

## **COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

### **Public Engagement on Building Design to Foster a Quality and Sustainable Built Environment**

#### **Purpose**

This paper reports on the progress and seeks Members' views on the way forward of the public engagement process on Building Design to Foster a Quality and Sustainable Built Environment of the Council for Sustainable Development (the Council).

#### **The Launch and Progress Since Then**

2. At its special meeting on 26 May 2009, the Council endorsed that the public engagement process be launched on 20 June 2009 with the issue of the Invitation for Response (IR) document. A launching ceremony, to which Members were invited, was held at the Parade Ring, Sha Tin Racecourse of the Hong Kong Jockey Club. A press conference hosted by Council Chairman and Convenor of the Support Group (SG) was held and a press release was issued on same day.

3. The launching ceremony served to kick-start the public engagement and arouse the public's interest as well as exposing them to the issues of the engagement exercise. Among the programme were the launch of Announcement in the Public Interest (API), a dialogue between the Council Chairman and the Secretary for Development, a short video presentation on Hong Kong's built environment by the Hong Kong Institute of Architects ("HKIA"), a on-stage sharing session with a lay member of the public, a student, a green group representative and the SG Convenor participating, and a small award-winning quiz on the subjects of the public engagement. A total of around 2,200 participants attended the launching ceremony.

4. The IR documents were distributed to all participants at the launching ceremony. Thereafter, copies of the IR document are distributed at District Offices and venues of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, etc. The IR documents have also been sent to members of the Executive Council, the

Legislative Council (LegCo) and District Councils, partner organizations, secondary schools and other stakeholders, etc.

5. A television API and a radio API have been broadcast from time to time since the launch to arouse the public's interest in the engagement. In addition, promotion segments in the form of short stories are also being broadcast on Commercial Radio to further promote the engagement subject and events. Posters are displayed at venues of the Leisure and Cultural Service Department such as public libraries, parks, gardens, museums, performing venues and indoor game centres; housing estates and shopping centres under the Housing Authority (HA) and the Housing Society (HS); secondary schools and post offices. Roadside banners are being set up at all the 18 districts including housing estates managed by HA and HS.

6. Also launched on 20 June 2009 was the dedicated website ([www.susdev.org.hk](http://www.susdev.org.hk)) on which there were a discussion forum for the public to post views on different topics, a photo gallery showing different aspects of our built environment in different times, online games to put the web-surfers to challenges of the built environment, a knowledge portal to explore, etc. The public can also download the IR document from the website.

## **Way Forward**

7. With the launch on 20 June 2009, the public engagement process has commenced the public involvement phase. Building on the past experience, public engagement events are being lined up by the Council and partner organizations to stimulate and involve the public in the discussion of the issues.

## ***The Council's Engagement Sessions***

8. As in the previous engagement exercises, the Council has lined up five regional engagement sessions, i.e. Hong Kong Island, Kowloon East, Kowloon West, New Territories East and New Territories West, the details of which are at **Annex A**. The Council Chairman / Chair of the Strategy Sub-Committee (SSC) / Chair of the Education and Publicity Sub-Committee (EPSC) / SG Convenor will attend as the host. Each forum will accommodate about 100 participants. A rundown of the events is attached at **Annex B** for Members' reference. Members may wish to note that after the presentation of issues, participants will be divided into small groups ("breakout groups") to discuss one to two of the three topics (i.e. sustainable building design, gross floor area concessions and building energy efficiency). After the breakout session, each breakout group

will select a spokesperson to present the gist of their discussions to all the participants.

9. The Business Environment Council, the Programme Director (PD), will ensure that the participants are a good mix of stakeholders and general public, both as a whole and in each breakout groups. At each regional engagement session, the Public Policy Research Institute of the Polytechnic University, the Independent Reporting Agency (“IRA”), will attend to collect the views expressed in the group reporting session. In order to ensure that individuals’ views can also be collected, the response form at **Annex C** has been prepared for the participants at the regional forum to fill in at their liberty. Press will also be invited to these regional engagement sessions to publicize the events. Around 100 stakeholders attended the first engagement session that had taken place on 10 July.

### ***Partner organizations’ events***

10. There are 30 partner organizations, a list of which is at **Annex D**. Three briefings had been conducted for these partner organizations. In order to encourage them to organize activities that are suitable for their target participants, there are no designated formats of activities whilst the PD has provided some guidelines on forums/seminars/workshops if such activities are to be organized. Writing competitions, drawing competitions, model building, drama presentations, site visits, and photo message displays etc. are some examples. The Council will provide financial subsidies of up to HK\$20,000 to each partner organization for organizing activities. The Secretariat and the PD are actively liaising with the partner organizations to render support for their planning of activities. The IRA will also attend all partner events to collect and record views and comments. So far, the Hong Kong Institute of Architects together with the Professional Green Building Council had organized a Forum on Building Design to Foster a Quality and Sustainable Built Environment on 11 July 2009. Another partner event, a forum to be staged jointly by the Hong Kong Institute of Planners and the Hong Kong Institute of Landscape Architects, will take place on 25 July 2009. We will keep Members apprised of any confirmed activities to be organized by the partner organizations.

### ***Events in the pipeline***

11. Events targeted at other stakeholders, including the District Councils, developers, professionals, green groups, property management companies and chambers of commerce etc., are also being arranged for engaging them in

discussion. We will keep Members apprised of such events.

12. Lists of events organized or planned to be organized by the Council and partner organizations are at **Annex E**.

### ***LegCo Panel on Development***

13. The Chairman and the SG Convenor, together with representatives from the Development Bureau and the Secretariat, will attend the LegCo Panel on Development meeting on 28 July 2009 at 2:25 p.m. to brief Panel members on the public engagement and listened to their views.

### ***Other channels for view collection***

14. Besides the engagement events, other channels are available for the public to offer views, including the public forum on the dedicated website ([www.susdev.org.hk](http://www.susdev.org.hk)) launched on 20 June 2009, the email account ([comments@susdev.org.hk](mailto:comments@susdev.org.hk)) and writing to the Secretariat.

### ***Hotline***

15. A hotline is maintained by the PD to answer any questions the public may have regarding the public engagement.

### **The Proposed Timeline**

16. At the aforesaid special meeting, the Council decided that a questionnaire might be made available at a later stage as appropriate after the public engagement has commenced for views collection having regard to the more technical nature of the issues of the engagement exercise. It is to facilitate the IRA to further scrutinize the design of the questionnaire with reference to the views collected during the initial stage of the engagement exercise and propose the suitable way forward. Accordingly, a timeline has been worked out below. This timeline would not be able to tally with the public consultation end-date of 31 October 2009 endorsed by the Council and a one-month extension would be required. Under this timeline, the design of the questionnaire would be based on the public views collected from 20 June to mid August 2009, covering three of the five regional engagement sessions among other Council/partner engagement events and the whole engagement process

would conclude in end March 2010 with the submission of the Council report to the Government.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Period</b>
1.	Views collection period (to cover the first three regional engagement sessions and other engagement events during the period) as the basis of design of questionnaire	20 June to mid Aug 2009
2.	IRA to prepare an interim report on findings and a draft questionnaire	By end Aug 2009
3.	SG/SSC/Council to consider IRA's interim report and draft questionnaire, if it is decided that a questionnaire would be issued	End Aug to mid Sept 2009
4.	IRA to finalise the questionnaire taking into account Council's comments	By mid Sept 2009
5.	Printing and distribution of the questionnaire	Mid to end Sept 2009
6.	Two months' views collection through questionnaire	Oct to end Nov 2009
7.	IRA to analyse views collected and prepare draft final report on findings collected during the whole consultation period	By end Dec 2009
8.	SG/SSC/Council to consider IRA's draft final report and provide steer on the draft Council's report to be prepared by PD	Jan 2010
9.	IRA to submit final report	Early Feb 2010
10.	PD to prepare draft Council's report	Jan to end Feb 2010
11.	PD to submit draft Council's report to SG/SSC/Council	Early Mar 2010
12.	SG/SSC/Council to consider PD's draft Council report and PD to finalise the report taking into account Council's comments	Mar 2010
13.	Council to submit its report to Government	End Mar 2010

17. Members' views are invited on the proposed timeline and in particular, the timing the Council should decide whether to issue a questionnaire or not in end August 2009.

### **Participation at the Engagement Events**

18. In order that members could listen to the stakeholders' views and gauge the public sentiments first hand, all Members, and those of the two

sub-committees as well as the SG, are invited to attend various engagement events, including the five regional engagement sessions organized by the Council. Members will be kept posted of all updated events.

Council Secretariat  
July 2009

## Annex A

### Council's Regional Engagement Sessions

No	Date	Engagement Events	Venue
1	10.7.2009 (Fri) 2:30 pm	Regional Engagement Session – Hong Kong Island	Sheung Wan Civic Centre (Exhibition Hall)  Address: 6/F, Sheung Wan Municipal Services Building, 345 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong
2	24.7.2009 (Fri) 2:30 pm	Regional Engagement Session – Kowloon West	Cheung Sha Wan Community Centre (Community Hall)  Address: G/F, Cheung Sha Wan Com Centre, 55 Fat Tseung Street, Cheung Sha Wan
3	18.8.2009 (Tue) 2:30 pm	Regional Engagement Session – New Territories West	Tsuen Wan Town Hall (Exhibition Gallery)  Address ; 1/F, Tsuen Wan Town Hall, 72 Tai Ho Road, Tsuen Wan, N.T., Hong Kong
4	4.9.2009 (Fri) 2:30 pm	Regional Engagement Session – New Territories East	Shatin Town Hall (Exhibition Gallery)  Address: 1/F, Sha Tin Town Hall, 1 Yuen Wo Road, Sha Tin, N.T., Hong Kong
5	26.9.2009 (Sat) 9:30 am	Regional Engagement Session – Kowloon East	Business Environment Council (Auditorium)  Address: G/F, Jockey Club Environmental Building, 77 Tat Chee Avenue, Kowloon

**Annex B**

**Council for Sustainable Development**

**Engagement Process on Building Design to Foster  
a Quality and Sustainable Built Environment**

**Rundown of Regional Engagement Sessions**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Sessions</b>	<b>Suggested Length (minutes)</b>
1	Introductory Remarks by Council Representative	15
2	Presentation on Building Design to Foster a Quality and Sustainable Built Environment	30
3	Breakout Group Discussions	45
4	Group Reporting and Sharing	50
5	Closing Remarks	10



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地區討論坊  
Regional Engagement Sessions

意見收集表格  
Views Collection Form

地區: 香港島/九龍東/九龍西/新界東/新界西

Region: HK/Kowloon East/Kowloon West/NT East/NT West\_

日期 Date: \_\_\_\_\_

姓名 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(可選擇填寫 optional)

機構 Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

(可選擇填寫 optional)

歡迎閣下就今次社會參與過程的建議、利弊、代價(和由誰人承擔)等的其他意見，

在本表格發表。

Please feel free to provide your additional/other views on the proposals in this engagement, the pros and cons thereof, the cost involved (and who to bear the same), etc in this form.

論題 Topics	意見 Views
可持續建築設計指引 (請參考誠邀回應文件的第 5.2 部)  Sustainable Building Design Guidelines (please refer to Section 5.2 of the Invitation for Response Document)	
(a) 建築間距 Building Separation	
(b) 建築物後移 Building Setback	

<p><b>論題</b> <b>Topics</b></p>	<p><b>意見</b> <b>Views</b></p>
<p>(c) 綠化的上蓋面積 Site Coverage of Greenery</p>	
<p>(d) 其他議題 Any other issues</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>總樓面面積寬免</b> (請參考誠邀回應文件的第 5.3 部)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Gross Floor Area (GFA) Concessions</b> (please refer to Section 5.3 of the Invitation for Response Document)</p>	
<p>(a) 檢討強制性樓宇設施的總樓面面積寬免 Reviewing GFA concessions for mandatory building features</p>	
<p>(b) 檢討停車位的供應 Reviewing car-parking provisions</p>	
<p>(c) 調整劃出空間作公用通道或擴闊道路之用的鼓勵措施 Adjusting the incentive for dedicating areas for public passage or road widening</p>	
<p>(d) 檢討其他設施的總樓面面積寬免 Reviewing GFA concessions for other features</p>	

<p><b>論題</b> <b>Topics</b></p>	<p><b>意見</b> <b>Views</b></p>
<p>(e) 為總樓面面積寬免設上限 Capping GFA concessions</p>	
<p>(f) 現行總樓面面積寬免政策的建議修訂 Proposed changes to the existing GFA concession regime</p>	
<p>(g) 其他議題 Any other issues</p>	
<p><b>具能源效益的建築設計和裝置</b> (請參考誠邀回應文件的第 5.4 部)</p> <p><b>Energy Efficient Building Design and Installations</b> ((please refer to Section 5.4 of the Invitation for Response Document))</p>	
<p>(a) 應鼓勵哪種具能源效益的建築設計? What kind of energy efficient features should be promoted?</p>	
<p>(b) 應如何推廣這些具能源效益的建築設計? How should such features be promoted?</p>	
<p>(c) 其他議題 Any other issues</p>	
<p><b>關於這次社會參與過程的其他意見</b> <b>Other Views on this Public Engagement</b></p>	

論題 Topics	意見 Views
(a) 其他你認為跟這次社會參與過程有關的意見 Any other views that you think are relevant to this public engagement	

**Responding By Mail**

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**Important Note**

Please note that the Council for Sustainable Development would wish, either in discussion with others or in any subsequent report, whether privately or publicly, to be able to refer to and attribute views submitted in response to this IR document.

Any request to treat all or part of a response in confidence will be respected, but if no such request is made, it will be assumed that the response is not intended to be confidential and the Council may disclose or publish all or part of the views received and disclose the identity of the source.

**重要提示—引述意見**

可持續發展委員會希望在日後的公開或非公開討論或其後的報告中，可以引述各界回應本「誠邀回應」文件時發表的意見。

若發表意見者要求把全部或部分意見保密，委員會定會尊重有關意願。若無提出此等要求，則假定收到的意見無須保密，委員會將可能披露或公開所收到的全部或部分意見，以及其意見來源。

## Annex D

### **Partner Organizations**

1. Anglican (Hong Kong) Secondary Schools Council <sup>#</sup>
2. CARE (*which stands for The Centre of Architectural Research for Education, Elderly, Environment and Excellence Ltd*)
3. City University of Hong Kong - Department of Building & Construction<sup>#</sup>
4. Green Power
5. HK-BEAM Society
6. Hong Kong Baptist University <sup>#</sup>
7. Hong Kong Council of Social Service <sup>#</sup>
8. Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce <sup>#</sup>
9. Hong Kong Housing Authority<sup>#</sup>
10. Hong Kong Housing Society<sup>#</sup>
11. Hong Kong Institute of Planners
12. Hong Kong Shue Yan University<sup>#</sup>
13. Lingnan University<sup>#</sup>
14. Professional Green Building Council<sup>#</sup>
15. Shun Tak Fraternal Association <sup>#</sup>
16. St James' Settlement
17. The 30s Group<sup>#</sup>
18. The Chinese University of Hong Kong<sup>#</sup> - Department of Architecture
19. The Hong Kong Association of Energy Engineers
20. The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups<sup>#</sup>
21. The Hong Kong Institute of Architects
22. The Hong Kong Institute of Education<sup>#</sup>
23. The Hong Kong Institute of Engineers
24. The Hong Kong Institute of Landscape Architects
25. The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors
26. The Hong Kong Polytechnic University<sup>#</sup> - Faculty of Construction and Land Use
27. The Hong Kong University of Science & Technology <sup>#</sup> - Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering
28. The Open University of Hong Kong<sup>#</sup>
29. The University of Hong Kong <sup>#</sup> - Faculty of Architecture
30. World Wide Fund

<sup>#</sup> Partner organizations for the Council's last engagement process on Better Air Quality

## Annex E

### Public Engagement on Building Design to Foster a Quality and Sustainable Built Environment

#### Proposed Engagement Events for Major Stakeholders

No	Proposed Stakeholders	Proposed Dates
1	Building Sub-Committee (BSC), and Authorised Persons and Registered Structural Engineers Committee (APSEC) of the Land and Development Advisory Committee	24 July
2	Real Estate Development Association	28 July
3	Urban Renewal Authority, MTRC, The Link Management Ltd, Housing Authority, Housing Society, and Consumer Council	Early Aug – Mid Aug
4	Professionals (e.g. HKIA, HKIP, HKILA, HKIE, HKIS, PGBC, etc)	Mid Aug
5	Harbour-front Enhancement Committee	Mid Aug
6	NGOs, green groups and think tanks	Mid Aug
7	Lands and Development Advisory Committee (LDAC)	End Aug
8	Construction Industry Council	End Aug or End Oct
9	Property Agencies Association Ltd, Hong Kong Association of Property Management Co. Ltd, International Facility Management Association, The Hong Kong Institute of Housing, and Chartered Institute of Housing, Asian Pacific Branch	Aug or Sept
10	Pre-Construction Task Force	Sept
11	Members and Partners of Harbour Business Forum, and Climate Change Business Forum	Sept
12	18 District Councils	Mid Sept – Early Oct
13	Various chambers of commerce	Mid Sept – Early Oct

<b>No</b>	<b>Proposed Stakeholders</b>	<b>Proposed Dates</b>
14	Hong Kong Construction Association, Building Services Operation & Maintenance Executive Society, Hong Kong Federation of Electrical & Mechanical Contractors, and Association of Architectural Practices Ltd	Mid Sept – Mid Oct
15	Project Chamber	Sept or Oct
16	Hong Kong Business Coalition on the Environment	Sept or Oct

(As at 23 July 2009)

### Partner Events

No	Date	Engagement Events	Venue
1	11.7.2009 (Sat) 9:00 am	HKIA & PGBC Forum on Building Design to Foster a Quality and Sustainable Built Environment	Convention and Exhibition Centre  Address: Meeting Room S226-S227, Level 2, Convention and Exhibition Centre, Hong Kong
2	25.7.2009 (Sat) 2:00pm	HKIP & HKILA - Joint Forum on Building Design to Foster Quality and Sustainable Built Environment	Address: The Theatre, 7/F, Federation of Youth Groups Building, Pak Fuk Road, Quarry Bay, Hong Kong
3	2.9.2009 (Wed)	HKGCC	To be confirmed

**Note:**

We are under active liaison with partner organisations on events to be organised by them. Once the details of the events are finalised, the list will be updated.