

Response to Issues raised by Southern District Council members
at the LegCo Members' meeting with Southern District Council (SDC) on 2 May 2002

Item	Issues raised by SDC members	Response by Administration
(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">SDC members generally supported the proposed development framework and conceptual development option for Aberdeen Harbour, and desperately hoped that the development programme could be implemented as early as possible, so as to promote the development of tourism in the Southern District.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The consultants of the Focus Study on Aberdeen Harbour (the Study) are now working on the detailed development proposals. The public, including the LegCo Panel on Planning, Lands and Works and the SDC will be consulted on the detailed proposals of the Study.
(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">SDC members considered it necessary to construct Route 7 between Kennedy Town and Aberdeen as well as the Second Ap Lei Chau Bridge so as to cope with the increased flow in traffic brought about by the development.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Secretary for Environment, Transport and Works (SETW) is conducting an engineering review for Route 7. The review is expected for completion later this year. According to SETW, the existing Ap Lei Chau Bridge has some spare capacity to cope with additional traffic. Nevertheless, the need for the Second Ap Lei Chau Bridge to meet the traffic generated by the proposed tourism development is being examined in stage 2 of the Study.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> They hoped that Government would provide proper interface facilities for land transport (including provision of adequate parking spaces) and marine transport under the programme. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The provision of transport facilities is being examined in stage 2 of the Study.
(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SDC members were also concerned about the removal and relocation of the shipyards and machinery plants at Po Chong Wan and Ap Lei Chau so that the viability of these industries would not be adversely affected in future. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agreed. The issues on removal and relocation of boatyards and temporary industrial areas are being examined in stage 2 of the Study. The public, including the LegCo Panel, the SDC and those affected will be consulted on the reprovisioning issues.
(d)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SDC members suggested that the typhoon shelter be widened as a relief to the increasingly overcrowded harbour. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Study will look into the suggestions to increase the mooring areas of the Aberdeen Harbour, including shifting the western breakwater to the west.
(e)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SDC members considered that in implementing the Fisherman's Wharf development project, the Administration should consider improving and controlling the water quality of the Harbour. As it was necessary to keep the water flow 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> According to the technical assessments of the Study, there will be no adverse impact on the water quality of the typhoon shelter as the proposed developments will be provided with proper connections to the sewerage facilities. The long term improvement to sewerage facilities in the area is being studied under the Hong Kong Island Sewerage Master Plan Review. Moreover, the Marine Department and Food and Environmental Health Department have aligned

	<p>between Aberdeen and Ap Lei Chau clear, the Administration should conduct a study and make reference to overseas experience in this regard.</p>	<p>additional resources for increasing cleaning operation in the water of the Aberdeen Harbour typhoon shelter.</p>
(f)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> According to the consultation paper provided by the Planning Department, the Administration would incorporate a number of tourism and recreational uses in the harbour area, including an entertainment complex and an outdoor performing venue. SDC members hoped that the Administration would examine the views of SDC in detail to see how the conceptual plan of constructing a civic center could be incorporated into the harbour development programme so as to achieve a win-win situation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposal of providing a cultural centre, which will include a performance venue and a public square in the area, is being examined in stage 2 of the Study.
(g)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SDC members proposed that a multi-purpose civic center with 600 to 800 seats be constructed under the harbour development programme in order to 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See response to item (f) above.

	<p>provide a venue for tourists to enjoy district cultural and arts performances and meet the local demand for civic facilities. They considered that the Administration should, by making reference to the experiences of overseas countries, construct a performing arts complex at international standard, and organize cultural and arts programmes with characteristics of the Special Administration Region or of oriental style..</p>	
(h)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some SDC members considered that the focus of the redevelopment concept lacked a clear theme. It might not be able to attract overseas tourists to the District even if a wide range of tourism and recreational facilities were provided in the Harbour. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Development Framework of stage 1 of the Study has set out the fishing port theme and fisherman's wharf development for the Aberdeen Harbour. The tourism nodes in the form of 5 piers with a variety of tourism attractions have been proposed in the Conceptual Development Option for public consultation. Reinforcement of the focus of the development concept will be further examined in stage 2 of the Study.