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2 March 2023

The Secretariat
Town Planning Board
15/F North Point Government Offices
333 Java Road, North Point
Hong Kong

Dear Sir/Madam,

Comment on Representations to Draft Kennedy Town & Mount Davis Outline Zoning Plan No. S/H1/23 (Commenter: The University of Hong Kong)

1. The University of Hong Kong (HKU) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the representations Draft Kennedy Town & Mount Davis Outline Zoning Plan No. S/H1/23. This comment is submitted in response to R31 – R33 received by the TPB. HKU reiterates our support for the revision of building height restriction for a portion of the G/IC zone at the junction of Pok Fu Lam Road and Pokfield Road from 4 storeys to 115mPD and 155mPD.

Justification of the new campus development

2. Following the lifting of pandemic restrictions in Hong Kong, HKU has returned to face-to-face teaching for all programmes in the 2022–23 academic year. As students return to campus for physical classes and academic activities, academic exchange and conferences are resuming normal and it is anticipated that more conference space will be required in the coming years to foster cross-university, cross-institutional and multi-disciplinary cooperation.

- 3. Versatile teaching, learning and conference space in the Academic Building in the G/IC zone will improve the capacity of HKU to support the post-pandemic demand for synchronous hybrid learning, and offer more advanced hybrid teaching space on campus that can connect students and teachers in different campuses and countries.
- 4. HKU will upgrade its sports and recreation facilities and provide quality space for student activities to support the physical and mental well-being of the students. Designed with campus users' holistic well-being in mind, the new sports complex will provide state-of-the-art sports facilities that HKU members can enjoy. The site of the former Flora Ho Sports Centre will be transformed into a multi-purpose academic, research and conference space that will serve the HKU community in the coming decades.

Addressing concerns

- 5. To strike a balance between the building height for public interest and the academic development, the team has planned for some academic facilities within the basement levels. Those classrooms will be specially taken care of by appropriate design to ensure they are fit for purpose.
- 6. Impact on ventilation and penetration of natural light During the planning phase HKU has commissioned an air ventilation assessment for the proposed development. With the adoption of suitable design features, the Site is expected to have a satisfactory wind environment, and no significant air ventilation impact arising from the new buildings is anticipated.
- 7. Regarding the Academic Complex at the Site, the building has been carefully positioned and orientated to ensure lighting and ventilation of adjacent student hostels. Impact assessments on air ventilation have been carried out to ensure there is no significant adverse impact. The overall planning of the development has taken the student residences into consideration and the new structures will provide necessary infrastructures to facilitate movement of students from EVA level to Pok Fu Lam Road.
- 8. The construction of the new Academic Complex on the Site will comply with all the requirements as stipulated in the Buildings Ordinance and relevant regulations on daylight, ventilation, and other environmental requirements. In the detailed design, HKU will continue to optimise the design to address the visual concerns and other matters raised by the community as far as practicable.
- 9. Improving the landscape through greenery -- The University is committed to balancing development with the environment through landscape design. The design of the new campus incorporates green space, visually appealing landscapes, and proper ventilation systems to improve the well-being and comfort of residents and students.

10. Additionally, the development includes a plan of compensation planting at a 1:1 ratio that will weave nature into the campus. The design of the Pokfield Campus envisions blending in the landscape, enriched with plants and greening features such as vertical greening and podiums that will make the site more livable and vibrant, and form a dynamic streetscape along Pokfield Road.

Benefiting our community

- 11. Pokfield Campus development aims at uplifting the overall environment in the surrounding neighbourhood through new campus development in areas including accessibility, walkability and greenery. The sitting-out area near the junction of Pokfield Road and Smithfield Road will be repurposed as an escalator landing connecting the pedestrian crossing which will be widened. The proposed enhancement is expected to facilitate vehicle and pedestrian flow and provide an alternative uphill/downhill path for the campus users and the neighbourhood.
- 12. Since the lifting of covid19 related restrictions by the Government, access to HKU campuses has resumed normal. The University remains committed to the principle of an open campus, members of the community and visitors may continue to access HKU campuses, escalators and elevators connecting the surrounding areas.
- 13. In Q2 2022, HKU conducted a series of online surveys and workshop to gauge the needs and expectations of the neighbourhood for pedestrian facilities enhancement. Views collected generally support providing additional escalators and elevators for easier uphill and downhill passage between Pokfulam Road and Kennedy Town.
- 14. In the Pokfield Campus, campus visitors may use the walking path along Pokfield Road, and reach Pokfulam Road via the podium and elevators. Providing such an alternative route is expected to allow campus users and members of the neighbourhood a safer and more comfortable path via Pokfield Campus as the community gateway.
- 15. The major intent for the pedestrian connectivity in the development is to overcome level difference and provide an easier path. The escalators assist to overcome substantial level difference, while the walking path along the perimeter of the Site allows sufficient length to absorb certain level difference while at the same time provide opportunity for landscaping and seating for public enjoyment, which will also meet the need of the senior citizens in the vicinity.

Conclusion

16. The Pokfield Campus development will provide students with much-needed world-class teaching and learning facilities, and research and conference space to support the future growth of higher education and knowledge exchange. It is therefore necessary to optimize the development potential to cope with the increasing academic activities.

17. With the well-being of the campus users, visitors and residents who stay on or near the campus in mind, HKU will also incorporate the community's aspirations in the planning and design of the Pokfield Campus. Visually appealing landscapes and proper design features will create a comfortable and attractive environment that the entire neighbourhood can benefit from.

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Dear TPB Members,

So R1 HKU supports its own development plans, thankfully our property developers show more restraint and refrain from promoting their agenda via the public consultation process.

That the focus is no longer on education but on property development is underlined by the statement that "HKU needs to optimize development potential". This is a "GIC" site not a commercial or residential zoning. The community has reasonable expectations with regard to the PR and BH of this zoning:

"Some GIC developments, especially the low-rise and low density ones, also serve as "breathing space" within a high-rise and high-density environment"

"The scale and design of the proposed development should have regard to the character and massing of the buildings in the surrounding areas and **should not cause significant adverse visual impact on the townscape of the area**. Where one of the planning intentions of the existing/designated GIC development on the site is **to serve as a "breathing space" or visual break within a high-rise and high-density environment, the proposed development should be designed in such a way that this planning intention would not be undermined."**

HKU'S mission to benefit humanity and the world. AND MOSES CAME DOWN FROM THE MOUNTAIN. Does anyone believe this crap?

Benefit the neighbourhood Aspires to improve walkability

Snatching at straws while the views of local residents, those who are not HKU personnel, acknowledged in the papers, are brushed under the carpet:

Feedback from community – increased traffic and pedestrian flow

Concerns over airflow and visual impact

These issues are ignored with the Suck it Up, we will provide some planters and an alternative route to get to the MTR.

That the supporters of the plan cannot even express their own opinions but rely on

copy and paste is indicative again of the lack of initiative and critical thinking encouraged by HKU management.

And as for "Pokfield Campus will be the new iconic hub Magnificent starchitect built", we are talking about some non-descript towers.

TPB in approving a multitude of development plans on the part of HKU that will transform a once pleasant district into a wall of towers is failing to uphold the legitimate expectations of the community.

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