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Attention : Mr. S.C. Tsang

Dear Mr Tsang,

Bills Committee on Town Planning (Amendment) Bill 2003
Invitation for Submission

Thank you for your letter of 8 January 2004. The Institute welcomes the Administration's proposed amendments on the plan making to take into account our previous concern over the single objection consideration process, which may jeopardize the quality and fairness of the system. With the administrative assurance to inform the concerned parties of the views of the government departments before the objection hearing, we believe that the proposed two-stage process is an improvement to the original proposal.

The enactment of Stage 1 amendments will greatly enhance public participation in the planning process. Therefore, we wish to take this opportunity to urge the Committee and Administration of sustaining the momentum of the Stage One amendments to be completed within this legislative session.

Yours faithfully,

Roger Tang
Vice President
Hong Kong Institute of Planners