

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

**List of follow-up actions arising from discussion  
at the meeting on 29 April 2004**

The Administration was requested:

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- (a) to provide examples of gist of planning applications under the Planning Register System;
- (b) to make an undertaking at the Second Reading Debate on the Bill that where a new planning application makes reference to past documents, these documents will be made available for public inspection;
- (c) in the paper to be provided to the Bills Committee concerning the principles underlying the local town planning system, to explain how the objective stipulated in section 3(1) of the Town Planning Ordinance (TPO) is achieved by the Town Planning Board (TPB) in the discharge of its functions. Some members are concerned about the relative importance accorded to public interest and private interest in the plan making and approval process. Please provide information on how overseas jurisdictions tackle this issue;
- (d) in the paper to be provided to the Bills Committee concerning enforcement actions in relation to planning and land matters, to clarify whether approval is required for permissible existing uses on land which has been zoned for other purposes and for works necessitated for effecting the permissible existing uses. Please explain the differences, if any, in respect of land which has been zoned as conservation area;

Clause-by-clause examination of the Bill

- (e) to consider whether existing section 2 of TPO and the proposed section 2A concerning appointment of committees should be consolidated. Please provide information on the number, size and functions of existing committees appointed under section 2(3);
- (f) to provide information on the members appointed to the TPB in the latest round of appointment including their background, years of service in TPB and the number of advisory or statutory boards of which they are members;

- (g) to advise verbally at the next meeting of the provisions in relation to which the holding of meeting by TPB is mandatory; and
- (h) to clarify whether TPB has any internal guidelines which prohibit members who have not participated in the deliberation or heard representation from voting on the matter concerned.

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