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**Legislative Council – Panel on Development
Views from the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers
on the provision of public facilities in private development**

General

1. The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers (HKIE) refers to Government's paper on the provision of public facilities in private developments for the use by the public.
2. We opine that the incorporation of public facilities in private developments for public use has its value and is important for improving street environment and livelihood of communities.

Recommended measures

Accessibility

3. We consider it important that the public facilities in private developments must be easily accessible to members of the public with clear signage and notice of opening hours.

Management

4. To minimise any future abuses, we are of the view that management of the space should be retained by a designated department in the Government instead of by developers. The running cost would be similar as developers would have accounted for in their land price if the space is to be managed by them. Another way is to include a sum of money designated for such running costs in the lease condition. The money will then be kept by the responsible department for future operation/running.
5. If a designated department is to be responsible for the management of the public facilities in the private development, all future exhibitions and activities will be vetted, coordinated with the adjoining developer and approved by it in advance.
6. We note that there will be additional work arising from the designated department in the Government. Hence, we suggest a new cross-discipline office may need to be set up.