

Progress Report of Sai Kung District Council
Housing and Environmental Hygiene Committee

The second meeting (2016) of the Sai Kung District Council Housing and Environmental Hygiene Committee (HEHC) was held on 17 March 2016. The major issues discussed at the meeting were summarized as follows:

Construction of Departmental Quarters for Customs and Excise Department at Tseung Kwan O Area 123 (Po Lam Road) – Pre-construction Consultancy Services and Advance Sewerage Works

1. The HEHC noted the content of the captioned item. Members basically agreed to the construction of the quarters but they were concerned about the impacts of the works on traffic flow, parking spaces, the construction of small houses, etc. The HEHC would write to the Legislative Council, the Security Bureau, the Development Bureau and the Transport and Housing Bureau to express their request and append Members' comments to the letter.

Proposed Construction of Rank & File Quarters for Fire Services Department in Area 106, Pak Shing Kok

2. The HEHC noted the content of the captioned item. Yet, Members expressed their concern regarding the arrangements for the parking spaces and the service facilities for transportation under the project. The HEHC would write to the Planning Department to express their request.

Working Groups under the HEHC

3. The HEHC noted the captioned document and agreed to set up the captioned working groups after receiving the details of the Community Participation Programme in Environmental Protection for 2016/2017 from the Environmental Protection Department (EPD).

Food and Environmental Hygiene Department First Phase of Anti-rodent Campaign 2016 in Sai Kung District

4. The HEHC noted the captioned document.

Food and Environmental Hygiene Department Anti-mosquito Campaign 2016 (Phase I) in Sai Kung District

5. The HEHC noted the captioned document.

Food and Environmental Hygiene Department Sai Kung District 2016 Year-end Clean-up

Food and Environmental Hygiene Department Achievements of the Sai Kung District 2016 Year-end Clean-up

6. As the content of the two captioned items are related, Members agreed to discuss them together. The HEHC noted the captioned documents.

Market Management Consultative Committee of FEHD Markets

7. The HEHC noted the captioned document. Mr. LI Ka-leung, Mr. LAU Wai-cheung and Mr. HIEW Moo-siew would represent the SKDC to become members of the Market Management Consultative Committee for the new term.

Enhancing management of roadside skips

8. The HEHC noted the captioned document. As most Members had doubts and discontent regarding the content of the scheme, the HEHC would write to the EPD to express their opinions and request the EPD to refine the captioned document.

Request the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department to construct a standard integrated refuse collection chamber with deodorizing system by the side of the public toilet at Tseng Lan Shue Village to replace the refuse collection chamber in the area and to construct a toilet for the disabled

9. Some Members suggested constructing the captioned refuse collection chamber for processing refuse as well as a small park (including a toilet with deodorizing system) at Tseng Lan Shue Village.

Request to improve and enhance the estate management of Kin Ming Estate

Request to promptly solve the congestion problem of the access at Kin Ming Estate to match with the construction of the subsidized sale housing project at Tseung Kwan O Area 73A

Urge the Government to include Kin Ming Estate into the new policy to provide a "universally accessible" environment by installing more elevator and escalator

Request to install elevator at an appropriate location near the escalator of Kin Ming Estate as soon as possible

Regarding the Congestion Problem to Access between Choi Ming Shopping Centre and Kin Ming Estate

10. As the agenda items were lengthy, Members agreed to combine and simplify them into "Request to solve the congestion problem of the access at Kin Ming Estate and to install more elevator(s) or escalator(s) at the appropriate location". The HEHC noted the statistics report on pedestrian flow submitted by the Housing Department (HD). Some Members reiterated their request to the HD to install more escalator(s) at the appropriate location of Kin Ming Estate. They pointed out that the management agency did not have any contingency measures to deal with the congestion when the present escalator was out of service. The HD would discuss with the management agency concerned to come up with better contingency measures. The HD would also provide the required timeframe regarding the maintenance of escalators in due course.

Strongly request the Housing Department to step up its monitoring of City Professional Management Limited in their management and cleaning work at Sheung Tak Estate Amphitheatre and the bird garden

11. Some Members pointed out that the management and hygienic condition of the captioned locations were unsatisfactory. Hence, they suggested the HD to conduct a site inspection and devise an overall plan to tackle the problems so as to enhance the quality of the management there.

Request to step up the efforts in monitoring and combating object dropped from height
Request to install digital monitoring system ("sky eye") at Shin Ming Estate to crack down object dropped from height

Request to install digital monitoring system ("sky eye") at Sheung Tak Estate to ensure

the safety of residents

Request the government to step up its monitoring and control against object dropped from height in Tseung Kwan O, in particular Kin Ming Estate and Sheung Tak Estate

12. As the agenda items were lengthy, Members agreed to combine and simplify them into “Request to install digital monitoring system (‘sky eye’) at Shin Ming Estate, Sheung Tak Estate and Kin Ming Estate”. The HEHC noted the report submitted by the HD regarding object dropped from height. Some Members considered that both Kin Ming Estate and Sheung Tak Estate were black spots for object dropped from height. Hence, they hoped that the HD could maintain the mobile monitoring system in the estates and provide the HEHC with the data collected by the fixed and mobile monitoring systems at Kin Ming Estate as well as the patrol information of the patrol team.

Request to promptly install noise barriers for the busy road sections that are close to the estates and to devise an installation schedule

Strongly request the Government to install noise barriers at Wan Po Road (the section near LOHAS Park and the Beaumont)

Request to promptly install noise barriers for the estates that are close to busy road sections and to devise an installation schedule

Request to construct more noise barriers or pave low noise surfacing material in Sai Kung to alleviate the noise problem

Request to construct noise barriers at the Park Central and Tong Ming Court section of Po Shun Road

13. As the content of the above motions are related to the motion “Request to construct noise barriers at the Park Central and Tong Ming Court section of Po Shun Road”, Members agreed to discuss them together. The HEHC endorsed the above motion and noted the information provided by the EPD regarding the request to promptly install noise barriers for the estates that are close to busy road sections and at Wan Po Road (the section near LOHAS Park). Some Members urged the EPD to consider installing noise barriers at Tseung Kwan O Tunnel Road and Wan Po Road (the section near LOHAS Park), to maintain the low noise surfacing materials at Tseung Kwan O Tunnel Road regularly, to measure the noise level at the residential units nearby, as well as to review the noise measurement criteria based on the increasing traffic flow.

Request the Environmental Protection Department to provide the data collected from the air quality monitoring station at Tai Chik Sha

14. The HEHC noted the data collected from the air quality monitoring station at Tai Chik Sha submitted by the EPD. Some Members hoped that the EPD could do the followings: to revise the air quality index to meet the standard of the World Health Organization; to monitor whether the dump trucks were properly covered when going to the landfill site; to relocate the air quality monitoring station from the roof top of Tai Chik Sha Fire Station to the roadside; and to provide the HEHC with the latest data collected from the air quality monitoring station by the side of the Tseung Kwan O Sports Centre.

Issues related to the operation of Temporary Fill Bank at Tseung Kwan O Area 137

Request to promptly legislate on the use of fully enclosed construction waste collection vehicles, shorten the operation hours of the South East New Territories Landfill, as well as increase the use of water transport to improve the environment near LOHAS Park

15. The above motion was endorsed at the SKDC Full Council Meeting and was referred to the HEHC for follow up. As the above motion was related to the motion “Issues related to the operation of Temporary Fill Bank at Tseung Kwan O Area 137”, Members agreed to discuss them together. The HEHC noted the operation report and the reply from the Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) regarding the Temporary Fill Bank at Tseung Kwan O Area 137. As the HEHC was concerned about the arrangements for providing temporary barging facilities and increasing the use of water transport, a letter containing Members’ comments would be sent to the CEDD.

Statistics on Environmental Hygiene Service in Sai Kung District

16. The HEHC noted the captioned document.

Situation Report on Itinerant Hawkers

17. The HEHC noted the statistics on law enforcement actions against illegal hawkers submitted by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) for the period between September 2015 and February 2016, the situation report on illegal hawkers in public housing estates of Tseung Kwan O submitted by the HD for the period between September 2015 and February 2016, as well as the reply from the Link Real Estate Investment Trust (Link REIT). Some Members considered the Link REIT ineffective in managing the illegal hawker problem at Sheung Tak Estate. They suggested Link REIT to consider providing catering outlets inside the wet markets of their estates that would operate till midnight or introducing pilot schemes like food trucks to meet the needs of the public.

Request the relevant government departments to seriously handle the fire ant problem at Tseung Kwan O

Strongly request the relevant government departments to promptly handle the fire ant problem at Tseung Kwan O South

18. As the content of the above two motions were related, Members agreed to discuss them together. The HEHC endorsed these two motions and noted the reply from the District Lands Office / Sai Kung (DLO/SK), the FEHD and the Highways Department (HyD). The HEHC asked the relevant departments to follow up on the spreading of the fire ant problem and improve the insecticide formula.

Strongly request to provide an exact relocation date of the waste recycling yards at Wan Po Road which has been causing nuisance to residents

19. The HEHC endorsed the above motion and noted the reply from the DLO/SK and the FEHD.

Request to promptly install video recorders at the appropriate locations of Wan Po Road and conduct joint operations to combat speeding and overloading

20. The HEHC endorsed the above motion and noted the reply from the Transport Department (TD) and the CEDD.

Request to promptly commence greening works at Wan Po Road

21. The HEHC endorsed the above motion and noted the reply from the CEDD. The HEHC would write to the CEDD to express the opinion of the HEHC. It was hoped that the CEDD could provide more detailed information regarding the progress of the works and complete the

works as soon as possible.

Working Group on “Green Stall” at the Hong Kong Flower Show 2016

22. The captioned Working Group agreed to adopt “Blossoms in Vivid Art” as the theme of this year. The stall games would be designed to spread the relevant messages. Souvenirs like environmentally friendly bags, small potted plants and memo stands were produced for distribution during the function. The stall for Sai Kung would open from 11 to 13 March and from 19 to 20 March 2016.

Mandatory Building Inspection Scheme & Mandatory Windows Inspection Scheme – Setting up of the Selection Panel and the nomination of target buildings

23. The HEHC noted the captioned document. Mr. KAN Siu-kei would represent the SKDC to become a member of the Selection Panel under the Independent Checking Unit of the Office of the Permanent Secretary for Transport and Housing (Housing) for the new term from 1 June 2016 to 31 December 2019. Mr. WAN Kai-ming would represent the SKDC to become a member of the Selection Panel under the Buildings Department for the new term from 1 May 2016 to 30 April 2019.

Other Issues raised by Members

24. Some Members expressed their concern about the littering of cigarette butts as well as people gathering near to the exit of MTR stations to smoke. The FEHD was asked to follow up on these issues.

Strongly request the Housing Department to comprehensively inspect and replace the defective locks of metal gates at the public housing estates of the district as soon as possible for the safety of the public and their properties

25. The HEHC endorsed this extempore motion. Some Members expressed their concern about the safety issues arising from the metal gate locks at Sheung Tak Estate. The HD was asked to follow up this issue.

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