

Responses to the submission from the North Point Estate Residents against Estate Redevelopment

Under the prevailing policy of the Hong Kong Housing Authority (the Authority), tenants affected by redevelopment are rehoused to estates within the same district as far as practicable, subject to availability of resources. As for the North Point Estate Redevelopment project, the Housing Department has earmarked sufficient housing resources in the same Eastern District - Oi Tung Estate at Aldrich Bay and Hing Wah Estate (Phase I) at Chai Wan for rehousing the affected tenants.

The concern group's request for phased development of North Point Estate has been considered by the Housing Authority carefully. Due to site constraints, phased development would restrict the disposition of the blocks and the overall planning of the housing site thereby reducing the benefits of the redevelopment especially in the enhancement of district facilities. Besides, insitu rehousing is not in line with the prevailing policy of the Authority.

As for the concern group's proposal to build a reception estate locally for affected tenants, no suitable site could be identified for the purpose after examining it among Government departments concerned. Some pieces of land as proposed by the concern group are currently designated for special purposes, some of them could not be used for residential purposes due to physical constraints, such as proximity to dangerous goods pier or sewage treatment plants, etc. Besides, the playground near King's Road is frequented by local residents. According to the current planning standard, there is insufficient district open space in North Point District as a whole. It is, therefore, not advisable to use the playground for subsidized housing development.

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