

NOTE FOR PUBLIC WORKS SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Supplementary information on 269EP - Three primary schools at Po Kong Village Road, Kowloon

INTRODUCTION

When Members considered paper PWSC(1999-2000)58 on **269EP** - Three primary schools at Po Kong Village Road, Kowloon at the PWSC meeting on 20 October 1999, the Administration undertook to consider the feasibility of applying the idea of shared facilities, such as providing a common football field for the schools concerned. The Administration also undertook to provide information on the adequacy of the planned traffic network to meet the traffic demand of the proposed schools and the nearby land uses.

THE ADMINISTRATION'S RESPONSE

2. We propose to re-arrange the three primary schools, together with a secondary school and a private independent school (PIS) to be constructed later, in the site concerned in such a manner to allow sharing of common facilities. A list of facilities to be shared is at Enclosure 1. Under the revised proposal, the five schools, i.e. the three primary schools proposed under **269EP**, a secondary school (which will be the subject of a separate PWSC submission in due course) and a PIS, will be located around a central landscaped recreational area comprising an athletics track and a football field with seating for spectators. Site plans showing the original layout and the revised locations of these schools are at, respectively, Enclosures 2 and 3. The facilities provided in the central area will be shared among the four public sector schools (i.e. the three primary schools and the secondary school). Apart from football games, the area can be used for other sport activities such as basketball and handball competitions, as well as social events such as school fairs and concerts. In addition to this central area, two basketball courts (located between the proposed secondary school and the proposed primary school (3)) will also be shared among the schools. Furthermore, there will be a car and bus/coach parking area, which is located close to the main entrance of the site, for these four schools to permit vehicle/pedestrian segregation within the school campus. To

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ensure smooth sharing of facilities, a management committee comprising representatives from the three primary schools and the secondary school will be formed for the day-to-day management and maintenance of the shared facilities.

3. The four schools will adopt the standard designs. Each school will have its own open playground, including two basketball courts, one each on the ground level and the roof respectively. Detailed facilities provided for each of these schools are shown in Enclosure 4.

4. We will encourage the three primary schools and the secondary school to allow the PIS to use the central area. We will also encourage the PIS to permit these four schools to use its facilities.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5. Implementation of the revised proposal, including the construction of shared facilities, will entail an additional \$8 million in capital expenditure in December 1998 prices. The Administration will try as much as possible to accommodate the additional cost from within the amount sought in PWSC(1999-2000)58 for **269EP**, i.e. \$362.3 million in money-of-the-day prices, primarily by drawing down on the contingency provision for the project. If it turns out that the extra costs under the revised proposal cannot be absorbed within the approved project estimate for **269EP**, we will seek additional funding approval from the Finance Committee.

6. The shared facilities will incur an annually recurrent expenditure of about \$300,000. We will grant the necessary provisions to the management committee mentioned in paragraph 2 above.

COMPLETION DATE

7. Under the revised proposal, the completion date for the three primary schools and the secondary school will be May 2002. While the completion of the secondary school will be on schedule, the construction programme of the three primary schools will be delayed for ten months when compared with our original proposal. The delay is mainly due to the lead time required for the preparation of detailed drawings, resubmission of the revised plans to Government departments and utilities companies for approval, preparation of tender documents etc.

TRAFFIC IMPACT

8. Under our revised proposal, a large portion of the originally proposed L3 Road (see Enclosures 2 and 3) will be integrated into the school campus as Emergency Vehicular Access. Transport Department confirmed that the revised layout will not give rise to adverse traffic impact. In addition, it raised no adverse comments on the adequacy of the planned traffic network to meet the traffic demand of the proposed schools.

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List of shared facilities in Po Kong Village Road School Site

1. Football field with spectator stand
2. Athletics track
3. Two basketball courts
4. Central carpark

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Each primary school of **269EP** will have the following facilities -

- (a) 30 classrooms;
- (b) six special rooms, including a computer-assisted learning room and a language room;
- (c) four remedial teaching rooms;
- (d) a guidance activity/interview room;
- (e) two interview rooms;
- (f) two staff rooms and a staff common room;
- (g) a student activity centre;
- (h) a conference room;
- (i) a library;
- (j) an assembly hall (which, together with the roof of the hall block, can also be used for a wide range of physical activities such as badminton, gymnastics and table-tennis);
- (k) a multi-purpose area;
- (l) two basketball courts (one on ground level and one on the rooftop of the assembly hall block); and
- (m) ancillary accommodation including a lift and relevant facilities for the handicapped.

2. The secondary school under planning at Po Kong Village Road will have the following facilities -

- (a) 30 classrooms;

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- (b) six special rooms, including a computer-assisted learning room and a language room;
- (c) three remedial teaching rooms;
- (d) a guidance activity/interview room;
- (e) two interview rooms;
- (f) two staff rooms and a staff common room;
- (g) a student activity centre;
- (h) a conference room;
- (i) a library;
- (j) an assembly hall (which, together with the roof of the hall block, can also be used for a wide range of physical activities such as badminton, gymnastics and table-tennis);
- (k) a multi-purpose area;
- (l) two basketball courts (one on ground level and one on the rooftop of the assembly hall block); and
- (m) ancillary accommodation including a lift and relevant facilities for the handicapped.