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Legislative Council
Legislative Council Building,
8 Jackson Road,
Central,
Hong Kong

(Attn: Mr. S.C. Tsang)

Dear Sir,

Bills Committee on Town Planning (Amendment) Bill 2003

Invitation for submissions

Thank you for your letter of 8 January 2004, seeking the views of the Town Planning Board (the Board) on the Administration's proposed amendments to the plan-making system.

The proposed amendments, among other things, were presented to the Board at its meeting on 16 January 2004. Members of the Board were in support of the proposed 2-stage plan-making process, which would on the one hand streamline the existing plan-making process and on the other hand, maintain fairness in the consideration of representations and comments received during the plan exhibition period. As for other proposed amendments, the Board was generally supportive of provisions which would enhance greater public involvement and openness in the planning process.

Yours sincerely,

(Raymond T.L. Chiu)
Secretary, Town Planning Board