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Miss Odelia Leung
Clerk to Bills Committee on Town Planning (Amendment) Bill 2003
Legislative Council Building,
8 Jackson Road,
Hong Kong,

Dear Miss LEUNG,

Bills Committee on Town Planning (Amendment) Bill 2003
The Administration's Proposed
Amendments to the Plan-making Process

I would like to inform you that on 11 February 2004, the Planning Sub-Committee of the Land and Building Advisory Committee discussed and supported the Administration's proposed amendments to the plan-making process by:

- (a) standardizing the publication period of new plans and amendments to plans to two months;
- (b) modifying the process of considering representations made to new or amendment plans from one-stage to two-stage; and
- (c) retaining the existing provisions under section 9 of the Town Planning Ordinance, i.e. upon submission of a draft plan by the Town Planning Board (TPB) incorporating any amendments made after hearing, the Chief Executive in Council may approve, refuse to approve or refer the draft plan to the TPB for further consideration and amendment.

Members suggested that the TPB should prepare a set of guidelines on the requirement of notifying owners regarding applications for amendments to plan and planning permission. Members also urged the Administration to expedite the Stage 2 amendments of the Town Planning Ordinance with a specific time table.

Yours faithfully,

(W. W. CHAN)
Secretary,
Planning Sub-Committee/
Land & Building Advisory Committee