

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

The fourth meeting (2016) of the Sai Kung District Council Housing and Environmental Hygiene Committee (HEHC) was held on 14 July 2016. The major issues discussed at the meeting were summarized as follows:

Rehabilitation of Trunk Sewers in Kowloon, Shatin and Sai Kung – Rehabilitation of a Submarine Trunk Sewer across Sai Kung Hoi between Sai Kung Town and Tui Min Hoi

1. Members supported the captioned works project and expressed their concern regarding the odour, noise and dust problems brought about by the works to the residents and food premises nearby. It was hoped that the Drainage Services Department (DSD) could follow up these issues and commence the works as soon as possible.

Overview of Stray Cattle Management in Sai Kung

Request the Government to promptly install cattle grids in Sai Kung for the safety of stray cattle and drivers

2. The second motion was endorsed at the SKDC Full Council Meeting and was referred to the HEHC for follow up. Members supported the installation of cattle grids proposed by the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) in principle. It was hoped that the AFCD could adjust the details of the plan to cater for the situation of Sai Kung and provide timely report to the HEHC.

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

3. Members noted the above paper and hoped that the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) could follow up the rodent problem at the food premises of Well On Shopping Centre.

Working Groups under the HEHC

4. Members noted the progress report and the revised membership list of the above working groups.

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. Members noted that the interdepartmental Joint Working Group on Management of Roadside Skips was looking into the suggested improvements raised by the HEHC regarding the work plan on regulating transit skips.

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 the escalators of Kin Ming Estate were inspected every week. Large scale maintenance would be arranged for escalator No. 3 of Kin Ming Estate in December 2016.

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.

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

8. Members noted the reply from the Environmental Protection Department (EPD). Some Members expressed their discontent regarding the reply from the EPD on the installation of noise barriers for the busy road sections that are close to the estates in Tseung Kwan O and urged the EPD to follow up on the issue.

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. In view of the lengthy motions, Members agreed to combine and simplify the motions into “Request to promptly construct a market and a municipal services building at Areas 85 and 86 and to provide the planning details and implementation schedule of the Comprehensive Development Area at Area 86”. Members noted the reply from the FEHD.

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

10. The EPD said that the 24 months’ contract of the air quality monitoring station at Tai Chik Sha Fire Station had expired. The latest data collected from the air quality monitoring station would be released real time together with the data collected from other air quality monitoring stations in Hong Kong. Such data would be available on the website of the EPD.

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

Enquire about the cleaning of Wan Po Road and follow up on the related issues

Enquire about the odour problem of the landfill site at Tseung Kwan O and follow up on the related issues

11. As the first item was related to the two questions raised by Members, Members agreed to discuss the issues together. Members noted the reply and the operation report from the Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) regarding the Temporary Fill Bank at Tseung Kwan O Area 137 as well as the reply from the EPD. Members were still discontented about how the EPD handled the odour issue of the landfill site as well as the cleanliness of the area around Wan Po Road. They hoped that the EPD could improve the complaint mechanism. The HEHC would write to the EPD and the Environment Bureau to convey Members’ comments. Site inspection to the fill bank, landfill site and the area of Wan Po Road would be arranged.

Statistics on Environmental Hygiene Service in Sai Kung District

12. Members noted the captioned report.

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 May and June 2016 and the situation report on illegal hawkers in public housing estates of Tseung Kwan O submitted by the HD for the period between May and June 2016.

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

14. Members hoped that the FEHD and the District Lands Office, Sai Kung (DLO/SK) would follow up the problems of stagnant water, mosquitoes, fire ants and illegal occupation of government land at the captioned waste recycling yards.

Littering of cigarette butts and the gathering of smokers

Request the MTR Corporation and the relevant government departments to jointly follow up on the environmental hygiene and nuisance problems caused by the gathering of smokers at Exit C of LOHAS Park Station and in the district

15. The HEHC would write to the Tobacco Control Office of the Department of Health inviting them to attend the next meeting to provide information regarding the tobacco control arrangements of the district.

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

16. The HEHC would write to the Marine Department inviting them to attend the next meeting to provide information regarding the arrangements to remove debris at the sea of the district.

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

17. Members noted the reply from the Joint Office. Members considered that there were rooms for improvement in the follow up of water seepage cases by the Joint Office. They hoped that the Joint Office could follow up the cases actively and timely report to the HEHC upon the completion of the consultancy report.

Object to the increase in the rent of public housing estates and to review the rent adjustment mechanism for public housing estates

18. Members noted the explanation provided by the HD regarding the rent adjustment mechanism for public housing estates. The above motion was endorsed.

Suggest to look into installing a closed-circuit television near to the refuse depot of Kin Ming Estate in the vicinity of Ching Kok Secondary School

19. Members noted the reply from the FEHD and the refuse collection procedures at the

captioned refuse depot. The above motion was endorsed.

Request the District-led Actions Scheme of Sai Kung to accord priority to the environmental hygiene and illegal shop extension problems in the outer area of Beverly Garden

20. Members noted the reply from the FEHD and the DLO/SK. They expressed their concern regarding the frequent occurrence of miscellaneous items being placed in the outer area of Beverly Garden and hoped that the relevant departments could follow up on the issue. The above motion was endorsed and referred to the District Management Committee for follow up.

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