## **Legislative Council Panel on Home Affairs**

### Avenue Park at Kai Tak

#### **PURPOSE**

This paper seeks Members' views on and support for the proposal to develop the Avenue Park at Kai Tak.

#### **PROJECT SITE**

2. The project site occupies an area of about 3.2 hectare at the north apron of the former Kai Tak Airport. It is adjacent to two public housing estates, namely Kai Ching and Tak Long, and is about 300 metres from the future Kai Tak Station of the Shatin to Central Link (SCL). The site is zoned "Open Space" on the draft Kai Tak Outline Zoning Plan No. S/K22/5.

## PROJECT SCOPE

- 3. The proposed scope of the project comprises
  - (a) thematic gardens;
  - (b) a children's play area and a fitness area;
  - (c) a basketball court;
  - (d) covered walkways to connect the proposed Station Square where the future Kai Tak Station is located; and
  - (e) ancillary facilities such as a park management office, toilets and a babycare room.
- 4. A location and site plan as well as artist's impressions of the project are at **Enclosures 1 to 3** respectively.

#### **JUSTIFICATIONS**

- 5. Kowloon City district is a densely populated area, with a population of 411 700 in 2017 and is projected to increase to 454 200 in 2024. The proposed Avenue Park is surrounded by residential and commercial developments, including the Kai Ching Estate (5 200 flats) and Tak Long Estate (8 200 flats) with a total population of about 31 400. To meet the needs of the increasing population in the vicinity, the proposed Avenue Park aims to provide leisure and recreational facilities with a soft landscaping environment for public enjoyment. The Park will provide thematic tree avenue, landscaped gardens, featured plaza and leisure facilities including fitness area, children's play area and a basketball court.
- 6. The proposed Avenue Park will also serve as a vital and convenient pedestrian link between the surrounding developments and as a connection between these developments and the future Kai Tak Station which is targeted for commissioning in about mid-2019. It will provide a green corridor to enhance the walking environment of pedestrians.

## PROJECT ESTIMATE AND TIMETABLE

7. The estimated project cost is \$412.3 million in money-of-the-day prices. Subject to funding approval by the Finance Committee (FC) in 2017-18, we plan to start construction in 2018-19 for completion in 2020-21.

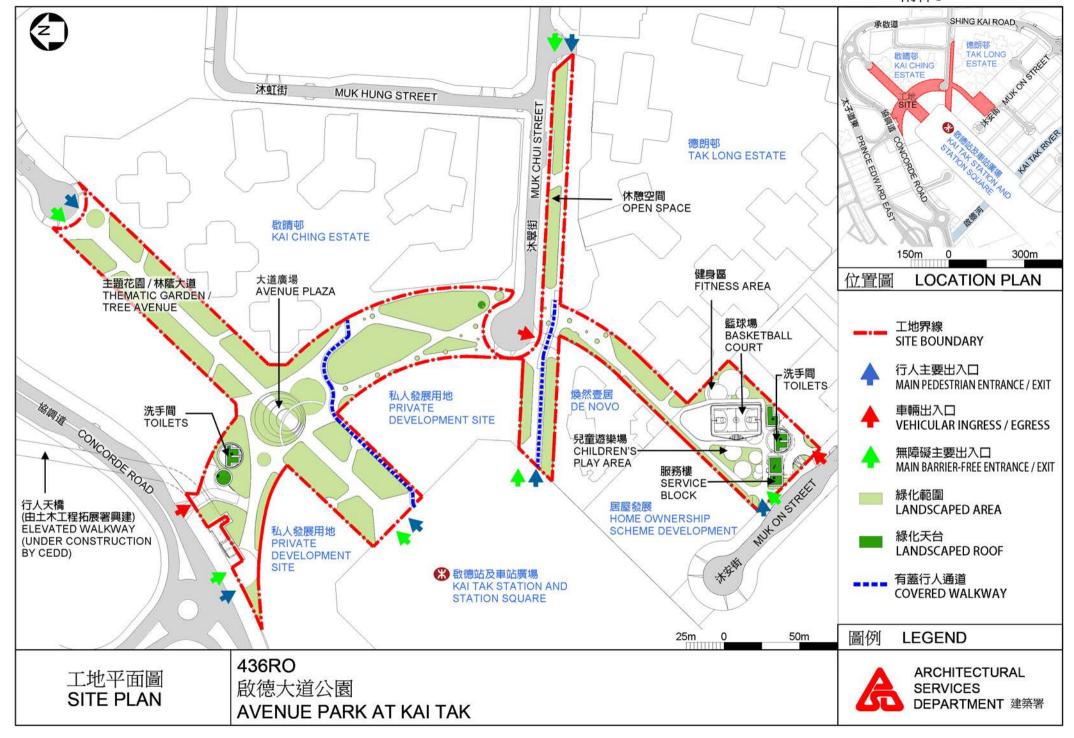
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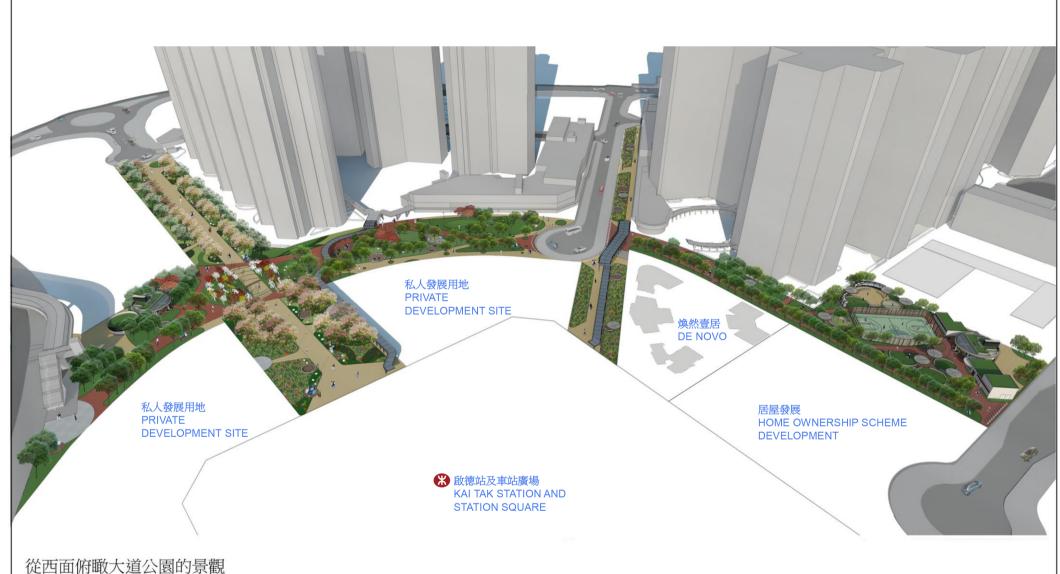
- 8. We consulted the Leisure and District Facilities Management Committee (LDFMC) of the Kowloon City District Council on the scope and conceptual layout of the proposed project on 8 May 2008, 28 July 2011 and 23 March 2017. Members supported the project and urged for its early implementation.
- 9. We also consulted the Harbourfront Commission's Task Force on Kai Tak Harbourfront Development on the proposed design of the project in April 2017 and the Task Force had no comment on the project.

# **ADVICE SOUGHT**

10. Members are invited to support the submission of the project to the Public Works Subcommittee and the FC for funding support and approval.

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AERIAL VIEW FROM WESTERN DIRECTION ON AVENUE PARK

構思圖 ARTIST'S IMPRESSION 436RO 啟德大道公園 AVENUE PARK AT KAI TAK





於林蔭大道的景觀透視圖 PERSPECTIVE VIEW ON TREE AVENUE

構思圖 ARTIST'S IMPRESSION 436RO 啟德大道公園 AVENUE PARK AT KAI TAK

