# NOTE FOR PUBLIC WORKS SUBCOMMITTEE OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

### Supplementary information on 658CL – Remaining engineering infrastructure works for Pak Shek Kok development – stage 2

# INTRODUCTION

When considering PWSC(2003-04)37 on **658CL** at the Public Works Subcommittee meeting on 2 July 2003, Members requested the Administration to -

- (a) consult the Tai Po and Sha Tin District Councils on the proposal; and
- (b) review the proposal taking into account views of PWSC Members and Councillors of the two District Councils.

# CONSULTATION WITH THE SHA TIN AND TAI PO DISTRICT COUNCILS

2. We consulted the Tai Po District Council (TPDC) and Sha Tin District Council (STDC) on 8 July 2003 and 14 July 2003 respectively. The two District Councils supported the proposal. Some District Councillors suggested that we provide the following in the proposed development –

- (a) additional stairs at the two ends of the proposed public landing steps facilities to enable use by more boats;
- (b) restaurant(s);
- (c) open air cafés and refreshment kiosks;

- (d) bicycle hiring and repair facilities;
- (e) a first aid station;
- (f) a larger toilet in the middle of the promenade;
- (g) additional toilets at both ends of the promenade;
- (h) parking facilities for coaches and private cars; and
- (i) water sports facilities.

# **REVIEW OF PROPOSAL**

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3. We have reviewed the proposal taking into account views of PWSC Members and Councillors of TPDC and STDC. The results of our review are set out in the following paragraphs.

# PUBLIC LANDING STEPS FACILITIES

4. At present, about 25 vessels (including two operating ferry services) use the landing facilities at Ma Liu Shui during peak hours (8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.) on public holidays. The proposed 65-metre (m) long public landing step facilities at Pak Shek Kok can accommodate either one 35-m vessel or two 23-m vessels<sup>1</sup>. These facilities will include a 40m x 10m covered shelter for use by the public. Upon completion of the proposed facilities at Pak Shek Kok, there will be ample reserve capacity in the area to meet future increase in demand for marine access/ferry services to the outlying islands in the north-eastern waters of Hong Kong. Nevertheless, in response to suggestions received from the two District Councils, we will provide additional stairs at the two ends of the proposed landing facilities at Pak Shek Kok to enable use by more boats, especially those of smaller sizes.

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Vessels deployed for the ferry service between Ma Liu Shui and Tung Ping Chau are 23m long.

# **RESTAURANTS, OPEN AIR CAFES, REFRESHMENT KIOSKS, BICYCLE HIRING AND FIRST AID STATION**

5. Upon completion by mid 2004, there will be two restaurants in the Science Park Phase 1 development adjacent to the proposed site. There will also be restaurants in the Science Park Phases 2 and 3 developments. In addition, more restaurants are to be provided at the housing sites in the vicinity of the Science Park developments. Therefore, restaurant(s) within the waterfront promenade may not be viable. However, we will reserve an area within the promenade and make necessary utility provisions so that this option can be pursued in future if considered appropriate.

6. We will arrange to provide an open air café near the middle of the promenade. Provisions for utilities will be made within the promenade to accommodate additional open air cafés and kiosks for refreshments and souvenirs. To address Members' and District Councillors' concerns, we will also make provision for bicycle hiring and repair facilities and a first aid station at the promenade.

# PUBLIC TOILET FACILITIES

7. We have reviewed the proposed public toilet facilities. Apart from increasing the size of the main toilet block which is proposed near the middle of the promenade, we will provide two small toilet blocks, one near each end of the promenade. The toilet blocks will have both western-style and squatting-type toilets.

### PARKING FACILITIES

8. As shown in the site plan at the Enclosure, we plan to develop a carpark, taxi/public light bus lay-bys and loading/unloading facilities at the southern end of Road L5 under Pak Shek Kok stage 2 remaining engineering infrastructure works. These planned facilities are going to serve the adjacent strategic recreation site, housing sites and open spaces in the vicinity of Road L5. We will implement construction of these facilities when the development programme of the strategic recreation site and the housing sites are certain at a later stage.

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9. Taking into consideration Members' and District Councillors' views, we will provide facilities adjacent to Road L4 as an interim measure. These include lay-bys for franchised buses, public light buses, coaches, taxi and private cars. A parking area to accommodate coaches and private cars will also be provided adjacent to this road.

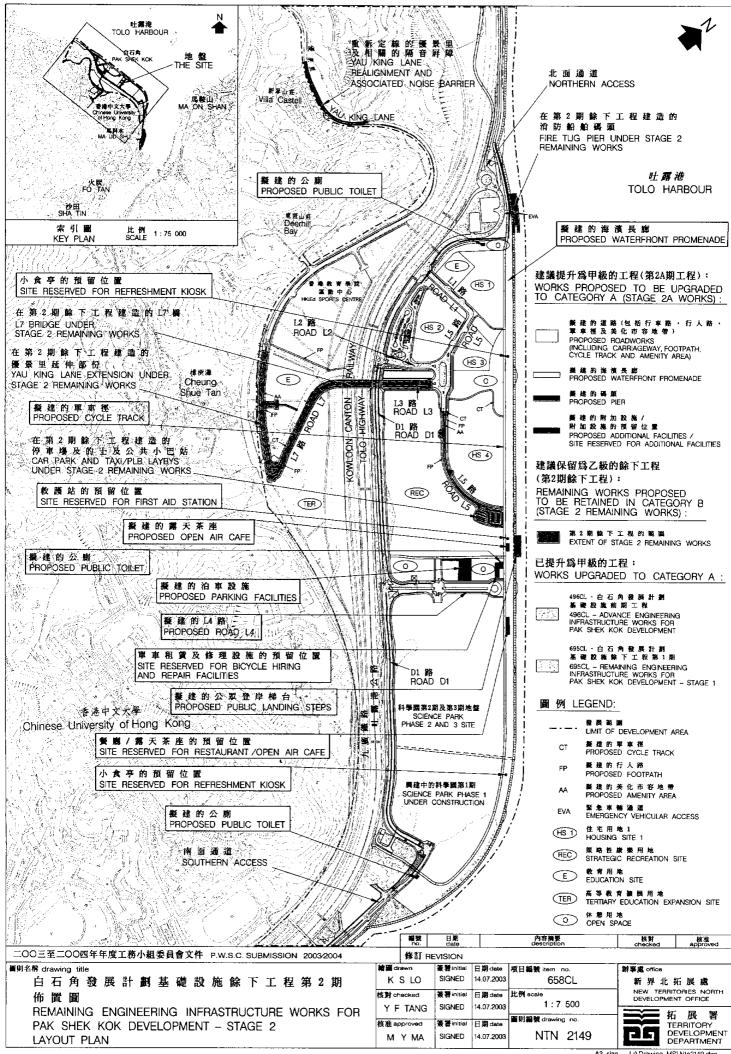
#### WATER SPORTS FACILITIES

10. The Administration will examine the possibility of providing water sports facilities alongside the promenade, taking into account the anticipated marine traffic in this area and other relevant factors.

11. A revised site plan is at the Enclosure. The original and additional proposed facilities are highlighted in red and blue boxes respectively.

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