

Pedestrian Linkage System of the Redevelopment Plan of
the Upper Wong Tai Sin Estate Phase 3

Purpose

The purpose of this paper is to present the proposed option for the proposed pedestrian linkage system of the Redevelopment Plan of the Upper Wong Tai Sin Estate Phase 3 to the Wong Tai Sin District Council (WTSDC). The proposed option has been submitted to the 6th meeting of the Housing Committee (HC) held on 12.10.2004 and supported by Members of HC.

Background

2. The Redevelopment Plan of the Upper Wong Tai Sin Estate comprises four phases. Phase 1 and Phase 4 were completed in 2000 and 2001 respectively. Phase 2 was handed back to the Government in end 2002 for community and institutional development. Phase 3 will be developed into Group 1 housing development with about 712 flats.

3. The Housing Department (HD) had briefed and consulted WTSDC on the concept design of the redevelopment plan in September 2002, April 2003 and September 2003. WTSDC had written to HD in December 2003 to express Members' concern about the pedestrian facilities connecting Chuk Yuen (South) Estate and Phases 1 and 4 of the Upper Wong Tai Sin Estate.

4. HD had made appropriate amendments after conducting comprehensive study on the opinions of WTSDC.

Pedestrian Linkage System

5. The existing footpaths along the slope to the west and north will be preserved under the redevelopment plan of the Upper Wong Tai Sin

Estate Phase 3. As Chuk Yuen (South) Estate is located in the hillside, a new footbridge with a lift tower ('Footbridge No.2' in Annex) will be provided to enable easy access between Chuk Yuen (South) Estate and Phase 3 of UWTS Estate and the proposed garden.

6. Regarding the pedestrian linkage system connecting Phase 3 and Phase 1 of UWTS Estate, HD had considered 3 options, as follows:

Option 1 : To provide an additional subway on Wong Tai Sin Road. However, the cost would increase as the construction of a subway involved major underground works and alteration of underground public utilities. Besides, nuisance to the traffic and residents during the construction period, and social order problem in future would be caused. As such, this option was not recommended.

Option 2 : To widen the staircase in Phase 1 of UWTS Estate. This option was not recommended because it could not separate pedestrian and vehicles.

Option 3 : To provide an additional footbridge ('Footbridge No. 1' in Annex) to link up Phases 1 and 3 of UWTS Estate. Residents could have a direct access from the 'Footbridge No.2' to the 'Footbridge No.1' via the covered pedestrian walkway in the garden, then crossing Wong Tai Sin Road to Phase 1 of UWTS Estate, Lung Cheung Mall and Wong Tai Sin MTR Station. This option could provide a simple and direct pedestrian linkage system to connect Chuk Yuen South and North Estate, and UWTS Estate. As such, this option was recommended.

Schedule of Works

7. According to the existing schedule of works, the whole redevelopment project, including the footbridge and lift tower system,

will be completed in 2009.

Views of Housing Committee

8. At the 6th meeting of HC under WTSDC held on 12.10.2004, Members opined that the proposed option was desirable because it adopted the mainstream opinions of WTSDC and local personalities as far as possible. As such, they supported this option unanimously.

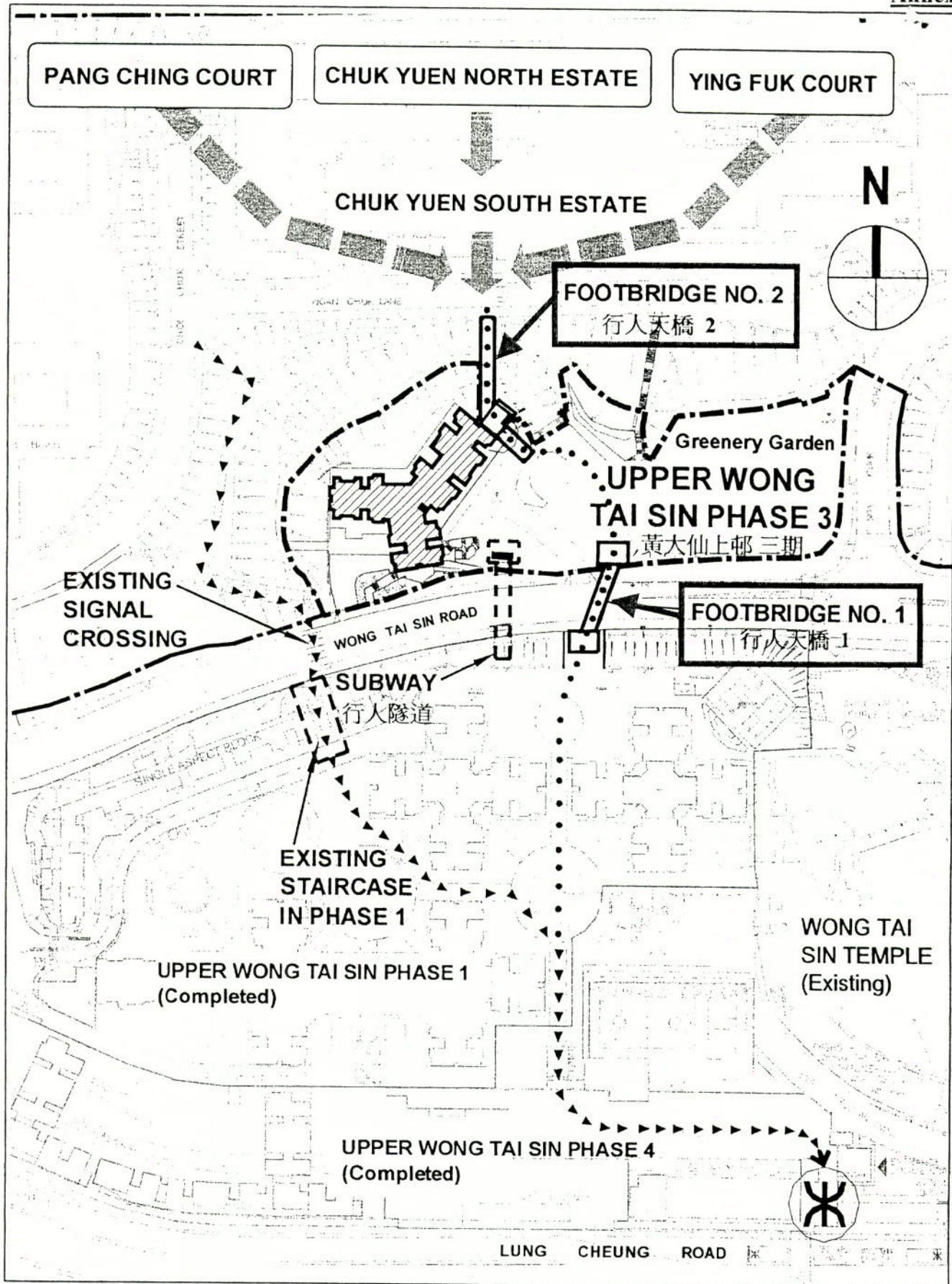
9. Members also hoped that the whole pedestrian walkway from Chuk Yuen South Estate to the Wong Tai Sin MTR Station would be covered. Members also reminded HD of bewareing of the security of the lift tower.

Submission of Paper

10. This paper will be submitted to the 7th meeting of WTSDC held on 9.11.2004 for Members' reference and discussion.

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Existing Pedestrian Flow
現有行人通道



Proposed Pedestrian Linkage System
建議行人通道

UPPER WONG TAI SIN ESTATE PHASE 3 PEDESTRIAN CIRCULATION