

NOTE FOR PUBLIC WORKS SUBCOMMITTEE OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Supplementary information on 379RO – Cherry Street Park, Tai Kok Tsui

INTRODUCTION

In considering the paper referenced PWSC(2003-04)33 on project **379RO** “Cherry Street Park, Tai Kok Tsui” at the Public Works Subcommittee meeting on 25 June 2003, a few Members requested the Administration to review the designated land use of the following sites adjacent to the proposed Park and advise on the feasibility of incorporating them into the project –

- (a) the Government/Institutions/Community (GIC) site in the middle of the site for the Park (Site A);
- (b) the site between Hoi Fu Court and the Tai Chi area at the northern part of the Park (Site B);
- (c) the site next to the 7-a-side artificial turf football pitch at the southern part of the Park (Site C); and
- (d) the small patch of land at the northern part of the Park and to the east of Hoi Fu Court (Site D).

————— A site plan is at Enclosure 1. This paper reports on the result of the review after consultation with the relevant parties.

THE ADMINISTRATION’S RESPONSE

Open Space Provision in Yau Tsim Mong District

2. The current population of Yau Tsim Mong (YTM) District is about 260 000 and is expected to grow to around 360 000 by 2016. In accordance with the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines, 520 000 square metres of

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public open space should be provided for the current population. At present, the District has a total area of 396 000 square metres of open space. The Administration plans to reserve an additional 460 000 square metres of open space in the West Kowloon Reclamation and 10 000 square metres of open space at the King's Park Hill and south of the ex-British Military Hospital site at Princess Margaret Road to meet the shortfall of open space in the District. Sufficient open space would therefore be provided upon full development of the reserved sites.

Designated Land Use of the Four Sites

(a) Site A

3. This GIC site has been earmarked for the development of a post-secondary college. It is currently being used by the Mass Transit Railway Corporation as a works area and will be returned to the Government for development of a post-secondary college in April/May 2005. The Administration is now seeking a suitable provider for the proposed post-secondary college.

4. In order to provide continuity for the proposed Park, a 4-metre wide strip of land along the eastern border of Site A (marked in red in the site plan at Enclosure 1) would be reserved to further improve the linkage between the northern and southern sections of the Park.

(b) Site B

5. The site is zoned for residential development. Since the Administration plans to reserve an additional 470 000 square metres of open space upon full development of the YTM District, it is considered more appropriate to keep this Site B for its intended use.

(c) Site C

6. This is a GIC site which has been earmarked for the provision of social welfare facilities. It is currently a public carpark under Short Term Tenancy which would expire in April 2005. In view of the substantial shortfall of GIC sites in the District, the intended use of the site for GIC purposes should be retained.

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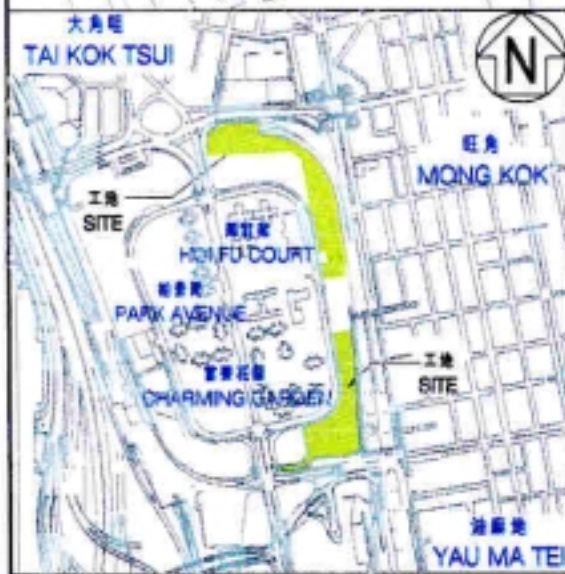
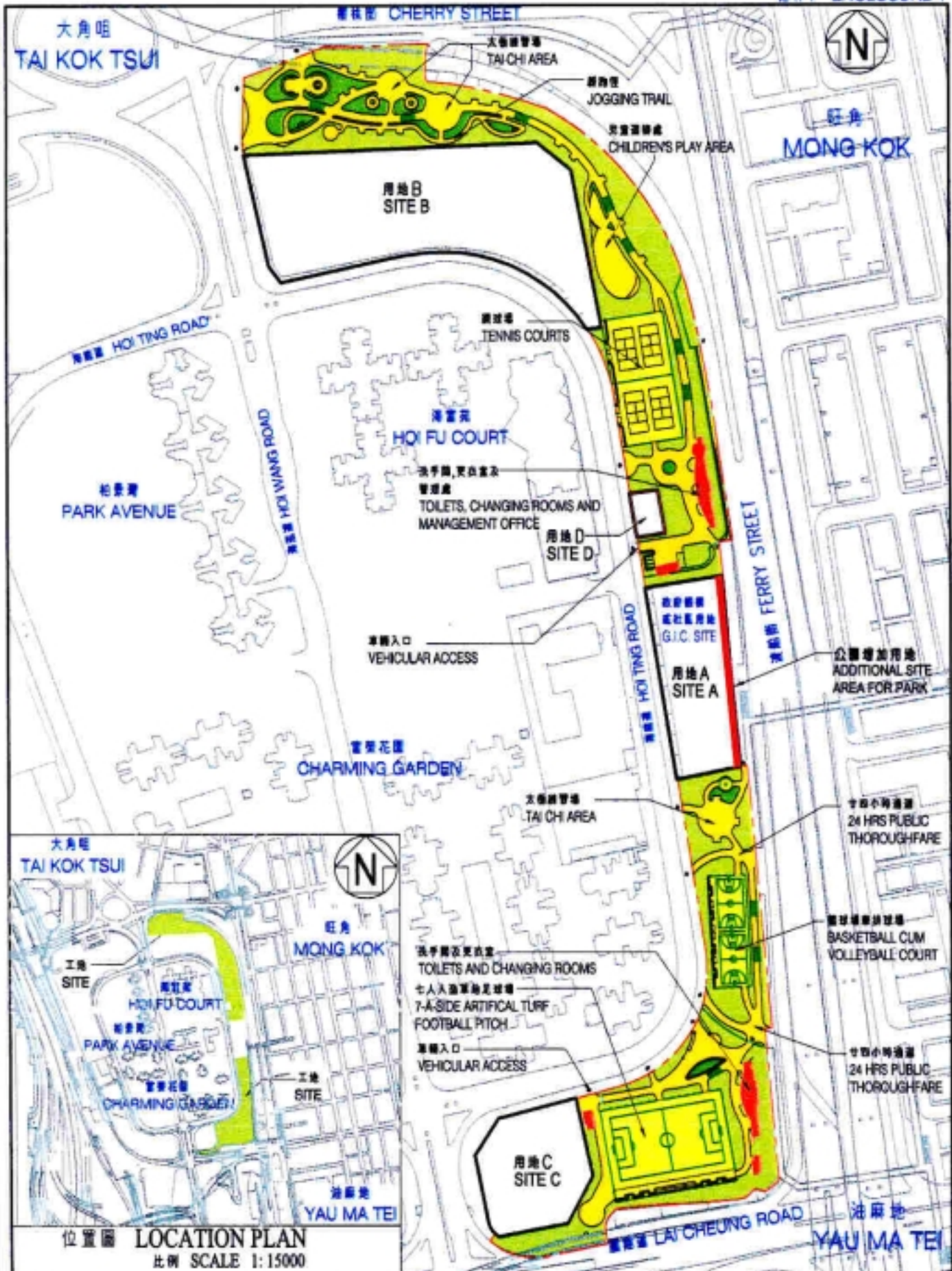
(d) Site D

7. The site is currently vacant and has been earmarked for development of a petrol filling station. In the light of the objection by the Yau Tsim Mong District Council, the Administration has decided not to pursue the petrol filling station. We shall incorporate the site into the proposed Park.


RECOMMENDATION

8. We propose to incorporate the 4-metre wide strip of land along the eastern border of Site A and Site D into the proposed Park and develop them in one go. Some 900 square metres of additional land will be added to the Park. However, there will not be material change to the original scope of the proposed Park. The design of the additional areas would match with the overall design of the Park.

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位置圖 LOCATION PLAN
比例 SCALE 1:15000

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