

NOTE FOR PUBLIC WORKS SUBCOMMITTEE OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Supplementary information on 180GK – Government complex at Mei Lai Road, Mei Foo, Lai Chi Kok

INTRODUCTION

In considering the paper referenced PWSC(2007-08)14 on 9 May 2007, the Public Works Subcommittee requested the Administration to consult the concerned local bodies in Kwai Tsing district including the Area Committee and relevant Kwai Tsing District Councillors on the proposed project, particularly the community hall (CH) facilities to be provided in the government complex, and consider providing additional facilities to cope with the demand of residents in the neighbouring housing estates, having regard to the views obtained from the consultation.

THE ADMINISTRATION'S RESPONSE

Background of the proposed government complex

2. At present, there is no ambulance depot in the Lai Chi Kok area, and no CH in the Mei Foo area. Also, there is a need to provide permanent premises for reprovisioning the existing under-sized Integrated Children and Youth Services Centre (ICYSC), which is now operated by the Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong at two different locations in Mei Foo Sun Chuen shopping arcade. The proposed government complex can provide ambulance facilities to improve ambulance coverage in the area, a CH for conducting community activities, and permanent premises for the ICYSC in the area.

Consultation with Kwai Tsing District Council

3. In response to PWSC's request, the Kwai Tsing District Office (K&TDO) consulted the Planning and Environment Hygiene Committee,

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and the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Community Affairs Committee of Kwai Tsing District Council on the proposed project by circulation of the paper referenced PWSC(2007-08)14 on 11 May 2007. The majority of them were in support of the proposed project, with the remainder having no comments.

4. K&TDO also consulted 19 local bodies (list at Enclosure) which included Kwai Chung (Central & South) Area Committee, and the relevant Owners' Corporations, Owners' Committees and Mutual Aid Committees on the proposed project. K&TDO followed up with representatives of the above bodies by phone after issue of the paper, briefed them on the key features of the proposed project and answered any queries they might have. Eleven of these local bodies supported the proposal, while the rest had no comments.

5. To sum up, respondents in support of the proposed project, particularly those from Wah Lai Estate and Lai Yan Court, welcomed the provision of additional community facilities and an ambulance depot in their vicinity. Some added that the proposed project, situated next to a bus terminal, would be easily accessible to users. One Owners' Committee, however, expressed the wish of incorporating an elderly centre in the proposed project.

6. According to the Social Welfare Department, four elderly centres are currently providing various services including social, educational, developmental, support, outreaching and networking services to the elderly living in the vicinity. These are –

- (a) the Pok Oi Hospital Mei Foo Lai Wan Kaifong Association Mr and Mrs Leung Chi Chim Elderly Health Support and Learning Centre at Mei Foo Flyover, Mei Foo Sun Chuen;
- (b) the Association of Evangelical Free Churches of Hong Kong Mei Foo Elderly Centre at Mei Foo Sun Chuen Stage II;
- (c) the Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service Lai Yiu Neighbourhood Elderly Centre with two service bases at Lai Yiu Estate and Cho Yiu Estate; and
- (d) the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism (Hong Kong) Ltd. Lai King Baptist Church Bradbury Elderly Centre at Lai King Estate.

The four elderly centres operate with an open membership system and they are situated at convenient locations, making them highly accessible to the elderly. Moreover, the Pok Oi Hospital Mei Foo Lai Wan Kaifong Association Mr and

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Mrs Leung Chi Chim Elderly Health Support and Learning Centre has been providing outreach and promotion services in the vicinity of Wah Lai Estate and Kau Wa Keng on a monthly basis to render appropriate services to the elderly.

7. As the above four elderly centres already have sufficient capacity to cater for the needs of the elderly residents living in the vicinity, the Administration will not consider incorporating an elderly centre in the proposed government complex at Mei Lai Road, Mei Foo, Lai Chi Kok.

8. We have, through K&TDO, informed the concerned Owners' Committee of our views in paragraphs 6 and 7 above and have not received any further comments from the Committee.

Security Bureau
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List of local bodies consulted

1. Kwai Chung (Central and South) Area Committee
2. The Incorporated Owners of Lai Yan Court
3. The Incorporated Owners of Lai Chi Kok Bay Garden
4. The Owners' Committee of Wah Fung Garden
5. The Owners' Committee of Nob Hill
6. The Owners' Committee of Happy Villas
7. The Incorporated Owners of Greenwood Regency
8. The Owners' Corporation of Greenwood Villas (Phase I)
9. The Owners' Corporation of Greenwood Villas (Phase II)
10. The Owners' Corporation of Greenwood Villas (Phase III)
11. The Incorporated Owners of No. 10-11 Chung Shan Terrace
12. The Incorporated Owners of No. 21-22 Chung Shan Terrace
13. The Incorporated Owners of No. 24 Chung Shan Terrace
14. Chung Shan Terrace MAC
15. The Incorporated Owners of Crawford Court
16. Hei Lai House MAC of Wah Lai Estate
17. Seung Lai House MAC of Wah Lai Estate
18. Indigenous inhabitant representative and resident representative of Kau Wah Keng Village
19. Resident representatives of Kau Wah San Tsuen