

Bills Committee on Town Planning (Amendment) Bill 2003

**List of follow-up actions arising from discussion
at the meeting on 19 February 2004**

The Administration was requested:

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- (a) to consider specifying in the Bill the minimum size of a notice to be posted in respect of a planning application. Some members considered that the minimum size of a notice should be no less than 3' x 6'. The Administration was asked to provide a sample of notice for members' reference;
- (b) to consider how effective notification could be achieved if proposed new sections 12A(7)(a) and 16(2D)(a) required the posting of notice only but not to require its being kept posted during the specified period and allowed a discretion not to post the notice outdoor on or near the land if notice had been posted indoor on any premises;
- (c) to consider sending a notice to the Legislative Council (LegCo) members and District Council (DC) members of the relevant geographical area;
- (d) to consider making it a standing arrangement to follow up after a notice had been sent to the LegCo members and DC member(s) of the concerned local area(s). Members had different views in this respect. Some members considered that LegCo members and DC members had a responsibility to consult the residents concerned about a planning application. A member opined that the purpose of sending a notice to the LegCo members and DC members had to be made clear. The responsibility for notifying and consulting the general public should rest with the Administration; and
- (e) to consider providing in the Bill a right of any person to obtain copies of planning applications, draft plans and amendments of plans on payment of a prescribed fee.