

**Bills Committee on Town Planning (Amendment) Bill 2003**

**List of follow-up actions arising from discussion  
at the meeting on 8 March 2004**

The Administration was requested:

CB(1) 1022/03-04(02)

- (a) to clarify whether the failure of the Town Planning Board to cause a notice to be posted in respect of a planning application in accordance with proposed section 16(2D) or to comply with some other statutory requirements or steps will invalidate at law the whole process and the need for a specific provision in this regard;
- (b) to consider putting into place feasible administrative means to display notice about draft plans and amendments of plans in the district concerned. The Chairman is of the view that only basic information be included in the notice which serves to alert members of the public. One of the suggested ways is to post such a notice within the boundary of each Area Committee and Rural Committee within the district;
- (c) to consider members' views to improve the form of notices to be posted in respect of planning applications in order to attract public attention. Some members have raised the following views:
  - (i) the notice be posted near the land concerned and in areas with residential flats;
  - (ii) different colours be used for the original use and proposed use; and
  - (iii) access to relevant information be made known to the public in or near the site at which the notice is posted.

Item 17 in CB(1) 1022/03-04(03)

- (d) to consider expressly providing in clause 5 (section 2B):
  - (i) the types of businesses which could be transacted by circulation of papers, such as procedural and administrative matters;
  - (ii) the statutory provisions which contains matters which should not be transacted by circulation of papers; and

- (iii) that transaction of business by circulation of papers should be subject to the objection being raised.

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- (e) to review the need for introducing in the Stage One amendments the proposal to allow TPB to delegate to its committees powers and functions relating to consideration of review applications under section 17 (clause 4). Please advise the impact of such a proposal if implemented or not implemented. Members are concerned that many organizations have objected to the proposal and the present statutory minimum size of committees is too small.

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