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Mr. S.C. Tsang  
Bills Committee  
Legislative Council  
3/F, Citibank Tower  
Garden Road  
Hong Kong

Dear Sirs,

**Town Planning (Amendment) Bill 2003**  
**Proposed amendments to plan making system**

With reference to the invitation for submission by the Bills Committee dated 8 January 2004, we would provide below our comments on the proposal as stipulated in the Paper. In regard to the other aspects, such as appointment of committees by the Board, further delegation of authorities to public officers, transaction of business by circulation of papers, and owner's consent etc., we would maintain our views expressed previously in September 2003.

As a fundamental issue, we would wish to see that the system should encourage public participation not promoting public awareness. There is still lack of such fundamental in the current proposed amendment. We do not consider it right in town planning process by striking the balance between streamlining procedures and enhancing public participation because haste decisions should not be made at the expense of people's wish.

On Plan publication period, we consider sufficient consultation period should be allowed and would support to retain the publication period of two months.

We also consider that the two-stage consideration process as proposed is much preferable to the single stage and that second stage representation should also be open to the public for further consultation. After all, land ownership should be distinguished from land use designation which should be so drawn up for the community irrespective who owns it.

On powers of CE in C upon submission of draft plan, we welcome the switch retaining status quo for obvious reasons.

We would also enclose herewith our previous submission for easy reference.

Yours faithfully,

  
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President  
Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors

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