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Legislative Council
Secretariat for Panel on Home Affairs
8 Jackson Road
Hong Kong
(Attn: Miss Flora Tai)

Dear

**LegCo Panel on Home Affairs
List of follow-up actions**

I refer to your letter dated 3 January 2000 enclosing a “list of follow-up actions”.

In respect of item 2, please note that according to DO(KT), the meetings held with relevant departments were meant to be informal and records therefore were not kept for all of them. For the three with records available (17 Oct 1996, 23 Sept 1998 and 20 May 1999), their minutes of the meeting are now attached for your follow up action.

Yours faithfully,

(Ricky LEUNG)
for Secretary for Home Affairs

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**Interdepartmental Meeting regarding the
illegal structure at Kai Yan Street
Brief Notes of Discussion**

Date : 20.5.99 (Thursday)

Time : 3:00 p.m.

Venue : Room 302, KTDO, 6 Tung Yan Street, Kwun Tong

Present

Miss Kinnie WONG (convener)	ADO(KT), HAD
Mr. F.S. CHEUNG	CHI(KT), USD
Mr. H.L. KWOK	DVC NTK(Atg.), HKP
Mr. D. WONG	AHM(SCK), HD
Mr. Y.M. CHEUNG	AIOW/SD1, HyD
Mr. R. TSANG	Prin. Estate Offr./KE, DLO(KE)
Mr. H.S. CHAN	Sr. Estate Offr. (C/KT), DLO(KE)
Ms. Alison KUNG (Secretary)	SEO(DM)/KT, HAD

Points of Discussion

I. Existing conditions of the illegal structure

- continued to be used as command post of the Richland Gardens' protesters

- banners are found erected around the health care centre and at the nearby railings
- hawkers are attracted to the location and cause obstruction

II. Comments of departments

HKP

- as the out-patient department at the centre is scheduled to be commissioned on 26.5.99 and the other sections of the centre will commence operation within June, the protesters' sentiment would be stirred up during this period
- the earliest time suitable for taking demolition action is in July

DLO(KE)

- the whole illegal structure is on Government land
- the demolition action should be conducted in the form of joint operation and thus suggest that Clearance/KIn&SK(1) should participate as well
- Clearance/KIn&SK(1) of HD has more manpower resources than their contractor and the former's role is to render the structure uninhabitable during the operation
- the banners around the structure should also be removed in the operation
- they would post demolition order prior to the operation and arrange a contractor to remove the junks after demolishing the structure
- the management office of Richland Gardens and CLP should be notified to disconnect the power supply to the structure beforehand
- they would carry out grass cutting on the vacant land adjacent to

Richland Gardens in June

- they suggest placing planters or developing road side amenity facilities to prevent reconstruction of the illegal structure

KTDO

- the commissioning of the centre will likely provoke the protesters' antagonistic reaction
- in view of the forthcoming DB election by the end of this year, the potential candidates will make use of this issue to fulfill political objectives
- the above factors should be considered in deciding the timing for action

USD

- USD is empowered to remove the banners on the street but because of the extraordinary reactions of the angry residents of Richland Gardens, it is advisable to follow the established guidelines as contained in the 'Note for ExCo' in 1996 that DMC to coordinate joint departmental actions to remove the illegal structure and the banners in its vicinity at the same time in this case
- the suggested appropriate time for the joint departmental actions on the day of operation is from 1130 to 1230 hours
- the building management of the Centre should assume maintenance and cleansing responsibility of the building, including clearance of unauthorized banners on the building, and should be required to participate in the joint departmental actions on the day of operation
- experience tells that placing planters at the site may not be able to help prevent recurrence of the illegal structure in question but may also lead to other problems, such as accumulation of rubbish and rodent infestation

HyD

- would re-instate the pavement surface if it is damaged upon the removal of the structure

SC/Kln, HD

- would provide manpower to assist DLO(KE) in rendering the illegal structure uninhabitable and arranging accommodation in the Transit Centre for homeless persons thus incurred

III. Conclusion and follow-up action

It was agreed that demolition action should be taken as the structure occupied Government land illegally and caused obstruction. However, in view of the impending commissioning of the centre and the forthcoming DB election, the situation has to be re-assessed before a suitable timing for action can be determined. The concerned departments would meet again in due course to review the issue.

**Interdepartmental Meeting regarding the
illegal structure at Kai Yan Street
Brief Notes of Discussion**

Date: 23.9.98 (Wed.)

Time : 3:00 p.m.

Venue : Room 302, KTDO, 6 Tung Yan Street, Kwun Tong

Present

Miss Kinnie WONG (Convener)	ADO(KT), HAD
Mr. H.Y. WONG	SHI(Cleansing)/KT, USD
Mr. K.Y. CHEUNG	SIP(OC/Task Force), HKPF
Mr. T.C. WONG	AHM(SC/Kln), HD
Mr. T.K. LUI	AIOW(D9), HyD
Mr. H.S. CHAN	Sr. Est. Offr (C)/KT, DLO/KE
Mr. Edward TANG	SLO(KT), HAD
Ms. Alison KUNG	SEO(DM)/KT, HAD

Points of Discussion

I. Existing conditions of the illegal structure

- continued to be used as an assembly point of the Richland Gardens' protesters
- electricity supply is connected to the structure
- banners are found erected at the railings nearby

II. Proposed actions

- to prevent prolonged confrontation and rebuilding of the structure, its demolition may be scheduled nearer the time when the Centre is expected to commence operation in March 99
- meanwhile, KTDO will sound out to the residents the illegality of the structure and persuade them to demolish it themselves

III. Suggested role of the concerned departments during the demolition operation

HKPF -	monitor the situation on site and provide assistance to the other departments
DLO/KE-	arrange a contractor to remove the junks after demolition of the structure
SC(KIn)/HD -	provide accommodation for any person who claims homeless
Clearance (KIn & SK)/HD -	will be requested to post demolition notice beforehand and demolish the structure on the day of operation
USD -	wash down the street after the junks are removed
HyD -	reinstate the pavement surface if required

IV. Further Meeting

The next meeting is expected to be held at the end of 1998 to review the situation and to confirm the operation plan.

**Notes of the Interdepartmental Meeting
regarding the Joint Operation on the
Illegal Structure at Kai Yan Street in Kowloon Bay
held at 10:00 a.m. on 17.10.1996 in the
Conference Room of Kwun Tong District Office**

PRESENT:

Mrs. Avia LAI (Chairman)	ADO(KT)	HAD
Mr. H.F. CHUNG	DVC/NTK DIV	RHKPF
Mr. C.M. HO	SIP/NTK DIV	PHKPF
Mr. K.M. CHOW	AHM (LC 3)/KLN	HD
Mr. M.L. WONG	Sr. Est. Offr. (C)/KT	DLO/KE
Mr. S.T. LEE	Engr. D6	HyD
Mr. H.Y. WONG	SHI (Cleansing)/KT	USD
Ms. Alison KUNG (Secretary)	SEO (DM)/KT	HAD

I. INTRODUCTION

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting. She then briefly outlined the complaint about the illegal structure and the purpose of the meeting.

II. DETAILS OF DISCUSSION

Existing conditions of the illegal structure

It is believed that the structure was constructed by the Richland Garden protesters to serve as their command post as well as resting place. Though it was built with flimsy material, a lot of furniture and electrical appliances such as TV, microwave oven and refrigerator were placed inside. Numerous articles were also put along Kai Yan Street adjacent to the structure.

Suggested actions against the illegal structure

2. It was agreed that demolition action should be taken as it occupied Government land illegally and caused obstruction. However, the Police pointed out that the release of the related COMAC's report later this week would stir up the protesters' sentiment, and advised that the demolition action should be taken at least two weeks' later.

Role of various departments in the operation

KTDO

3. KTDO would act as co-ordinator of the operation. After DLO and USD had posted notices at the site, KTDO would liaise with the convenor of the Concern Group and advise them to remove any valuable items.

RHKPF

4. Police officers would be deployed on the clearance day to cordon off the pavement and to protect the action officers. Police presence would also be required when DLO and USD posted notices at the site.

DLO/KE

5. Demolition order would be posted at the structure and photos of the site be taken. Operation could be launched upon the lapse of 24 hours and within 3 months. On the clearance day, they would allow USD to unload the junks temporarily at the vacant Government land in Kowloon Bay if immediate transportation to the TKO landfill was impossible.

HD

6. HD would assist in the demolition of the structure and the destruction of large articles for easy removal by USD. The whole process was expected to take a short while if there was little resistance from the residents.

USD

7. USD would post notice at Kai Yan Street to inform the residents of their action to remove the articles causing obstruction along the street. 4 hours advance notice was sufficient and the notice would remain valid until the articles were removed by their owners. Resources would be deployed to dispose the debris together with other articles at Kai Yan Street immediately after clearance. They would try to send more vehicles to transport the junks away within the shortest time. The street would then be washed down after the junks were removed.

HyD

8. HyD would be responsible for reinstatement of the pavement surface. However, since the structure was readily removable from the site, little road damage is expected.

Tentative schedule of the operation

9. The tentative schedules for posting notice and the clearance operation were 4.11.96 and 8.11.96 respectively. The dates would be confirmed one week in advance.

10. Clearance operation should better be taken at 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. when the resistance was anticipated to be smallest. Apart from the Police, other action officers should first gather outside Kowloon Bay Indoor Games Hall at Kai Lok Street. A final site inspection was required to confirm the situation of the structure before clearance.

Other points to note

11. In order to keep in touch during the operation, action officers should inform each other their mobile phone numbers in advance.

12. Upon the posting of notices, CLP would be notified to disconnect the power supply to the structure immediately before the operation.

13. The date of posting notices and the clearance operation should not clash with ASD's schedule for transporting cement to the site and they would be consulted in due course.

14. In case any resident wanted to claim anything in the structure before the demolition action, he will be allowed to do so quickly and his personal particulars recorded.

15. As sufficient prior notice was given to the residents, the junks collected from the demolished structure and along Kai Yan Street would be treated as abandoned articles and disposed rightaway.

16. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Kwun Tong District Office

October 1996