

**For discussion
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Legislative Council Panel on Health Services

Health Centre and Social Welfare Facilities Building in Siu Sai Wan

Purpose

This paper briefs Members on the proposed provision of a health centre and social welfare facilities building (the Building) in Siu Sai Wan.

Proposed Project Scope and Timeline

2. We propose to provide the Building at a site at the junction of Siu Sai Wan Road and Harmony Road in Siu Sai Wan, adjacent to the Siu Sai Wan Complex, with the following facilities –

Food and Health Bureau (FHB)

- (a) a District Health Centre (DHC);

Department of Health (DH)

- (b) a reprovisioned elderly health centre (EHC);
- (c) a child assessment centre (CAC);
- (d) a reprovisioned Child Assessment Service (CAS) head office;

Social Welfare Department (SWD)

- (e) a residential care home for the elderly (RCHE);

- (f) a day care centre for the elderly (DE);
- (g) a sub-base for neighbourhood elderly centre (NEC Sub-base); and
- (h) a supported hostel for mentally handicapped persons (SHOS(MH)).

3. The estimated cost of the proposed project is about \$710 million in money-of-the-day prices. The Architectural Services Department (ArchSD) invited tenders for the proposed works in November 2020. We plan to award the contract to the successful tenderer and commence the proposed works upon obtaining the Finance Committee (FC)'s funding approval for target completion in around three and a half years.

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

Background and Justifications

5. To meet the long-term healthcare and welfare needs in the Eastern District, we propose to provide the following facilities in the proposed Building –

Healthcare facilities

DHC

6. In a bid to shift the emphasis of the present healthcare system and people's mind-set from treatment-oriented to prevention-focused, the Government is committed to enhancing district-based primary healthcare services by setting up DHCs in 18 districts progressively. DHC would be a hub for providing primary healthcare services in a coordinated, comprehensive, continuing and person-centred manner. Through stepping up efforts in promoting individual and community involvement, enhancing coordination among various medical and social sectors, and strengthening district-based primary healthcare services, the Government aims to encourage the public to maintain a healthy lifestyle and enhance their capability in self-care and home care, thereby reducing the demand for specialist services and hospitalisation that could be avoidable.

7. DHCs adopt a brand new service model by providing district-based primary healthcare services through public-private partnership and medical-social collaboration, and would become a key component of the public healthcare system. Services provided in DHCs focus on primary, secondary and tertiary prevention of diseases, and cover health promotion, health assessment, chronic disease management and community rehabilitation. DHCs will be operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs).

8. Further to the planned establishment of DHCs in three districts (namely Kwai Tsing, Sham Shui Po and Wong Tai Sin), we plan to set up DHCs in four other districts (namely Tsuen Wan, Yuen Long, Tuen Mun and Southern District) within the current term of the Government. As for the other 11 districts, we have invited proposals for the operation of smaller interim “DHC Expresses” with a view to commencing service provision within 2021.

9. As regards the Eastern District, the planned Eastern DHC located at the Building will act as the core centre as a service hub and be complemented by satellite centres to be set up in each of the sub-districts of the Eastern District. The Eastern DHC will be complemented by a multi-disciplinary healthcare network of medical and healthcare practitioners in the district with multiple service points. The Eastern DHC will strive to better co-ordinate with other district-based primary healthcare services and facilities, making it more convenient to meet individual healthcare needs of the community.

10. As for the services to be provided in the Eastern DHC, we will, taking the Kwai Tsing DHC as a blueprint, closely liaise with relevant stakeholders in the district in the course of taking forward the setting up of the DHC in a proactive manner. On the other hand, to lay a foundation for the establishment of a prevention-focused primary healthcare system in the long run, as mentioned in paragraph 8 above, we will provide funding for NGOs to set up interim “DHC Expresses” in 11 districts, including the Eastern District, where DHCs are yet to be set up.

EHC

11. EHCs under DH’s Elderly Health Service aim to address the multiple health needs of the elderly by providing them with integrated primary healthcare services. These services are provided from a family medicine perspective using a multi-disciplinary team approach, with a view to helping the elderly in the prevention,

early identification and proper management of diseases, as well as promoting health and curative treatment services. Elderly persons aged 65 or above are eligible for enrolling as members of EHCs. Enrolled members are provided with health assessment, counselling, health education and curative treatment services.

12. The Shau Kei Wan EHC, currently at Shau Kei Wan Jockey Club Clinic, will be reprovisioned in the Building since its existing premises is inadequate to meet service demand. After the reprovisioning, a more spacious and comfortable environment with more comprehensive and quality integrated primary healthcare services can be provided to the elderly. The more spacious environment can also facilitate easier manoeuvre within the EHC by clients on wheelchairs, accommodate computer facilities and provide necessary storage space.

CAC and CAS Head Office

(i) CAC

13. CACs under the CAS provide comprehensive assessments and diagnoses, formulate rehabilitation plans, and provide interim child and family support, public health education activities, as well as review evaluation to children under 12 years of age who are suspected to have developmental problems. After assessments, follow-up plans will be formulated according to individual needs of children. Children will be referred to other appropriate service providers identified for training and education support.

14. In response to the growing public demand for CAC's service, we will set up at the Building the first CAC on Hong Kong Island in order to enhance manpower support and service capacity for handling the increasing number of referred cases.

(ii) CAS Head Office

15. The CAS head office currently located at the Central Kowloon CAC will also be reprovisioned in the Building so as to make room for service enhancement of the Central Kowloon CAC.

Social welfare facilities

16. SWD included the proposed welfare facilities to be provided in the proposed

Building in the project list of the “Annual Briefing on Welfare Facility Projects Funded by the Lotteries Fund” and briefed Members on the proposed project at the meeting of the Panel on Welfare Services held on 11 May 2020. Details of the welfare facilities are listed below for information.

RCHE

17. In view of the ageing population in Hong Kong, there is a huge demand for subsidised residential care services for the elderly. As at end-November 2020, there were 37 643 applicants being waitlisted for various types of subsidised residential care services for the elderly and the average waiting time in the past three months was 20 months and 27 months for care-and-attention places and nursing home places respectively. Setting up a 100-place RCHE in the Building will help relieve the pressure on the service demand and shorten the waiting time for subsidised residential care places.

DE

18. A DE is centre-based community care services providing day time care, rehabilitation exercises and social activities to the frail elderly persons aged 60 or above and assessed to be in a state of either moderate or severe level of impairment by the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Services, including those suffering from dementia. The service aims at helping service users maintain an optimal level of functioning, improve their quality of life and age in place in a familiar community. DE also provides various kinds of support and assistance to the carers in order to enable them to continue to assume their responsibilities as carers. SWD plans to set up a 60-place DE in the Building.

NEC Sub-base

19. SWD proposes to set up an NEC sub-base in the Building to provide a comprehensive range of community support services at neighbourhood level, including community education, health education, educational and developmental activities, reaching out and networking, volunteer development, counselling services, educational and supportive programmes on dementia, carer support services, provision of information on community resources and referral services, social and recreational activities, and meal service, etc., for elderly persons and carers living in the locality.

SHOS(MH)

20. To address the acute demand for rehabilitation services, SWD has been actively identifying resources and suitable premises to incorporate rehabilitation service facilities in all districts. SWD plans to set up a 40-place SHOS(MH) in the Building to provide group home living for people with disabilities aged 15 or above who are capable of semi-independent living with a fair amount of assistance from hostel staff in daily activities.

Public Consultation

21. FHB, together with DH, SWD and ArchSD consulted the Planning, Works and Housing Committee (PWHC) of the Eastern District Council on 20 November 2018 on the proposed project. Members of the PWHC supported the proposal. The relevant Bureau/Departments also attended the PWHC meetings held on 23 June and 1 September 2020 to respond to members' questions.

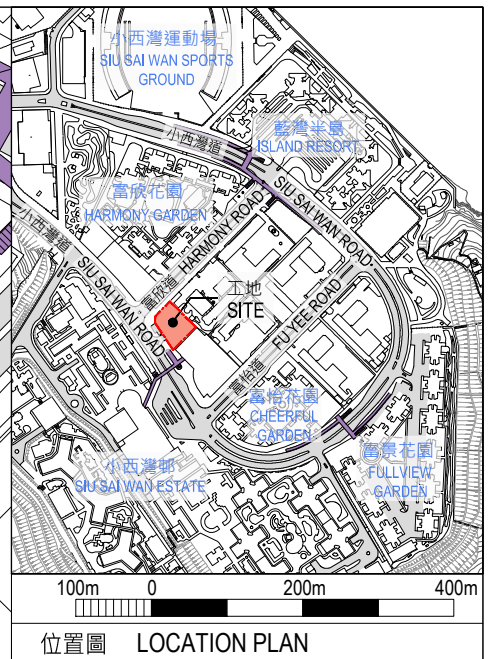
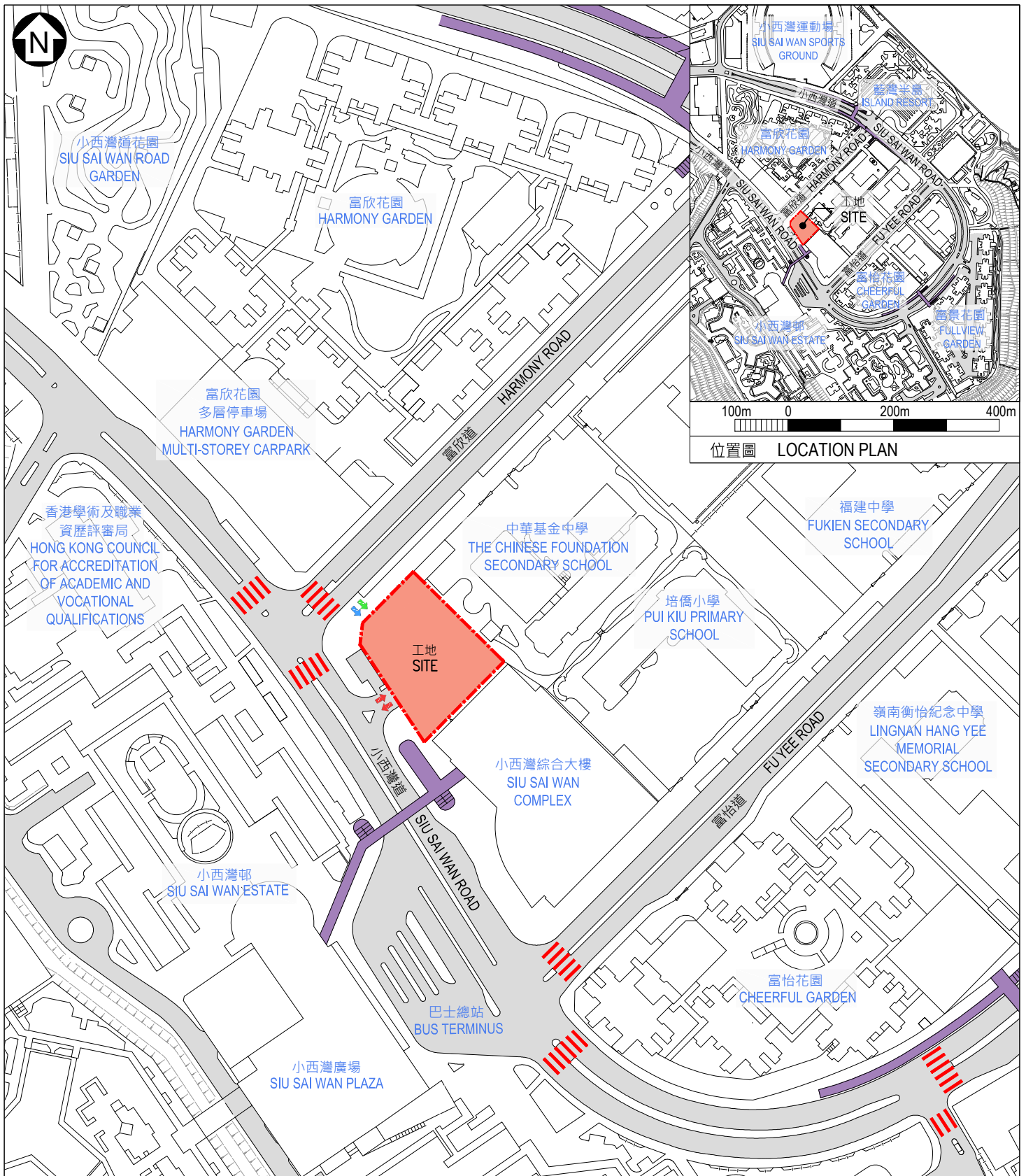
Way forward

22. We plan to seek endorsement and funding approval of the Public Works Subcommittee and FC of the Legislative Council respectively to upgrade the proposed project to Category A in the current legislative session.







Advice sought

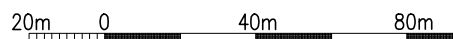
23. Members are invited to provide views on the proposed project.

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圖例 LEGEND

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|  | 工地界線
SITE BOUNDARY |  | 車輛出入口
VEHICULAR INGRESS / EGRESS |  | 行人出入口
PEDESTRIAN ENTRANCE / EXIT |
|  | 現有行人過路處
EXISTING AT-GRADE
PEDESTRIAN CROSSING |  | 無障礙出入口
BARRIER-FREE ENTRANCE / EXIT |  | 有蓋行人天橋
COVERED FOOTBRIDGE |



工地平面圖
SITE PLAN

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小西灣健康中心及社會福利設施大樓
HEALTH CENTRE AND SOCIAL WELFARE
FACILITIES BUILDING IN SIU SAI WAN



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從西面望向大樓的構思透視圖
PERSPECTIVE VIEW FROM WEST DIRECTION (ARTIST'S IMPRESSION)

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