

**Extract of Minutes of Task Force on Harbourfront Developments on  
Hong Kong Island of Harbourfront Commission Meeting Held on 19.10.2016**

**Item 7 Any Other Business**

**A. Presentation from the Protect Cadogan Park Alliance**

- 7.1 **The Chair** welcomed representatives from the Protect Cadogan Park Alliance (the Alliance) to the meeting. **Mr Ben MOK** presented the Alliance's views on retaining the Cadogan Street Temporary Garden (the Park) with the aid of a PowerPoint.
- 7.2 **Mr Ken SO** requested CEDD to fully justify the need for carrying out decontamination works at the site concerned in the western part of Kennedy Town.
- 7.3 **Mr LEUNG Kong-yiu** commented that the Park was open to the public for 18 years. Even if there were contaminants underneath the Park, they had not posed any threat to the health of people. Besides, the Park could help enhance accessibility to the future waterfront. He said the Government could identify another site for residential development.
- 7.4 **Mr Raymond CHAN** echoed that the Government should identify other suitable sites for residential development and retain the Park. He added that land use planning should be examined holistically.
- 7.5 **Mr Anthony CHEUNG** commented that the Park, which could enhance connection between the hinterland and the waterfront, should be kept. The Government could review the land use proposal and identify other means such as increasing building height restriction over the territory to increase housing production.
- 7.6 **Mr Ivan HO** said relevant Government departments should consult the local community again and retain the Park as far as practicable.
- 7.7 **Mr Paul ZIMMERMAN** commented that the Alliance had presented some compelling arguments. According to the Alliance's investigation, the contamination was deep underground and had not affected public health in all these years. Users of the Park, including the elderly and the kids,

were allowed to gain access to the Park for years. He did not see sufficient justification to close the Park for carrying out decontamination works.

7.8 **The Chair** said the Task Force shared the view of the Alliance to retain the Park. The Task Force's view would be conveyed to the TPB as usual.

7.9 **Mr Louis KAU** made the following responses-

- (a) the content of the Alliance's presentation, was similar to that of their representation made under the Town Planning Ordinance, which would be considered by the TPB;
- (b) a hearing on representations and comments in respect of the amendments to the draft Kennedy Town and Mount Davis Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) would be held in Q1 of 2017 to further listen to oral submissions made by the representers and commenters; and
- (c) the amendments to the draft OZP were drawn up taking into account the need for the decontamination works as identified by relevant department and for the public to enjoy larger public open space at the waterfront.

7.10 **Mr Ben MOK** thanked the Task Force for their support for retaining the Park and asked PlanD to review the amendments to the OZP.