

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

The third meeting (2016) of the Sai Kung District Council Housing and Environmental Hygiene Committee (HEHC) was held on 12 May 2016. The major issues discussed at the meeting were summarized as follows:

**FEHD District Action Plan – The Strategies and Work of Improving the Environmental Hygiene of Hong Kong**

1. Members noted the content of the captioned document and expressed their concern regarding various environmental hygiene issues in the district, including the blockage of storm water drain, illegally displayed banners during the election period, cleanliness in wet market, rodent problem at shopping centres, mosquito problem, midge problem, etc. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) was asked to follow up on these issues.

**FEHD Anti-mosquito campaign 2016 (Phase II) in Sai Kung District**

2. Members noted the content of the captioned document and expressed their concern regarding the mosquito problems in various parts of the district. The relevant departments were asked to follow up.

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

3. Members noted the reply from the Planning Department (PD) and expressed their concern regarding the impact of the captioned project on the traffic. The HEHC would write to the PD to express the request.

**Working Groups under the HEHC**

4. Members noted that the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) had reserved \$3.6 million for the 18 districts to continue to hold environmental activities in 2016/17. A funding of no more than \$200,000 would be allocated to each district. The HEHC agreed to set up a non-standing working group called “Community Involvement in Environmental Protection Working Group”, with Mr. HO Man-kit as the convenor. The membership list and the terms of reference of the Working Group were endorsed.

**Enhancing management of roadside skips**

**Strongly request the Government to step up its efforts in monitoring and solving the problems of improperly placed transit skips**

5. The second motion was endorsed by the Traffic and Transport Committee (TTC) under the SKDC and was referred to the HEHC for follow up. As the above two motions were related, Members agreed to discuss them together. The HEHC noted the reply from the EPD and supported the work plan of the EPD in regulating roadside skips. However, the HEHC found the existing plan as well as its management and procedures unsatisfactory. The EPD was asked to consult all districts and improve the plan.

**Request to promptly solve the congestion problem of the access at Kin Ming Estate and to install elevator or escalator at an appropriate location**

6. Members noted the statistics report on pedestrian flow submitted by the Housing Department (HD). The HD said that they would deploy more security guards to the relevant access when the above escalator was being maintained to disperse pedestrians and to provide additional support in case of emergency. Some Members hoped that the HD could liaise with the Link Asset Management Limited beforehand to make the corresponding arrangement when the escalator had to undergo large-scale maintenance next time.

**Request to install digital monitoring system (“sky eye”) at Shin Ming Estate, Sheung Tak Estate and Kin Ming Estate**

7. Members noted the report submitted by the HD regarding object dropped from height. Some Members suggested the HD to keep the closed-circuit television (CCTV) systems in the district and install more CCTV systems in the above-mentioned places, in particular the main access connecting Kin Hei House, Choi Ming Shopping Centre and the public transport interchange of Kin Ming Estate. The HD said that a total of 11 CCTV systems were installed in the public housing estates of Tseung Kwan O. They did not have any plan to remove those CCTV systems from Tseung Kwan O for the time being.

**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**

8. In view of the lengthy motions, Members agreed to combine and simplify the motions into “Request to promptly install noise barriers or pave low noise surfacing material for the busy road sections that are close to the estates in Tseung Kwan O”. Members noted the reply from the EPD and expressed their concern regarding the arrangements for installing noise barriers or paving low noise surfacing material for the busy road sections that were close to the estates in Tseung Kwan O, in particular the section of Tseung Kwan O Tunnel Road near to Serenity Place. The HEHC would write to the EPD to express the request.

**The planning details and implementation schedule of the Lohas Park Comprehensive Development Area at Tseung Kwan O Area 86**

**Request to promptly construct a market and provide restaurants at the LOHAS Park area and to look into providing temporary shops**

**Propose to designate Tseung Kwan O Area 85 as temporary market**

**Request the Government to look into resuming the construction of a public market and a municipal services building at Areas 85 and 86 of Tseung Kwan O**

9. The fourth motion was endorsed by the District Facilities Management Committee (DFMC) under the SKDC and was referred to the HEHC for follow up. As the above four motions were related, Members agreed to discuss them together. Some Members expressed their concern regarding the lack of community facilities (e.g. wet market) in the LOHAS Park area. The FEHD was asked to follow up on this issue.

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

10. Some Members were concerned about the environmental hygiene and the air quality on the roadside of Wan Po Road. They considered that the EPD should revise the Air Quality Objectives so as to meet the standard of the World Health Organization. Roadside air quality monitoring stations should also be set up.

**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**

11. Members noted the operation report from the Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) regarding the Temporary Fill Bank at Tseung Kwan O Area 137. Members expressed their concern regarding the operation of the Temporary Fill Bank, in particular the increase in the use of water transport as well as the monitoring of the transportation by dump trucks. The HEHC would write to the CEDD to express the request and invite the CEDD to send a representative to attend the next meeting to respond to their enquiries.

**Statistics on Environmental Hygiene Service in Sai Kung District**

12. Members noted the captioned report. There were four levels in the ovitrap index. The index of Sai Kung was classified as Level 2 which was not the worst.

**Situation Report on Itinerant Hawkers**

13. Members noted the statistics on law enforcement actions against illegal hawkers submitted by the FEHD for the period between March and April 2016 and the situation report on illegal hawkers in public housing estates of Tseung Kwan O submitted by the HD for the period between March and April 2016. Some Members expressed their concern regarding illegal hawking at Choi Ming Street and Ming Tak Shopping Centre. The FEHD was asked to follow up on the issue.

**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**

**Request to provide information on the ant control progress in the district**

14. As the first two arising matters and the motion raised by Members were related, Members agreed to discuss them together. The HEHC endorsed the above motion and noted the reply from the District Lands Office / Sai Kung (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**

15. Members expressed their concern regarding the speeding and overloading of heavy vehicles at Wan Po Road. The HEHC referred the above motion to the TTC for follow up.

**Littering of cigarette butts and the gathering of smokers**

**Request the MTR Corporation and the relevant government departments to jointly follow up on the smoking problem at Exit C of LOHAS Park Station and in the district**

16. As the above issue and the motion raised by Members were related, Members agreed to discuss them together. The HEHC endorsed the above motion and would write to the MTR Corporation Limited and the Tobacco Control Office of the Department of Health requesting them to follow up on the issues regarding the gathering of smokers in public places as well as the littering of cigarette butts.

**Object to the drastic increase in car park rent by the Link REIT**

17. The HEHC endorsed the above motion.

**Request the Government to buy back shares in the Link REIT**

**(The motion was revised to “Request the Government to look into buying back shares in the Link REIT”)**

18. The HEHC endorsed the revised motion.

**Suggest to provide toilets at the appropriate location near to the Northern Bridge at the Tseung Kwan O South Waterfront Promenade**

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

**Request to step up the efforts to remove the rubbish by the pavement of Wan Poon Path, Yee Ming Estate and Oscar by the Sea as well as the debris at the sea off these places**

20. The HEHC endorsed the above motion and noted the reply from the Marine Department and the FEHD.

**Request the Housing Authority to shelve the increase in rent of public housing estates and to include parameters like inflation and affordability of tenants into the rent review mechanism for public rental housing**

21. The HEHC endorsed the above motion.

**Request to increase manpower for the Joint Offices for Investigation of Water Seepage Complaints and to review the progress of the testing methods**

22. Members noted the reply from the FEHD. Some Members expressed their concern regarding the progress of the consultancy study on the latest technology for tracing the source of water seepage and the reason for the low utilization rate of such technology in Hong Kong. The HEHC would write to the Buildings Department inviting them to send a representative to attend the next meeting.

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