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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PANEL ON PLANNING, LANDS AND WORKS

Reclamation works for district open space and Government/Institution/Community facilities in north Tsing Yi

Purpose

This paper informs Members of our proposal to carry out reclamation and site formation works to provide additional land for District Open Space (DOS) and Government/Institution/Community (GIC) developments in north Tsing Yi.

Background

- 2. In the approved Tsing Yi Outline Zoning Plan, an area of about 7 hectares (ha) at the west of Tsing Tai Court in north Tsing Yi is earmarked for DOS development and GIC use. The area was previously occupied by shipyards, which had caused noise nuisance to residents of Cheung On Estates, Ching Tai Court and the nearby Queen's College Old Boys' Association Secondary School. The clearance of the shipyards on the site was completed in June 2000.
- 3. We plan to develop the vacated shippard site by reclaiming the foreshore and seabed area and to reform the levels on the adjacent existing land to create a development platform of about 7 ha.

Project Scope and Nature

- 4. We propose to carry out the following works:
 - (a) reclamation of about 3.8 ha of foreshore and seabeds;
 - (b) site formation of about 3.2 ha of land;
 - (c) construction of about 520 meters of seawall;
 - (d) associated drainage works;

- (e) decontamination works;
- (f) environmental mitigation measures; and
- (g) environmental monitoring and audit (EM&A) programme for the works mentioned in items (a) to (f) above.
- 5. A site plan showing details of the works is at Enclosure 1. We plan to start the proposed works in November 2001 for completion in April 2006.

Justifications

- 6. The proposed works are essential for the development of additional DOS and GIC facilities in north Tsing Yi. We plan to utilise about 5.6 ha of the formed land for the development of DOS and the remaining for the development of GIC facilities.
- 7. There is a shortage of DOS of about 12 ha in Tsing Yi. The proposed development of DOS on the formed land will help alleviate the shortage. In addition, the DOS will also provide a good buffer to separate the residential area to the east of the subject site and the industrial areas to the west.
- 8. Government is committed to maximise the use of public fill in land formation and reclamation projects so as to minimise the disposal of inert construction and demolition materials at the landfills. The proposed reclamation and site formation works can provide about 500,000 cubic meters of public filling capacity. This will help alleviate the shortage of public filling area in the territory.

Public Consultation

9. We consulted the Environmental and Planning Committee of the then Kwai Tsing District Board on 7 June 1996. Members supported the proposed reclamation project and requested Government to proceed with the works as early as possible.

Environmental Implications

10. The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report of this project has been approved by the Director of Environmental Protection. We will implement the measures recommended in the EIA report, which include (a) to conduct a land contamination study to assess the nature and extent of the contamination of the vacated shipyard site and to recommend remedial measures; and (b) to monitor and control the possible pollution arises during the construction.

Way Forward

11. We plan to seek the Public Works Sub-Committee's endorsement for funding support in May 2001.

Territory Development Department April 2001

