

NOTE FOR PUBLIC WORKS SUBCOMMITTEE OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Supplementary information on 241RS – Football pitch in Area 5, Tai Po

INTRODUCTION

In considering the paper referenced PWSC(2002-03)62 on project **241RS** “Football pitch in Area 5, Tai Po” at the Public Works Subcommittee meeting on 16 October 2002, Members expressed concern about the provision of parking spaces and pedestrian access at the project site. The Administration undertook to consult the Tai Po District Council (TPDC) on the above issues before putting forward the proposed project to the Finance Committee for funding approval. This paper informs Members of the outcome of the consultation.

DETAILS OF CONSULTATION

2. The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) consulted TPDC on 5 November 2002 regarding Members’ concerns on the number of parking spaces to be provided in the project site and the pedestrian access to the proposed football pitch. During the meeting, LCSD explained to TPDC that –

- (a) When the conceptual design of the football pitch was first discussed at the TPDC Recreation, Sports and Cultural Affairs Committee (the Committee) on 13 March 2002, the Committee members requested for additional parking spaces to meet public demand. After consultation with the Transport Department (TD) and the Architectural Services Department, the number of parking spaces has increased from eight to 33 comprising 25 parking spaces for private cars and eight for coaches. The proposed increase in the number of parking spaces was endorsed by the Committee on 10 April 2002.

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- (b) As regards the pedestrian access to the project site, the TPDC Traffic and Transport Committee had examined on 17 January 2002 other options including a pedestrian crossing near Wang Fuk Court in addition to the existing footbridge linking Kwong Fuk Estate with the project site. The proposal to build a footbridge near Wang Fuk Court was objected to by the local residents whilst the proposal to build a subway under Tai Po Road was not feasible given the large number of public utilities thereat. Meanwhile, TD was studying the possibility of replacing the Kwong Fuk Road roundabout by a signalised 'T' junction and adding a pedestrian crossing near Wang Fuk Court. The proposed arrangement would improve the traffic flow and pedestrian safety in the area, and facilitate public access to the football pitch and the adjoining open space.

CONSULTATION RESULT

3. TPDC agreed at the meeting on 5 November 2002 that the proposed number of parking spaces would be sufficient to meet the public demand, and was satisfied that TD would follow up on the proposed pedestrian crossing near Wang Fuk Court.

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