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Clerk to the Public Works Subcommittee Legislative Council Building 8 Jackson Road Central, Hong Kong (Attn: Ms Angel Shek)

27 June 2008

Dear Ms Shek,

Public Works Subcommittee Follow-up to meeting on 20 June 2008

Item PWSC(2008-09)36

At the meeting of the Public Works Subcommittee held on 20 June 2008, the Administration was requested to provide further information on the design of the proposed Aldrich Bay Park, as far as practicable and before the relevant meeting of the Finance Committee. We have in consultation with Architectural Services Department prepared a bilingual reply for your onward transmission to Members of the Public Works Subcommittee.

Yours sincerely,

(Miss Gladys Lee) for Secretary for Home Affairs

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c.c. Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Attn: Mr Jack Chan) (Fax No. 2147 5240)

Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Attn: Mr Victor Yiu) (Fax No. 2695 3886)

Public Works Subcommittee

Meeting on 20 June 2008 List of issues requiring follow-up actions by the Administration

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<u>Issues</u>

In relation to members' concern about the overall design of the proposed park and the facilities to be provided therein, the Administration agreed to take forward the design and provide further information, as far as practicable and before the relevant meeting of the Finance Committee (FC), in response to the following suggestions:

- (a) Improving the design of the water feature to enhance safety and enjoyment of park users, including identifying alternative(s) to the proposed design of building a wide platform along the edge of the water feature as a buffer zone. Consideration should be given in the design to prevent injuries of park users due to wet and slippery ground surface near the water feature (request of Hon Andrew CHENG).
- (b) Providing sufficient park entrances/exits at convenient locations to facilitate access of park users. Consideration should be given in the design to harmonize with the neighbouring facilities such as the school (request of Hon CHAN Yuen-han).
- (c) Enhancing the park design to incorporate more attractive features and facilities in demand by local residents (request of Hon Miriam LAU).
- (d) Increasing the total lawn area in the park as far as possible (request of Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki).
- (e) Consulting and taking into account the needs and views of the local community and the Eastern District Council (EDC) in finalising the park design (request of Hon CHOY So-yuk and Hon Emily LAU).

And when it is available, provide to the Legislative Council the finalised

design of the park as consulted with EDC (request of Hon Emily LAU).

Response

- (a) To enhance safety and enjoyment of park users, shrub planters and/or lake rocks will be provided along the water edge as protective measures to prevent the public from getting into direct contact with the water body. Moreover, slip resistant material will be used on the ground surface near the water feature.
- (b) Six pedestrian entrances/exits and one vehicular entrance/exit will be provided at different convenient locations to facilitate access of park users, with one of them located near the neighbouring school. To blend in with the neighbouring facilities, planters with low fence on the inside will be erected along the boundary of the park.
- (c) Taking the views of the local community into consideration, a leisure area with a traditional fishing village theme will be provided as a focal point of the park. In this area, specially designed water feature with huts and pavilions and feature fishing boats will be provided to bring out the unique character of the park. Other facilities such as the scented garden, tai chi court and children play area are designed and provided to address the needs and aspiration of local residents.
- (d) The proposed lawn area of approximately 900m² will be further increased by about 200m² for the enjoyment of the public.
- (e) The Administration will present the refined design of the park to the local community and the EDC and take their views in finalising the design. We will then submit the finalised design of the park to the Legislative Council for information.