

**Islands District Council
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**Planning, Engineering and Architectural Study
for Topside Development at
Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities Island of
Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge – Feasibility Study**

Stage 1 Community Engagement

PURPOSE

The purpose of this paper is to seek Members' views and support for the Planning, Engineering and Architectural Study for Topside Development at the Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities (HKBCF) Island of Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (HZMB) (the Study).

BACKGROUND

2. The whole HKBCF artificial island is about 150 ha (including about 130 ha of reclamation for the HKBCF and about 20 ha of reclamation for the Tuen Mun-Chek Lap Kok Link southern landfall). Reclamation and infrastructure works of the HKBCF project are currently under construction. The HKBCF will provide clearance facilities for passengers and goods using the HZMB. With direct connection to HZMB, the Hong Kong International Airport, Tung Mun-Chek Lap Kok Link, Airport Express Line and Tung Chung New Town, the HKBCF Island will benefit from the synergy effect and become the intersection of Pearl River Delta (PRD) East and West as well as a key gateway of Hong Kong. There is great potential to develop bridgehead economy at this strategic location. Through appropriate development, it can capitalise on the locational advantage of the HKBCF Island can be considered to enhance Hong Kong's economic position in the wider PRD region.

3. A consultancy study was commissioned in January 2015 with the objective to explore the optimum utilisation of land at the HKBCF Island for topside and underground development for commercial and other economic activities. A survey has been undertaken to seek the views of local residents and travellers on what should be developed on the HKBCF Island. Overseas case studies of bridgehead developments have also been examined to identify possible industries to capture the bridgehead potential. The Study will recommend an overall development concept and formulate the appropriate development parameters.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

4. To facilitate the participation of various stakeholders and the public during the formulation of development proposals for the topside development on the HKBCF Island, a 2-stage Community Engagement Exercise will be conducted as follows:

- Stage 1 – to solicit views and ideas from stakeholders and the public on the development opportunities/constraints, strategic planning goal and the initial development concept of the topside development; and
- Stage 2 – to gather comments from stakeholders and the public on the draft Recommended Outline Development Plan.

STAGE 1 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

5. The Stage 1 Community Engagement commenced on 6 July 2015 and will last for two months until 7 September 2015. The Stage 1 Community Engagement includes the following:

- briefings to the Islands District Council, Tung Chung Rural Committee, Town Planning Board and Lantau Development Advisory Committee;
- roving exhibitions in Tung Chung and various locations in other parts of Hong Kong to disseminate relevant information of the Study to the public;
- a community forum to be held on 23 August 2015 at Hong Kong Federation of Education Workers Wong Cho Bau Secondary School in Tung Chung. The forum will provide a platform for the public to express their views, concerns and aspirations on the topside development at HKBCF Island; and
- a study website has been launched to facilitate the promulgation of engagement materials as well as the collection of public comments.

6. To facilitate Members to provide comments on the Study, the Community Engagement Digest has been prepared at **Attachment 1** for Members' reference.

7. When formulating the development proposals at the next stage of the Study, the consultants will take into account the public comments received during the Stage 1 Community Engagement.

ADVICE SOUGHT

8. Members are invited to provide their views on the topside development on the HKBCF Island.

ATTACHMENT

Attachment 1 - Stage 1 Community Engagement Digest

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