

PROVISIONAL LOCAL VESSELS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Kai Tak Planning Review¹ – Stage 1 Public Participation: Community's Vision for Kai Tak

1. Purpose

- 1.1. The purpose of this paper is to seek Members' views on the development vision for the ex-airport site at Kai Tak, as part of the Kai Tak Planning Review.

2. Background

- 2.1. On 25.6.2002, the Chief Executive in Council approved the Kai Tak Outline Zoning Plans to provide the statutory planning framework to proceed with the implementation of the South East Kowloon Development (SEKD). As a result of the Court of Final Appeal's Judgment regarding the interpretation of the Protection of the Harbour Ordinance (PHO) promulgated in early January 2004, the SEKD, which would involve reclamation of about 133 hectares in the harbour, needs to be reviewed comprehensively.
- 2.2. The consultancy for the the Kai Tak Planning Review commenced in mid-July 2004. The study is tasked to formulate options of Outline Concept Plan, including an option on a "no reclamation" scenario and to prepare a draft Preliminary Outline Development Plan to enable discussion in the community and to facilitate participation in the process. Preliminary technical assessments would also be undertaken to confirm broad feasibility of the land use proposals as input to the Engineering Feasibility Study in the next stage of the Comprehensive Review. In order to strengthen public participation, the intention is to engage the public throughout the study process to build public consensus.

¹ Short study title for *South East Kowloon Development Comprehensive Planning and Engineering Review Stage 1 Planning Review*

3. **Community's Vision for Kai Tak**

3.1. The Stage 1 Public Participation commences on 17 September 2004 and will be completed in 2 months' time. The main purpose of the Stage 1 Public Participation is to engage the community in the beginning of the study process to help building the community vision(s) for this major waterfront site in Victoria Harbour. This would facilitate the preparation of development options for the site for further discussion in the community.

3.2. At this stage of the study, we will:

- (a) explain the background leading to the review;
- (b) present the study methodology and programme;
- (c) highlight Kai Tak's development constraints, opportunities and key development components;
- (d) map out the overall public participation framework; and
- (e) most important of all, to invite public views on their vision for Kai Tak.

3.3. The Public Consultation Digest at Annex 1 has been prepared to help focus the discussion at this stage. Relevant background materials of the Kai Tak site as well as study reports are mounted in the study website to enable public access.

4. **Advice Sought**

4.1. Members are invited to discuss their development vision for the Kai Tak site.

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