

**Legislative Council Panel on Home Affairs
Sham Shui Po Park Stage II**

Purpose

The purpose of this paper is to seek Members' support for the development of the Sham Shui Po Park Stage II, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon (the Project).

Background

2. This is an ex- Provisional Municipal Councils project for implementation to meet the demand for public open space in Sham Shui Po district. The Project has the support of the Home Affairs Bureau.

Project site

3. The Project consists of two sites, totalling about 1.87 hectares in size. Site A has an area of about 1 hectare. Currently a vacant site, it is located next to the existing Sham Shui Po Park Stage I, opposite to Lai Kok Estate and Lai On Estate. As for site B which has an area of about 0.87 hectare, it is located in the middle of Lai Kok Estate and is currently a park under the management of Housing Department (HD). HD has undertaken to hand back site B to the former Provisional Urban Council, as a compensation for using part of site A for the construction of the existing Ka Ling School of the Precious Blood which was originally planned to be built within HD's estate area. A conceptual layout of the project site together with the location plan is at **Enclosure**.

Project Scope

4. The proposed scope of facilities for site A of the project comprises –

- (a) a lawn for Tai Chi and gateball with foot massage path and fitness equipment for the elderly;
- (b) a children's play area with multi-play equipment

for different age groups and children with a disability;

- (c) a landscaped garden with rain shelters, wooden arbours and garden benches;
- (d) a jogging trail and fitness stations; and
- (e) ancillary facilities including a service building and a toilet block.

5. Site B is currently a park built and managed by HD since 1984. With the exception of the foot massage path which was built as a new facility for the park in 2004, the conditions of the other existing facilities, i.e. a basketball court, a children's play area, a cycling area and two volleyball courts in the park are deteriorating. Having consulted the Sham Shui Po District Council (SSPDC), it is proposed to carry out general improvement works to the park facilities and take down the cycling area and the two volleyball courts, the less popular facilities, to make room for a landscaped garden. Hence, the proposed scope of facilities for site B includes –

- (a) taking down of the existing cycling area and two volleyball courts for the provision of a landscaped garden with a Tai Chi Court, fitness stations for the elderly, pavilion, benches and chess tables;
- (b) upgrading of the existing children's play area with multi-play equipment for different age groups and children with a disability;
- (c) upgrading of the existing basketball court; and
- (d) provision of a storeroom.

Justifications

6. The proposed development of the Project is to meet the district needs for open space. Currently, Sham Shui Po District has a population of about 375,000 and an existing provision of about 91.35 hectares of public open space including Local Open Space provided by HD. With a planned population of 483,800 as a result of the future developments particularly in the West Kowloon Reclamation Area, there is a need to provide 96.76 hectares of public open space as suggested in the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines. The Project, which provides an additional public open space of about 1 hectare (site A), is strongly supported by the SSPDC for its early

implementation.

7. The Project represents the Stage II development of Sham Shui Po Park. The existing Sham Shui Po Park Stage I is adjacent to site A of the Project. Constrained by its size, the Stage I park only provides a landscaped garden and a small children's playground. Site A, when completed, will integrate with the Stage I park and together form a larger one to better serve the local residents. The proposed facilities in the Project will also complement the active facilities already provided in the catchment area and meet the different needs of the residents including the elderly people. The landscaped area and plantings to be provided will greatly improve the living environment as well as beautify the surrounding areas. It is expected that the integrated park will be well patronized by the local residents.

Public Consultation

8. On 4 July 2002, the Community Affairs Committee (CAC) of SSPDC was consulted on the scope of the Project. The Project was strongly supported by the CAC for early implementation. The CAC was informed of the progress of the Project on 13 January 2005 and was consulted again on the design of the Project on 12 January 2006. It reiterated its strong support to the Project and urged for its early implementation.

Project Estimate and Implementation Plan

9. The Project has been upgraded to Category B. The estimated cost of the Project is \$50 million in money-of-the day prices.

10. The Architectural Services Department has engaged consultant to carry out design of the proposed project. Subject to the approval of the funding application from the Finance Committee, the construction works are expected to start in December 2006 for completion in October 2008.

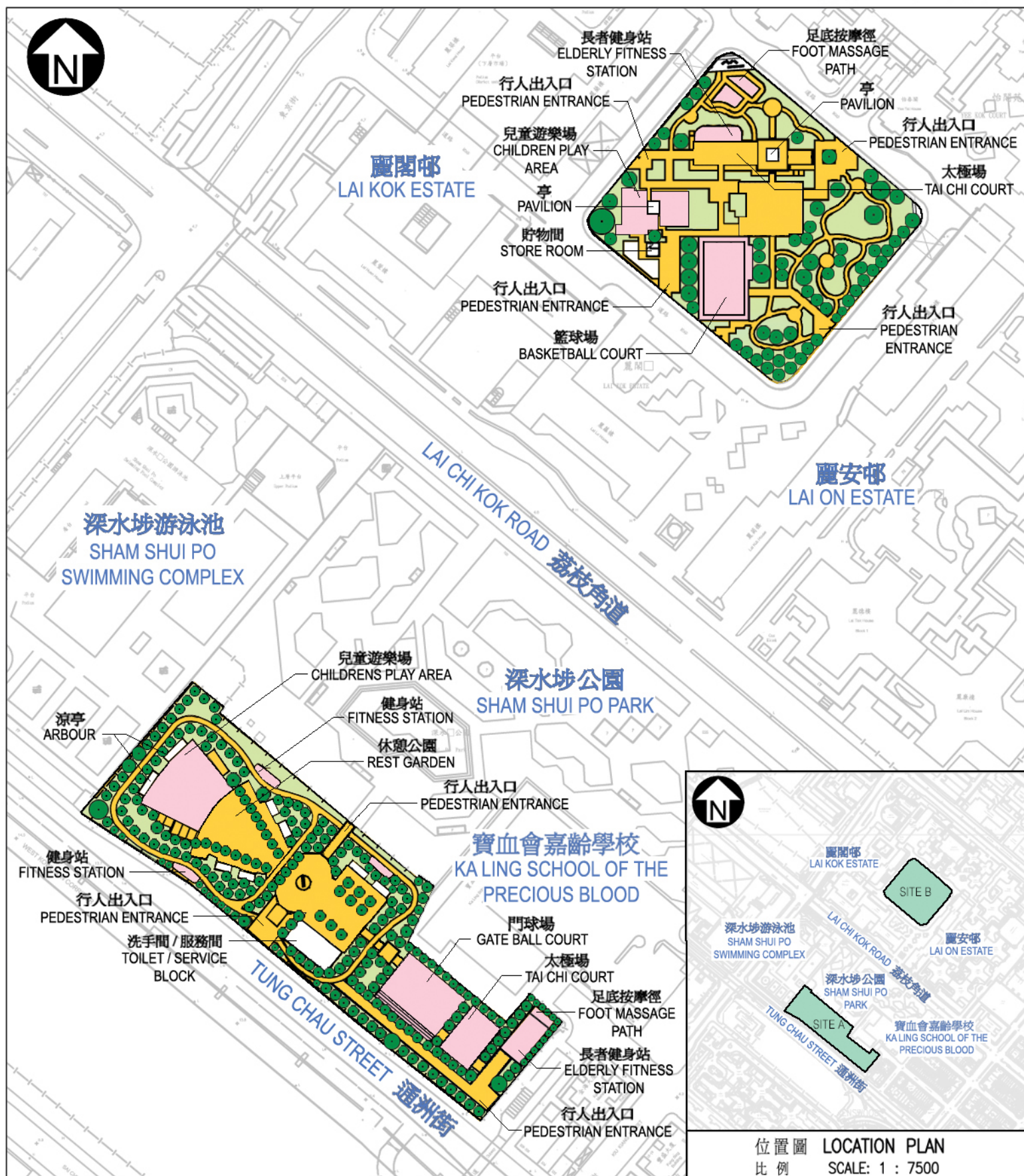
Way Forward

11. In order to take the Project forward, the Administration intends to submit the Project to the Public Works Subcommittee of the Finance Committee in May 2006 for upgrading to Category A.

Advice Sought

12. Members are invited to support the development of this Project.

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