

Bills Committee on Town Planning (Amendment) Bill 2003

**List of follow-up actions arising from discussion
at the meeting on 20 May 2004**

The Administration was requested:

Clause 13 Section 12A

Subsection (1)

- (a) to refine the drafting. The Chairman suggests an alternative version of drafting such as "..... any person may apply to the Town Planning Board (TPB) to consider any proposal";
- (b) to consider whether it is appropriate to specify a period after a draft plan has been approved within which an application for amendment of the plan could not be made;

Subsection (7)

- (c) to provide a pledge at the Second Reading Debate on the Bill that the TPB will, as far as practicable, cause a notice concerning amendment of plan to be posted in a prominent position and published in newspapers;
- (d) to propose a Committee Stage Amendment to subsection(7)(b) to the effect that a notice shall be published in two local Chinese newspapers and one English newspaper;

Subsection (8)

- (e) to provide a written confirmation about the minimum size of notice and the provision of such details in the guidelines/code of practice of the TPB;

Subsection (8A)

- (f) to delete the subsection;

Subsection (23)

- (g) to review the definition of "current land owner" to remove uncertainty about legal title. The Chairman is concerned about the legal title of property the assignment of which is pending registration in the Land Registry; and

Clause 14 section 14

- (h) to review how the provision could be amended to allay members' concern that the cost incurred in processing applications made by Government departments will not be shouldered by other applicants. It has been suggested that regulation to prescribe fees under subsection (2) should be made by positive vetting.

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