

Appendix E

Minutes of Briefing Session to Islands District Council (Extract)

(Gist Translation)

Summary of Minutes of Meeting of Islands District Council

Date : 18 June 2012 (Monday)
Time : 2:00 p.m.
Venue : Conference Room, Islands District Council, 14/F., Harbour Building,
38 Pier Road, Central, Hong Kong.

I. Visit to Islands District Council by the Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene

The Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene briefed the meeting of the duties of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD), mainly in food safety, hawker control and columbaria.

A member said that the Chief Executive (Designate) recently proposed that hawker policies should be reviewed, and that each district should adopt different measures in accordance with its special situations. The member proposed that hawker night market be developed in Tung Chung, especially to meet the needs of those who returned from work at the airport near midnight looking for night snacks. He also proposed the establishment of a FEHD market in Tung Chung for the provision of daily commodities at reasonable price levels.

A member hoped that the Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (the Director) would follow up on the construction of columbarium at Lai Chi Yuen Cemetery.

A member urged the FEHD to expeditiously implement the plan of establishing a lunar new year fair in Tung Chung.

A member hoped that the Director would follow up on the proposal of relocating the refuse depot near the pier of Yung Shue Wan on Lamma Island.

The Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene responded as follows:

- (a) The FEHD was aware that each district had its own special situations. However, experience showed that while some people favoured the

proposed that effective use be made of the Chinese Herbs Garden which was located in the vicinity.

A member asked if services would begin in the middle of 2014 immediately after work was completed, and whether the clinic would be operated by non-governmental organisation.

The representative of the Hospital Authority responded that all (public) Chinese Medicine Clinics were operated by non-governmental organisations through public tendering exercises. The tendering process would begin after the relocating of the GOPC at Tung Chung Health Centre. If everything went according to plan, the Tung Chung Chinese Medicine Clinic would become operational by mid-2014. Apart from internal medicine and acupuncture, manipulative therapy and bone-setting would also be provided and there would be co-operation with the various Chinese medicine faculties of universities in Hong Kong.

XIV. Tung Chung New Town Extension Study Stage One Public Engagement

A member said that the data given in the consultation paper were inadequate. Members had previously proposed the development of fallow land without reclamation in Tung Chung Bay, but the department(s) concerned explained that there were many environmental restrictions in developing fallow land. He hoped that more data would be provided, including the amount of government land and private land in the more than eighty hectares of fallow land, and what were the environmental restrictions, so that members could conduct a rational discussion. He further estimated that the population of Tung Chung West would increase to 50 000 to 60 000 if the public housing project was endorsed. He thus asked if no reclamation was to be carried out, would the proposal to construct an MTR station there be affected. Residents of Yat Tung Estate were mostly grassroots classes, but community facilities were mainly located in Tung Chung East. He hoped that the Government would redress the imbalance of facilities and the issue of disparity between the rich and the poor through planning.

The Vice-chairlady said that while the target in the Government's study was the development of a new town with 220 000 population, it was repeated many times that there were many restrictions on development and land was limited. The paper only gave concepts, but there were no details such as distribution of population and

housing and schedule for development. Thus members worried whether the target of 220 000 population would be achieved. It was understood that the Tung Chung Rural Committee had expressed their hope that unused land in the development area would be included in the development. Local groups had detailed opinions submitted as well, such as their concern of ventilation. However, there was a lack of information in the consultation paper, making further discussion very difficult. She hoped that a small scale museum would be established for keeping of objects of value and local history found in the process of developing the new town of Tung Chung.

A member said that local groups had hired professional planners to conduct planning of Tung Chung. The planners' opinions were that more than 68 000 people could be housed in about 19 000 public and private flats in the southwest of Tung Chung, without causing ventilation problem. He hoped that the Government would enhance communication with the local groups.

A member said that the Government was inclined to build public housing estates on reclaimed land in Tung Chung Bay, and declined to develop farm land and fallow land in the southwest of Tung Chung because there were many restrictions. He said that the Government was capable of overcoming these obstacles and that local residents and members of this Council had expressed their objection to reclamation. He urged the Government not to conduct planning based on the reclamation proposal, so that time would not be wasted should objection result in the need of re-planning in the future.

Another member urged the Government to develop Tung Chung North to achieve a balance in the whole area.

A member said that the Tung Chung Rural Committee had raised its objection to reclamation because it would affect fung shui and the local ecology. He also expressed the wish of a balanced development.

A member criticized the Government of not attaching adequate importance to the development of Lantau South. He said that there should be a balanced development and that South Lantau Road and Keung Shan Road should be developed into standard roads.

A member proposed that part of the country park in Lantau South be used for public housing.

The representative of the Planning Department said that members' opinions would be considered and he further responded as follows:

- (a) In the Revised Concept Plan for Lantau published in 2007, development of Lantau would be concentrated in the north of the island, while conservation was the theme for the south. The original target in 1999 was a population of 330 000 for Tung Chung and Tai Ho, but subsequently the target population of Tung Chung was revised to 220 000. With the commencement of major infrastructure projects, the existing study would review the target of population and directions for development.
- (b) With reference to a lack of information in the consultation paper, he said that study had just begun. The first stage of consultation was public engagement, mainly for the purpose of understanding the visions and views of the District Council and other stakeholders. He said that he understood very well the views expressed by members on various subjects.
- (c) Although it was mentioned in the paper that there were many restrictions, it did not mean that the Government would not develop land in those areas. The Government would like members to understand the restrictions that might exist.

XV. Public Rental Housing Development at Tung Chung West (Area 39) & (Area 108 part)

A member said that he did not object to the construction of public housing on Area 39 of Tung Chung. However, the area would be densely populated after development, and thus it would not be an ideal place for establishing facilities such as integrated community mental health support services centre and hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons. The authorities should try to locate these centres at quieter places, and the proposed location should be used for schools instead.

The Vice-chairlady proposed that the vacated land in Area 40 should be included in the plan for public housing, instead of building a soccer pitch, as there