

Bills Committee on Town Planning (Amendment) Bill 2003

**List of follow-up actions arising from discussion
at the meeting on 3 December 2003**

The Administration was requested -

Item 13 in LC Paper No. CB(1) 54/03-04(01)

- (a) to consider the need for proposing amendments to the Bill to provide discretion to the Town Planning Board (TPB) to decide whether the statutory time for processing applications for amendment of plans or planning permission should be extended because of the submission of further information by the applicants. Members requested that the following factors be considered:
 - (i) the meaning of "further information" should be clearly defined; and
 - (ii) the opportunity for public inspection and comment on further information, except those which are editorial in nature, should not be compromised;
- (b) to provide a breakdown by nature of further information submitted by applicants to TPB to supplement applications for amendment of plans or planning permission under the present mechanism;

Item 14 in LC Paper No. CB(1) 54/03-04(01)

- (c) to assess the impact in terms of the processing/meeting time that may be increased and the resources required -
 - (i) if applicants for planning permission are provided with a right to be heard by TPB;
 - (ii) if applicants for planning permission are allowed to attend TPB meeting at which their applications are considered; and
 - (iii) if objectors are provided with a right of review of planning permission approved by TPB;
- (d) to compile statistics on the number and percentage of applications for planning permission which were approved by TPB with conditions and of which a review was lodged under section 17 of the Town Planning Ordinance in 2002; and

- (e) to provide information on the town planning system in the United States and the United Kingdom in respect of planning permission and third party review.

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