

Provisional Local Vessel Advisory Committee

Joint Public Consultation on Stage II Study on Review of Metroplan and Planning Study on the Harbour and its Waterfront Areas

Purpose

1. This Paper is to brief Members of the Committee and to solicit views on the interim findings of the above two Studies.

Background

2. In mid 1999, the first public consultation was held to collect views and suggestions from the public on the objectives, approaches and issue of the Metroplan Review Study. Upon incorporation of public views in the study process, it had identified development constraints and opportunities for the Metro Area and a set of themes for Metroplan was developed. In December 1999, a Planning Study on the Harbour and its Waterfront Areas was initiated. These two studies were being undertaken in tandem. So far key issues, tourism opportunity and constraint areas were identified in the planning of the harbour and its waterfront. A Harbour Planning Framework was derived aiming to guide the formulation of the Harbour and Waterfront Plan.

3. Members of the Committee were invited to attend a joint public consultation forum on 31 March 2001.

4. In the Metroplan Review, a series of Metroplan main themes were outlined in its Consultation Digest and some possible areas for focused action had also been illustrated, viz:

- Potential Business Nodes
- District Centre Restructuring
- Improvement to Commercial Areas
- Tourism and Recreational Development Opportunity

Marine Impacts

5. Focusing on tourism and recreational development potential of the Harbour and its waterfront areas, the Harbour Plan Study aimed to identify potential sites in the Harbour for promotion of tourism and recreational activities, taking into account the localized needs of all other necessary waterfront uses.
6. In the Digest of Harbour Planning Framework, it highlights that some existing port-related industrial, transport and utility uses that will compete with tourism / recreational developments uses for limited waterfront space and create interface problems.
7. Certain facilities such as Yau Ma Tei Public Cargo Working Area and Typhoon Shelter are identified as incompatible uses. It is given that the possible long term solutions might include termination or relocation of uses incompatible with tourism development or to provide mitigation measures to minimize interface problems.

Advice Sought

8. Member's view will be sought on the interim findings of these two Studies in particular the possible impacts on marine associated activities within the Harbour.

Presentation

9. Mr. Raymond Wong, Chief Town Planner of Planning Department and Mr. LEE Yam-sang, Senior Town Planner of Planning Department will attend the meeting and make the presentation.

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