

For discussion
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Legislative Council Panel on Home Affairs

Community Hall-cum-Home Affairs Enquiry Centre in Cheung Chau

Purpose

This paper seeks Members' views on the proposed construction of a government complex consisting of a Community Hall (CH) and a Home Affairs Enquiry Centre (HAEC) for the Home Affairs Department (HAD) in Cheung Chau.

Proposal

2. We propose to construct a CH together with a HAEC at Sai Tai Road, Cheung Chau. The CH will provide the following facilities –

- (a) a multi-purpose hall with seating capacity of 450 seats and a stage;
- (b) a multi-purpose stage meeting room;
- (c) a stage store room;
- (d) male and female dressing rooms;
- (e) a multi-purpose conference room; and
- (f) ancillary facilities such as a management office, a store room for office, a babycare room and toilets.

A site and location plan and an artist's impression of the project are at **Enclosures 1 and 2** respectively.

Justifications

Community Hall

3. Cheung Chau is the second largest island in the Islands District in terms of population, coming after the Lantau Island. At present, the District has two CHs and both are located on the Lantau Island.

4. Local organisations of Cheung Chau have strong demand for suitable facilities to organise activities for the community. Many of them (including rural committee, women's associations, elderly centres, schools, etc.) actively organise various different activities for the community, such as festive events, performances, graduation ceremonies, seminars, training classes and exhibitions for the residents.

5. Despite the strong demand, there is no appropriate dedicated venue for conducting community activities in Cheung Chau. It is also not convenient for Cheung Chau residents to attend some large scale events held at the CHs in Lantau Island. The organisations now can only make use of the available time slots of the two existing Sports Centres on the island to hold activities like performances, ceremonies and seminars. However, the Sports Centres are not furnished for these purposes. The proposed CH will provide suitable venues and facilities for various parties including the Government, Islands District Council (IsDC), local organisations, Mutual Aid Committees and the Owners' Committees, etc. to more effectively organise community activities for Cheung Chau residents, which will help enhance residents' sense of belonging to the community and social cohesion.

Home Affairs Enquiry Centre

6. HAEC provides a wide range of services to the public, such as answering general enquiries on government services, distributing government forms and information, and administering declarations for private use, etc. At present, the HAEC in Cheung Chau is located at a leased accommodation at the ground floor of a residential block in a narrow street. It is small in size and without barrier-free access.

7. The HAEC in the proposed government complex, will be an expanded one and provide better environment and facilities for service users such as sufficient space for waiting or queue up as necessary. As the new CH would become a hub for local community activities, accommodating the HAEC at this prominent and convenient spot would facilitate residents to use its services. Putting the two public services (i.e. CH and HAEC), both provided by HAD, under the same roof would also facilitate more efficient daily management.

Project Estimate and Timetable

8. The estimated project cost is \$142.6 million in money-of-the-day prices. Subject to the endorsement of the Public Works Subcommittee (PWSC) and the funding approval of the Finance Committee (FC), we plan to start construction in the fourth quarter of 2019 for completion in the first quarter of 2022.

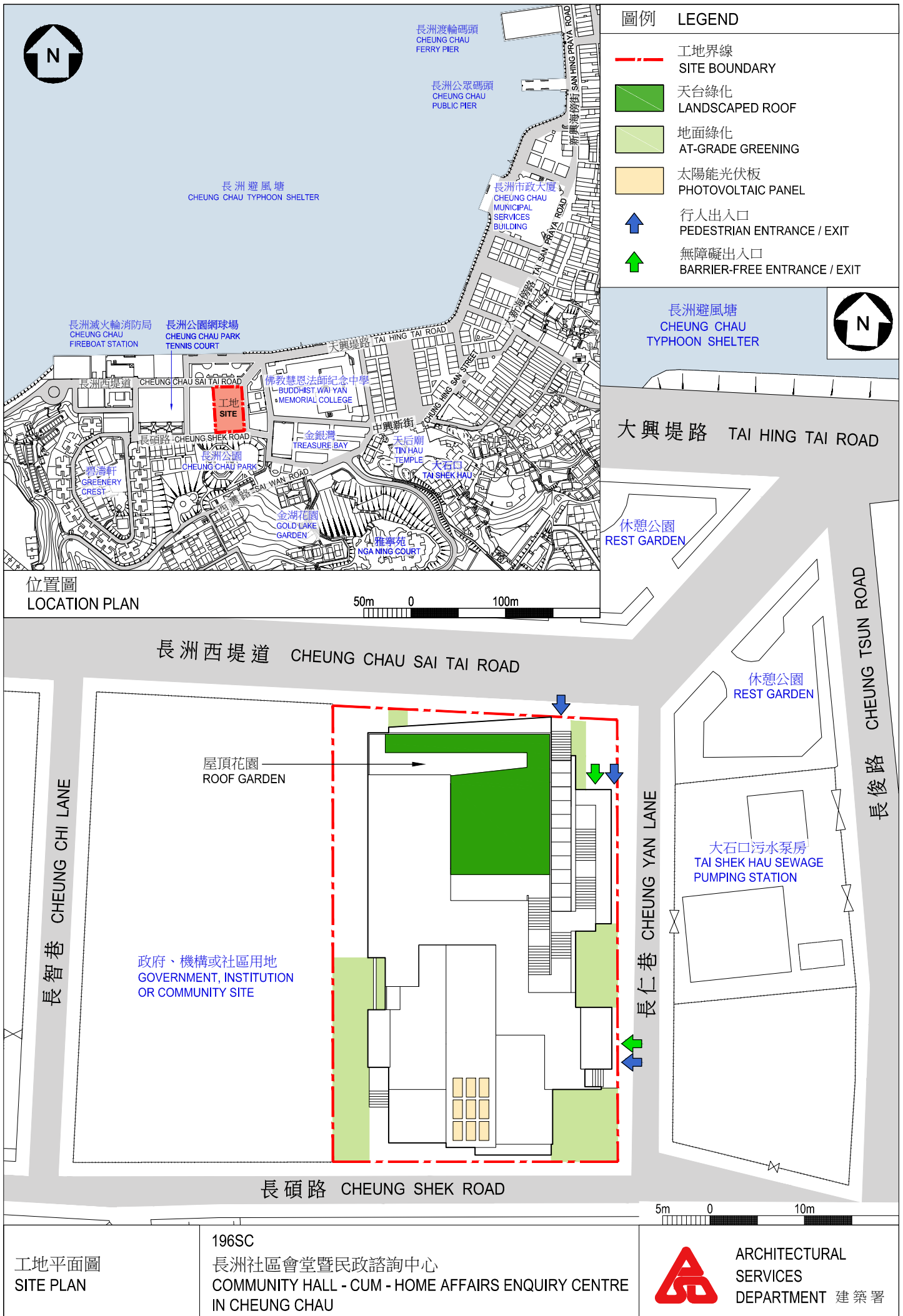
Public Consultation

9. We consulted the District Facilities and Management Committee of IsDC on the scope and preliminary design of the proposed CH on 10 July 2017. Members supported the project and requested its early implementation.

Advice Sought

10. Members are invited to note the content of this paper and support submission of the project to the PWSC and FC for funding support and approval.

Home Affairs Bureau
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