NOTE FOR FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

INTRODUCTION

Encl.

In considering the recommendation of the Public Works Subcommittee (PWSC) on project **379RO** "Cherry Street Park, Tai Kok Tsui" and the information note referenced PWSCI(2003-04)16 at the Finance Committee meeting held on 18 July 2003, some Members requested the Administration to further explore the feasibility of using Site C for the construction of a postsecondary college so as to release Site A for incorporation into the proposed Park. A site plan is at the Enclosure. This paper reports on the result of the review after consultation with the relevant parties.

THE ADMINISTRATION'S RESPONSE

2. Site A is a "Government, Institution or Community" ("G/IC") site earmarked for the development of a post-secondary college. After reviewing the land use of the sites adjacent to the proposed Park, the Administration has decided to use another "G/IC" site (Site C) at the southern end of the proposed Park for the post-secondary college development, and would search for another suitable "G/IC" site for provision of social welfare facilities originally planned in Site C. Subject to the approval of the Town Planning Board, Site A can then be released for incorporation into the Park.

3. Part of Site A is currently under temporary Government land allocation (GLA) and occupied by the Mass Transit Railway Corporation as a works area, whilst the remaining part of the site is vacant Government land. We intend to develop the whole site upon the expiry of the GLA in April/May 2005. Some 4 000 square metres of land will thus be added to the Park development of about 39 000 square metres. There will be no material change to the original

scope of the Park as the design of Site A would be consistent with the overall design of the Park. We shall endeavour to absorb the additional cost of development and construction within the original budget estimate of \$76.6 million.

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