2017 – Brownfield Sites (https://www.devb.gov.hk/filemanager/en/content_1054/Paper_05_2_017.pdf).

(c) (i) **tabulate the information about the land planned for the use of open spaces but left idle for many years, including the location of such land, the periods left idle (five years, ten years, and 20 years) and the results of the follow-up actions taken by relevant departments (*Requested by Hon Alvin YEUNG; meeting time: 15:21:26*)**

(ii) tabulate the information about the land planned for “Government, Institution or Community” use but left idle, including Government’s timetable for implementing the proposed development of such land (*Requested by Hon Holden CHOW Ho-ding; meeting time: 16:08:33*)

The designation of “Government, Institution or Community” (“G/IC”) zones on statutory outline zoning plans (OZPs) serves to reflect the existing G/IC uses and reserve land for future provision of G/IC facilities. The intention of designating “Open Space” (“O”) zone on the OZPs is to provide outdoor open-air public space for active and/or passive recreational uses serving the needs of local residents and tourists. In general, the policy bureaux/departments concerned will determine the schedules for developing such facilities having regard to the demand for such facilities; the demographic changes within the district; the funding resources required for construction and operation as well as their priorities.

The Government strives to optimise land resources through continued efforts in land use planning, allocation and management. If certain sites may not be developed within a short time frame due to factors such as technical assessments, statutory procedures, land resumption and clearance or infrastructure works, there is an established mechanism to put these sites to appropriate short-term or temporary use if possible.

The Lands Department (LandsD) regularly provides relevant District Councils, District Offices and District Social Welfare Offices with information of vacant sites for which non-governmental organisations (NGOs) may apply to achieve temporary greening or other community use. LandsD also makes the information available in the relevant District Lands Offices (DLOs) for public inspection

free of charge. Since March 2017, information of vacant school premises (VSPs) assessed by relevant DLOs as being suitable for application for short-term use by NGOs has been published on LandsD's website, including VSPs assessed by the Planning Department as suitable for G/IC use. Moreover, since 28 November 2017, LandsD publishes on its website the aforementioned information of vacant government sites suitable for greening or community use to facilitate application by NGOs.

As at March 2018, there are 873 sites (including VSPs) for application for greening or community use. Among these temporary vacant sites available for application, as per their planned uses shown on the statutory plans, 91 sites have the majority of the site area zoned for G/IC use, and 80 sites zoned for O use.

- (d) the improvement measures of consulting people directly affected in the process of planning development projects after the creation of the proposed permanent Chief Town Planner (Requested by Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung; meeting time: 15:57:28)**

In preparing for development/planning studies and land use reviews, the Government will work out the public consultation arrangements for collecting views from the public and affected parties, taking into account factors such as the planning objectives, study area, land uses, scale and implementation programme of the projects. Depending on the scope and circumstances of the relevant studies/land use reviews, public consultation may be carried out in different forms and channels, including public forums, community workshops, briefing sessions and collection of written submissions. We may consult relevant representative and consultative bodies, such as the Legislative Council, District Councils, Heung Yee Kuk, Rural Committees, Area Committees, etc., as appropriate. Relevant information on land use planning will be disclosed to the public during the process.

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