

Beautification of the Cochrane Street Sitting-out Area

The reply of Urban Renewal Authority is as follow :

Thank you for your enquiry regarding beautification of the Cochrane Street Sitting-out Area. URA is intended to take the opportunity to beautify the area under the Mid-level Escalator at Cochrane Street during the carrying out of drainage diversion works with the support by the C&WDC. However, we consider immature to present the design at this moment without the acceptance of the relevant Government Departments on the proposal. However, URA had already presented the following design principles in the C&WDC meeting on 21st March 2013 and 23rd May 2013 for consideration of DC members.

1. it shall be able to increase the number of seating for amenity purpose
2. it shall enhance the accessibility towards the future public open space at Site C abutting the beautified area to promote utilization
3. it shall allow for flexible use of space for various community activities
4. it shall incorporate provisions to celebrate the local character if required by CWDC (e.g. local history, etc.)
5. it shall not incur significant change in stepping topography and minimize change to existing underground utilities except the drainage diversion.
6. it shall not affect the structures for the Mid-level Escalator

In view of the above, URA's representatives will attend the coming District Facilities Management Committee meeting on 6th June 2013 to present the above preliminary design principles and to seek further acceptance from C&WDC and relevant Government Departments to the above beautification works.

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