

For discussion on
19 April 2022

**Legislative Council Panel on Home Affairs
3291RS - Redevelopment of Yuen Long Stadium -
Main Works**

Purpose

This paper seeks Members' views on the proposed redevelopment of the Yuen Long Stadium (YLS).

Project site

2. The proposed project site, occupying an area of about 30 200 square metres (m²), is located between Yuen Long Tai Yuk Road and Town Park Road North. It is zoned "Government, Institution or Community" on the approved Yuen Long Outline Zoning Plan No. S/YL/23.

Project scope

3. The proposed scope of the project comprises –
- (a) re-provisioning of an 11-a-side natural turf football pitch meeting the standards of international football match venues;
 - (b) re-provisioning of an 8-lane 400m-long athletics track and other field facilities meeting the standards and requirements of the World Athletics;
 - (c) re-provisioning of both east and west spectator stands with fixed covers and ancillary facilities accommodating a total of around 6 000 seats;
 - (d) provision of ancillary facilities complying with the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) Stadium Regulations for the hosting of AFC Champions League and AFC Cup matches, including multi-purpose meeting rooms, a media centre, media tribune, a press conference room, commentator's rooms, TV

studios, first aid rooms and a doping control room;

- (e) provision of ancillary facilities, including a control room equipped with electronic timing and video finishing equipment, main camera platform in the spectator stand, baby care rooms, box offices, an entrance plaza and 15 bicycle parking spaces;
- (f) re-provisioning of existing ancillary facilities, including toilets and changing facilities, control rooms, offices, parking spaces, loading and unloading areas;
- (g) re-provisioning of existing car parking spaces and the addition of new car parking spaces to form a public vehicle park providing 104 parking spaces (including four coaches, seven light goods vehicles, 78 private cars and 15 motorcycles) as well as provision of ancillary facilities, including a car park management cum shroff office, etc; and
- (h) beautification works for the public passage between the YLS and the Yuen Long Swimming Pool.

The redevelopment of the YLS will upgrade the venue to allow the hosting of international football matches and large-scale athletics events.

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. The YLS, commissioned in 1968, is not only a major sports facility in the western New Territories, but also one of the main venues for hosting the Hong Kong Premier League.

6. Western New Territories has a large population. There is a total of around 1.2 million population in Yuen Long District and the neighbouring Tuen Mun District. Football is one of the most popular sports in the area. The Yuen Long football team often competes in the top-level Hong Kong Premier League with the YLS as the home venue which attracts the support of a large number of spectators from the district. With the basic infrastructure of the YLS being used for over 50 years old, its spectator stands and ancillary facilities are, however, far below the current day standard for hosting high-level sports competitions.

7. With the continuous development of football in Hong Kong in recent years, more local football clubs are competing in AFC competitions. As stipulated in AFC Stadium Regulations for the hosting of AFC Champions League and AFC Cup, the stadium hosting AFC-sanctioned international matches must meet its standards, including the area surrounding the pitch, facilities for participating teams and AFC delegation, media-related areas, medical facilities, VIP and hospitality areas as well as spectator areas. Currently, the Hong Kong Stadium and the Mong Kok Stadium are the only venues in Hong Kong that can meet the AFC standards. There is no similar venue in the New Territories. The proposed project will upgrade the YLS to be another designated venue in Hong Kong for hosting international matches sanctioned by the AFC. With the enhancement of connectivity between the YLS and the urban area upon the opening of the Tuen Ma Line of the Mass Transit Railway Corporation, the redeveloped YLS will be a suitable venue for hosting AFC-sanctioned international matches.

8. Apart from hosting AFC-sanctioned international and local football matches, the YLS is also the main venue for holding school athletics meets in western New Territories. The redeveloped YLS will provide an 8-lane athletics track and other field facilities meeting all the venue requirements of World Athletics for holding track and field competitions. Save from school athletics meets, the YLS can also hold territorial-wide and even regional large-scale events. The YLS will otherwise be available for community jogging, track and field training and other sports activities on non-event days.

9. Pre-construction activities of this project started in January 2019. Taking into account the views from the Yuen Long District Council (YLDC) and the Legislative Council on the provision of covered seats in the east spectator stand, we have proposed some changes to the project scope by extending the western site boundary to cover the existing metered car park on Town Park Road North and the southern boundary towards Yuen Long Swimming Pool with a view to accommodating both a football pitch meeting the AFC standards and a standard 8-lane athletics track and field facilities meeting the World Athletics' requirements. Under the current design, there will be covered seats for both the east and west spectator stands. Given the need to re-provision the existing parking spaces in the metered car park, a public vehicle park is included in the project to address the local parking demand. Ancillary parking spaces are also included to meet the needs of the daily operation of the stadium and the needs during the hosting of international competitions. The number of the public

parking spaces will be increased from 63 to 104.

10. Furthermore, upon the advice of Hong Kong Football Association, we will also increase the stadium lighting level to 1800 lux to attain Lighting Category 2 in accordance with the AFC Stadium Lighting Guidelines 2018.

Project estimate and timetable

11. The estimated project cost is about \$1,527.0 million in MOD prices. The proposed works will commence after the funding approval granted by the Finance Committee (FC) and is targeted to complete in about four years.

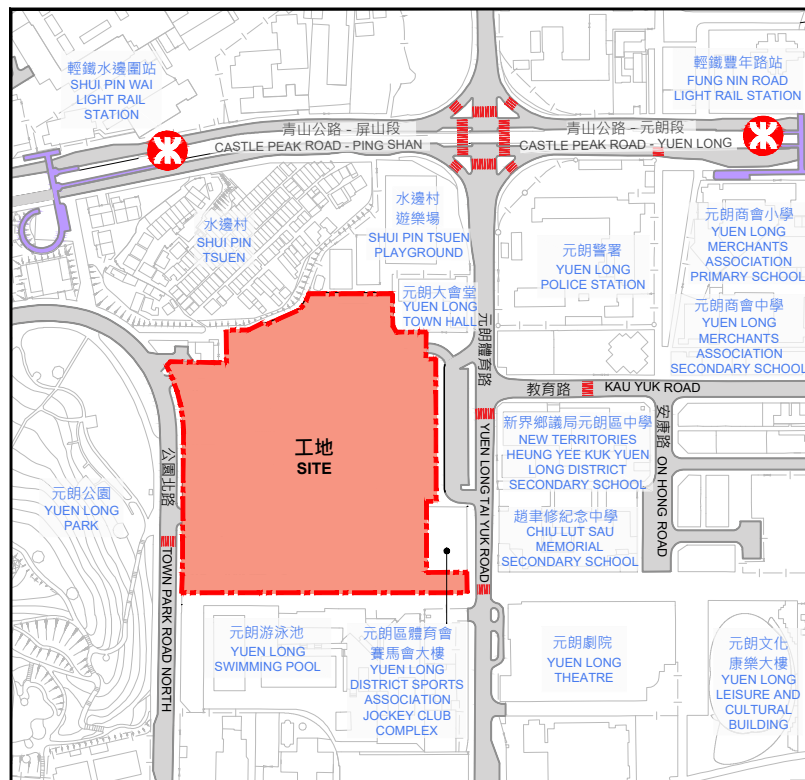
Public consultation

12. The District Facilities Management Committee of YLDC was consulted on the project scope at its meetings on 1 November 2013, 5 January 2018 and 2 March 2018. The conceptual design was subsequently discussed at its meeting again on 6 September 2019. Members generally supported the project and requested its early implementation.

Advice Sought

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

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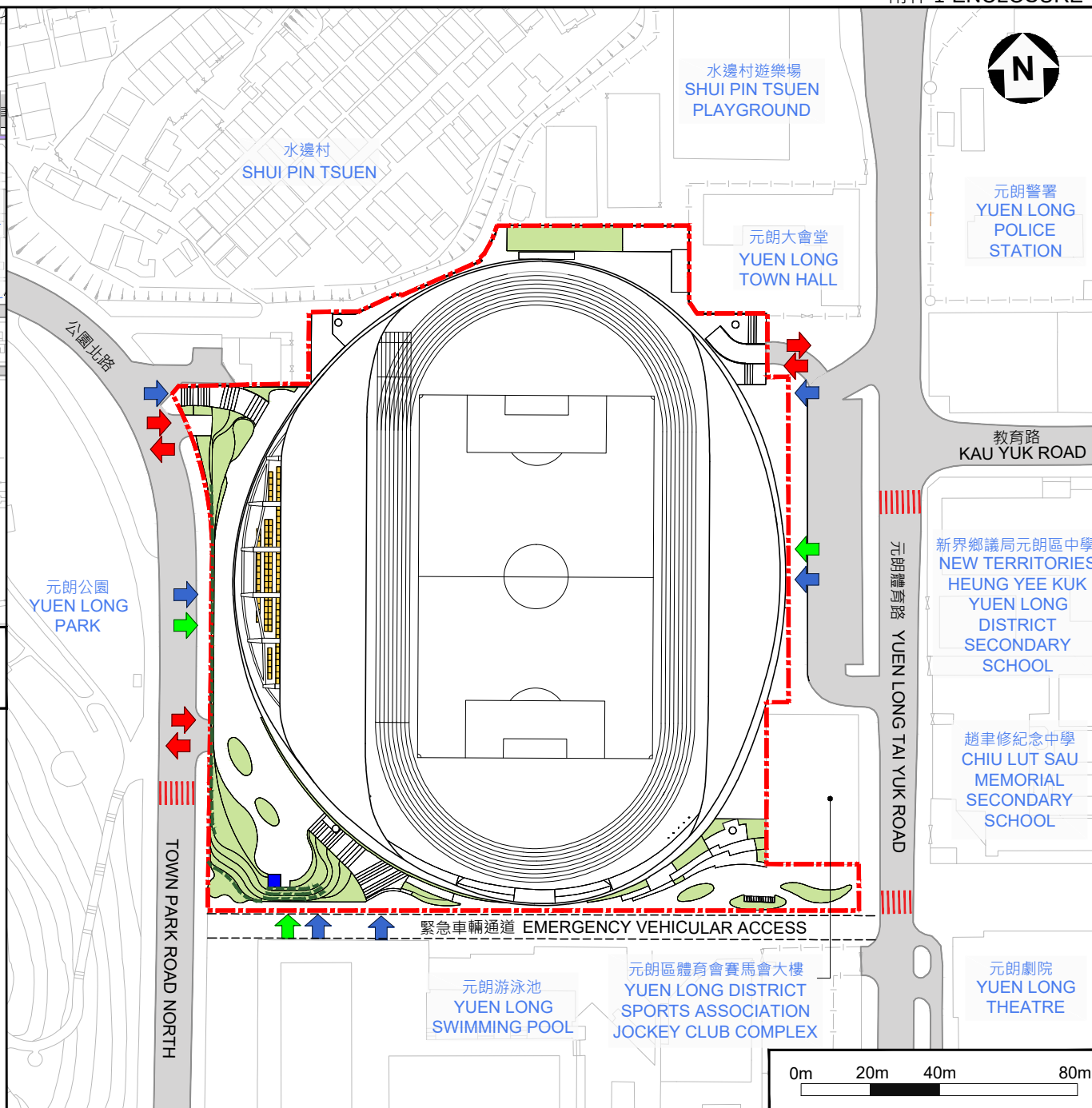
位置圖
LOCATION PLAN

0m 50m 100m 200m

LEGEND 圖例

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| | 工地界線
SITE BOUNDARY | | 現有蓋行人天橋
EXISTING COVERED FOOTBRIDGE |
| | 車輛出入口
VEHICULAR INGRESS / EGRESS | | 綠化範圍
LANDSCAPED AREA |
| | 無障礙出入口
BARRIER-FREE ENTRANCE / EXIT | | 垂直綠化
VERTICAL GREENING |
| | 行人出入口
PEDESTRIAN ENTRANCE / EXIT | | 太陽能光伏板
PHOTOVOLTAIC PANEL |
| | 行人過路處
AT-GRADE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING | | 暢通易達升降機
ACCESSIBLE LIFT |

工地平面圖
SITE PLAN



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從西南面望向球場的構思透視圖

PERSPECTIVE VIEW FROM SOUTHWEST DIRECTION (ARTIST'S IMPRESSION)

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