For discussion on 8 April 2021

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

## Open Space at Hoi Fan Road, Tai Kok Tsui

#### **Purpose**

This paper seeks Members' views on and support for the proposal to develop an Open Space at Hoi Fan Road, Tai Kok Tsui.

## **Project site**

2. Occupying an area of about 1.6 hectares, the project site is located at a densely populated area in the West Kowloon Reclamation Area. The site falls mainly within the area zoned "Open Space", with a minor portion in the north side encroaching on an area zoned "Government, Institution or Community" on the approved South West Kowloon Outline Zoning Plan No. S/K20/30.

## **Project scope**

- 3. The proposed scope of the project comprises
  - (a) a landscaped garden with sitting-out facilities;
  - (b) a 7-a-side artificial turf football pitch with spectator stands;
  - (c) two basketball-cum-volleyball courts;
  - (d) a multi-purpose lawn;
  - (e) a fitness corner with novel and inclusive fitness equipment suitable for all ages and abilities;
  - (f) a Tai Chi area;

- (g) a children's playground with diversified inclusive play equipment suitable for children of all ages;
- (h) a jogging track of around 400 metres with fitness stations;
- (i) a pet garden;
- (j) a community garden; and
- (k) ancillary facilities including toilets cum changing rooms, a babycare room, a first-aid room, a management office and rain shelters cum pavilions with benches etc..
- 4. A site and location plan as well as an artist's impression of the project are at **Enclosures 1 and 2** respectively.

#### **Justifications**

- 5. Situated in the residential area of the West Kowloon Reclamation Area, the population surrounding the project site is about 50 000. There are three open spaces managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department near the project site, namely Hoi Fai Road Promenade, Hoi Fai Road Garden and the open space at Hoi Fai Road under construction. With the growing aspiration of more open space, this project provides another quality open space with diversified active and passive facilities for public enjoyment.
- 6. In this project, a 7-a-side artificial turf football pitch and two basketball-cum-volleyball courts will be provided to alleviate the shortfall of these sports facilities in the district. Other leisure facilities such as a jogging track with fitness stations, a children's playground, a Tai Chi area, and a fitness corner will also be included to meet the needs of the public.
- 7. In response to requests from nearby residents, concerned groups and members of the Yau Tsim Mong District Council (YTMDC), a pet garden and a community garden will also be included to meet local demand. To further enhance the amenity value of the open space and provide a harmonious environment with the surrounding, shrubs and trees will be planted as and when appropriate. We envisage that the proposed open space will be a popular leisure and sports venue for local residents.

8. In addition, this project will also enhance the pedestrian connectivity to the waterfront. With the footbridge connection from the Nam Cheong Park, not only can the public reach the proposed open space easily to enjoy various recreational and sports facilities, but also facilitate their access from the hinterland (including the Nam Cheong Park and Nam Cheong Station) to the Tai Kok Tsui Promenade to enjoy the waterfront area.

#### Project estimate and timetable

9. The estimated project cost is about \$196.1 million in money-of-the-day prices. Subject to the funding approval by the Finance Committee (FC) within the 2020-21 legislative session, the construction works will take about two years to complete.

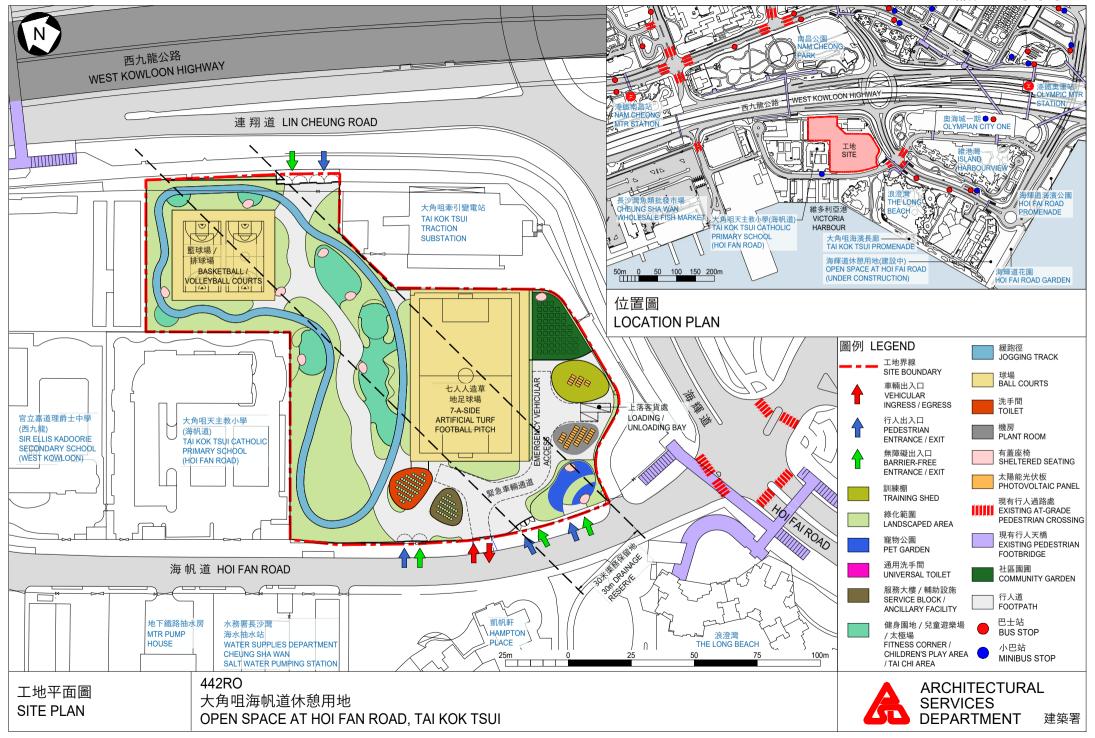
#### **Public consultation**

- 10. We consulted the Community Building Committee of YTMDC on the scope of the proposed project on 7 August 2008, 5 February 2009 and 28 June 2018, and the conceptual design on 7 May 2020. Members had no objection to the project.
- 11. We also consulted the Harbourfront Commission's Task Force on Harbourfront Developments in Kowloon, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing on 9 June 2020. The Task Force envisioned the implementation of the project in the near future. Their comments on the design and accessibility have been duly taken into consideration.

# **Advice Sought**

12. We will seek funding approval from the FC after consulting the Public Works Subcommittee.

Home Affairs Bureau March 2021





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