

## **District Open Space in Areas 66 and 68, Tseung Kwan O Project Scope (Revised Proposal)**

### **Purpose**

This paper aims to seek comments from Members of the District Facilities Management Committee (DFMC) on the revised proposed scope of development for the “District Open Space in Areas 66 and 68, Tseung Kwan O” Project (the Project).

### **Background**

2. According to the approved Tseung Kwan O Outline Zoning Plan, the major district open space in Areas 66 and 68 at Tseung Kwan O Town Centre South is intended primarily for the development of town square, waterfront park and central pedestrian avenue. In addition to providing a landscaped green corridor connecting Town Centre North and the waterfront area, it will also provide recreational facilities for the residents.

3. To support the rapid development of Tseung Kwan O Town Centre South, and to meet the imminent demand for district open space in the area, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) consulted DFMC on the scope of development for the “District Open Space in Areas 66 and 68, Tseung Kwan O” Project in March 2011. Members generally supported the scope with the provision of mainly passive recreational facilities.

### **Latest Development**

4. It is announced in the 2017 Policy Address that the Government plans to significantly increase the provision of sports and recreational facilities, and will launch 26 projects (including this project) to develop new or improve existing sports and recreation facilities in the 18 districts in the coming five years. LCSD, after careful assessment, proposes revising the scope of development for the Project to facilitate its early implementation.

### **Revised Proposal of the Proposed Facilities**

5. The project site of “District Open Space in Areas 66 and 68, Tseung Kwan O” covers an area of about 8 hectares<sup>1</sup> at Tseung Kwan O Town Centre South. A location plan is at *Annex*.

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<sup>1</sup> The facilities in the area include the promenade, pet garden and toilet facilities provided under the “Cycle Tracks and Associated Facilities along Seafront at Town Centre South, Tseung Kwan O” Project (i.e. Tseung Kwan O Waterfront Park, covering an area of about 1.6 hectares) of the Civil Engineering and Development Department. The facilities were handed over to LCSD for management in 2013.

6. Along with the completion of a number of residential estates in the area, there is a commensurate increase in the population and local demand for recreational facilities. Taking into account that residential buildings are located on both sides of the proposed open space and Members' concerns over the potential noise nuisance or light pollution caused by active recreational facilities in DFMC meeting, LCSD proposes that the project should include mainly passive recreational facilities or landscaped area. After careful assessment, it is now proposed that the scope of development be revised to replace the active recreational facilities (e.g. jogging track, bicycle park and basketball courts, etc.) with passive sitting-out and recreational facilities. More passive open space and landscaped area will be provided to meet the local demand for open space and minimise the impact on the residents in the vicinity. The revised proposed facilities include the following:

- A landscaped garden
- **Enhancement work to the existing Tseung Kwan O Waterfront Park with the provision of seatings and fitness stations** (depending on the site conditions)
- A central pedestrian avenue
- **An open-air hard-paved plaza**
- **A community garden**
- A bicycle rental kiosk
- **The pet garden in Tseung Kwan O Waterfront Park kept intact**
- A children's play area
- Fitness equipment for the elderly and adults

- Ancillary facilities including a park office, toilets, a baby-care room, drinking fountains, store rooms, vehicle loading/unloading area

### **Advice Sought**

7. Members are invited to comment on the revised proposed facilities mentioned in paragraph 6 above. LCSD will adopt Members' suggestions as long as they are financially and technically feasible and submit the revised project scope to the Home Affairs Bureau for approval, so that the Architectural Services Department can continue to proceed with further preparation for the Project, finalise the implementation programme and draw up the conceptual design.

**Leisure and Cultural Services Department**

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## District Open Space in Areas 66 and 68, Tseung Kwan O Location Plan

