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Legislative Council  
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Honorable Members of the Finance Committee,

**67EG Construction of a new academic building on an extension site east of No.3 Sassoon Road**  
**FCR(2021-22)73 - Finance Committee meeting on 8 October 2021**

You are asked to approve a \$56.0 million study into development of a site east of No.3 Sassoon Road for a 43,000 sq.m. laboratory complex for medical research. ***We urge Members to request for a broader study comparing the costs and benefits of alternative sites, not limited to the extension site east of 3 Sassoon Road.***

It is likely that alternative sites are more economical to develop for several reasons:

1. The site is costly. It is steep, dissected by water courses and the underground Hong Kong West Drainage Tunnel. There is no flat space at the top (Pok Fu Lam Road) nor at the foot (elevated road section of Victoria Road).
2. Agreement development of this green belt site has yet to be considered by the Town Planning Board. The tentative meeting is 15 October 2021. The Town Planning Board received 2,672 comments.
3. Pok Fu Lam residents including HKU and Queen Mary staff have identified a long list of alternative sites for laboratories, including Queen Mary Block T, Medical Complex Extension at 21 Sassoon Road, the faculty project at 3 Sassoon Road, the Laboratory Animal Unit at Sassoon Road, Patrick Manson Building, the Estates Building, the Pauline Chan Building, residential towers Alberose and Middleton, as well as Science Park and Lok Ma Chau Loop.

Yours sincerely

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