

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

The fifth meeting (2016) of the Sai Kung District Council (SKDC) Housing and Environmental Hygiene Committee (HEHC) was held on 22 September 2016. The major issues discussed at the meeting were summarized as follows:

Briefing on the Lunar New Year Fair of Sai Kung in 2017 by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD)

1. Members noted the above paper.

FEHD Anti-mosquito Campaign 2016 (Phase III) in Sai Kung District
Request the Government to step up its anti-mosquito and surveillance efforts to prevent Zika virus from being brought into Hong Kong

2. As the first new discussion item was related to a motion moved by a Member, Members agreed to discuss the issues together. Members were concerned about the mosquito problems, especially at bus stops, construction sites and vacant government land. The HEHC endorsed the above motion and would write to ask the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department to follow up on the collapse of a tree at the hill behind the Beaumont, stagnant water and mosquito problems.

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

3. A Member said that the installation of cattle grids required the coordination of the Transport Department. The HEHC agreed to refer the motion to the SKDC Traffic & Transport Committee (TTC) for follow up.

Working Groups under the HEHC

4. Members noted the progress report of the Community Involvement in Environmental Protection Working Group and endorsed the activity proposals and funding applications submitted by the relevant organizations. In addition, the HEHC agreed to join the “Green Stall” at the Hong Kong Flower Show 2017 and set up a non-standing working group named the Working Group on “Green Stall” at the Hong Kong Flower Show 2017. The HEHC endorsed that Mr. WAN Kai-ming would be the convener of the working group.

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
Request the regulation of the design of roadside skips for the safety of drivers

5. As the first two items under Matters Arising were related to the motion referred by the TTC, Members agreed to discuss the issues together. Members were concerned about the illegal occupation of government land by transit skips in the district and suggested that the relevant department should set up a hotline for receiving complaints of 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 industrial electric fan beside the escalator at Kin Ming Estate would be replaced during the large scale maintenance 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 urged the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) to provide the works schedule of installing noise barriers for the busy road sections that were close to the estates in Tseung Kwan O and to examine whether low noise surfacing material should be paved for the road sections when needed.

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

9. Members were concerned about the planning details of constructing a market at LOHAS Park and suggested that the FEHD should make reference to the operation of markets in other districts and introduce food trucks.

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

10. As the item was lengthy, Members agreed to combine and streamline the issues as “Issues related to the operation of the Temporary Fill Bank at Tseung Kwan O Area 137 and the South East New Territories Landfill”. Members noted the reply and the operation report from the EPD regarding the temporary fill bank, and agreed to conduct a site visit to the fill bank, the landfill site and the area around Wan Po Road at 2:30 pm on 20 October 2016, together with representatives of the EPD, the Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) and the FEHD. The CEDD and the EPD were requested to provide to the HEHC the respective operation reports of the Temporary Fill Bank at Tseung Kwan O Area 137 and the South East New Territories Landfill regularly.

Statistics on Environmental Hygiene Service in Sai Kung District

11. Members noted the captioned report.

Situation Report on Itinerant Hawkers

12. Members noted the statistics on law enforcement actions against illegal hawkers submitted by the FEHD for the period between July and August 2016 and the situation report on illegal hawkers in public housing estates of Tseung Kwan O submitted by the HD for the

period between July and August 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

13. Members hoped that the FEHD, the District Lands Office, Sai Kung (DLO/SK) and the Sai Kung District Office (SKDO) would follow up the problems of damaged road surface, stagnant water, traffic 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

14. The HEHC noted the reply from the Tobacco Control Office (TCO) of the Department of Health and asked the TCO to follow up on smoking problems at no-smoking areas in 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

15. The HEHC noted the reply from the Marine Department and would write to the Department again inviting its representative to attend the next meeting to give an account of the arrangements for removing debris at the sea of the district and for small boat berthing. The FEHD, EPD and the SKDO were requested to follow up on the above environmental hygiene problems of the sea and its embankments.

Urge the Government to look into constructing covered walkways for Kin Ching House and Kin Fai House of Kin Ming Estate to connect with the extension of Choi Ming Shopping Centre and the lift of the public transport interchange

16. The HEHC endorsed the above motion and asked the HD to discuss with the Link Asset Management Limited the feasibility of constructing covered walkways at the captioned place.

Regarding the rodent problem occurring at the Fire and Ambulance Services Academy, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department and the Fire Services Department should have adequate and clear guidelines and codes on maintaining hygiene. Why did such serious hygiene problem occur at the Academy?

17. Members noted the reply from the FEHD that the rodent problem at the Academy had been under control.

Vehicular access between Hau Tak Market and H.K.M.L.C. Queen Maud Secondary School

18. A Member enquired of the HD about the schedule for the maintenance of the surface of the vehicular access between Hau Tak Market and H.K.M.L.C. Queen Maud Secondary School and asked the HD to follow up the issue.

Temporary motion: Strongly request the Housing Department to thoroughly look into the reasons for the repeated suspension of water supply at Sheung Ming House recently

and severely punish the contractor

19. The HEHC endorsed the temporary motion and asked the HD to follow up the issue.

The fixed penalty system for illegal shopfront extensions

20. The FEHD said that the fixed penalty system for illegal shopfront extensions would be implemented with effect from 24 September 2016 and hoped that Members would help remind shop operators of the introduction of the penalty system.

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