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Clerk to Panel on Planning, Lands and Works, Legislative Council Secretariat, Legislative Council Building, 8 Jackson Road, Central, Hong Kong (Attn: Ms Anita SIT)

Dear Ms SIT,

Panel on Planning, Lands and Works Subcommittee to Review the Planning for the Central Waterfront (including the Tamar Site)

At the meeting held on 7 May 2007, the Subcommittee carried a motion on the design and alignment of Road P2 under Central Reclamation Phase III. We are requested to provide a written response to the motion, which is set out below.

The land uses and transport infrastructure on the new reclamation in Central, including Road P2, has been planned in accordance with the approved Central District OZP and Central District (Extension) OZP. Road P2 has been proposed on the basis of comprehensive feasibility studies and the road scheme has been authorised under the Roads (Works, Use and Compensation) Ordinance (the Ordinance). After taking into account the latest planning parameters, and the need to give priority to pedestrians for accessing the waterfront through provision of at-grade crossings and to make adequate provisions for road greening, we consider the current road layout appropriate for the purpose.

Planning Department has commissioned an Urban Design Study for the New Central Harbourfront which is for refining the existing urban design and preparing planning/design briefs for key development sites in the new Central Harbourfront. The layout of Road P2 would be adjusted as appropriate if the current authorised scheme is affected by the final location for the reassembly of the Queen's Pier to be recommended under the above study. The amendment scheme would then be gazetted under the Ordinance.

Yours sincerely,

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