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Attn: Ms Wong Siu Yee

Dear Ms Wong

<u>Submission of Special meeting on 26 June 2006 - Wan Chai Development Phase II</u>

<u>Review - Harbour-front Enhancement Review - Wan Chai, Causeway Bay and Adjoining</u>

<u>Areas: Outcome of Public Engagement at the Envisioning Stage</u>

Thank you for your letter of 30 May 2006 inviting HKILA to give views on the above. We have reviewed the relevant papers and were represented in some of the workshops and forums. The followings are our observations for your consideration;

- 1. The public engagement process is very well received and is a very important step in a right direction.
- 2. At the beginning of the process, focus discussion on harbourfront enhancement was the right approach so that public aspiration could be truly reflected.
- 3. However, the process failed to present a truly integrated transport and landuse planning as no landuse option were studied to achieve sustainable transport planning suggested by the expert panel.
- 4. The process also failed to address the impact of the proposed trunk road alignments on North Point waterfront where reclamation is suggested by the consultants.
- 5. From the landscape point of view, we would like to see how the proposed trunk road can provide comprehensive harbourfront enhancement opportunities by reducing traffic on the existing road so that more pedestrian friendly streetscape and at grade access to the waterfront can be achieved."

Yours sincerely,

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