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23 March 2000

Clerk to Bills Committee
Legislative Council
Legislative Council Building
8 Jackson Road
Central
Hong Kong

(Attn: Ms. Sarah Yuen)

Dear Ms. Yuen,

Bills Committee on Town Planning Bill
Meeting on 28 March 2000

I refer to your letters of 2.3.2000 and 16.3.2000.

On 10.3.2000, Members of the Town Planning Board (the Board) were consulted on the provisions of the Town Planning Bill and were informed of the invitation from the Bills Committee for the Committee meeting on 28.3.2000.

In general, the Board warmly supported the provisions of the Town Planning Bill with regard to its objectives to streamline the statutory planning procedures, to encourage public participation in and to increase openness and transparency of the planning process. However, given the complexity of the Bill, it has not been possible for the Board to have an in depth deliberation on each and every clause and to form a collective view on each and every provision of the Bill. The Board thus decided that it was not in a position to appoint a delegation in the Board's name to attend the Committee meeting and to make a formal submission to the Bills Committee on the Board's behalf.

Notwithstanding, five senior Members of the Board are happy to attend the Bills Committee meeting in their personal capacity and to exchange views with the Committee based on their experience. As requested, the names of the five Members who will attend the Bills Committee meeting on 28.3.2000 are provided in the attached slip for your reference.

Should you have any queries on the above, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,

(Miss Ophelia Y.S. Wong)
for Secretary, Town Planning Board