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Complaints Division
Legislative Council Secretariat
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Dear Sir/Madam

KCRC Kowloon Southern Link – Canton Road Station

We are writing on behalf of a group of individuals and companies who is concerned about the future development of Canton Road.

We learned from earlier newspaper reports that Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation had decided to construct only one station at West Kowloon for its Kowloon Southern Link, but NOT at Canton Road, Tsimshatsui due to engineering complexities and the disruption to public that would occur during its construction.

Canton Road at Tsimshatsui is a highly popular business, shopping and entertainment destination for locals and tourists alike, especially with the recent influx of individual travellers from mainland China. We see no point that a hot spot like Canton Road should be deprived of an access to this major transportation means, particularly with the understanding that the bus terminus outside of the Star Ferry's piers will be relocated to Tsimshatsui East in a few years' time. We also believe that the construction of a station at Canton Road would bring increased passenger volume to the KCRC's West Rail and add to the cost effectiveness of its Kowloon Southern Link.

In view of the above, we would like to voice our objection to KCRC's proposal as gazetted earlier and urge Hon Miriam Lau Kin-ye, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways and Hon Lau Kong-wah, Chairman of the Panel on Transport of the Legislative Council, to investigate into the above matter.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours faithfully

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Chairman

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