

Appendix I

Minutes of Briefing Session to Community Organisations in Tung Chung

Tung Chung New Town Extension Study
Stage 1 Public Engagement
Meeting with Tung Chung Community Representatives

Date: 25th July 2012

Time: 5:30pm- 7:00pm

Meeting point: Housing Authority Meeting Room, Him Yat House, Yat Tung Estate

Attendees:

1. Bill Tang, Island District Council Member
2. Around 50 Tung Chung residents
3. Ms. Maggie Lam – Senior Town Planner, Planning Department (PlanD)
4. Mr. CK Lam – Senior Engineer, Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD)
5. Mr. Kenneth Wong – Engineer, CEDD
6. Ms. Theresa Yeung – Planning Director, Arup
7. Ms. Natalie Leung – Assistant Town planner, Arup
8. Mr. Henry Shiu – Associate, Arup
9. Ms. Kenix Lee – Public Relations Consultant, Executive Counsel Ltd

Residents of Tung Chung representing different interests and demographics expressed their views in this meeting. Hong Kong Federation of Trade Unions also officially submitted their opinions to Mr CK Lam and Ms Maggie Lam. Views and opinions by different groups are summarised as follow:

1. Representative of Hong Kong Federation of Trade Unions Ms Mak Mei Kuen expressed the wish to:
 - a. Develop street economy in Tung Chung
 - b. Have a wet market managed by Food and Health Bureau with streets nearby. The Pei Ho Street wet market in Shum Shui Po is a good example.
2. Mr Bill Tang, Island District Councilor, expressed the following views:
 - a. He represented the members of 香港民用航空事情職工總會 and expressed that the Hong Kong International Airport did not have enough manpower. Workers in the airport always need to work overtime and this affect their family and social life. They expressed the need of having more labour in Tung Chung.
 - b. Mr Bill Tang did not agree with reclamation in Tung Chung. If reclamation has to be carried out, the land obtained must benefit local residents. He also expressed there is shortage of public housing in Tung Chung. Over 95% of the public housing in Tung Chung are occupied.

3. Representative from 香港民用航空事業職工總會 expressed the following views:
 - a. At present there is shortage of labour in Tung Chung. The expansion of the Hong Kong International Airport and construction of Hong Kong Zuhai Macau Bridge are all going to need a lot of workers. However, workers are reluctant to work in Tung Chung due to the high transport cost.
 - b. Due to the present shortage of labour at the airport, workers in the airport always need to work overtime (12 hours a day). Even though the overtime hours are paid, this disturbs the personal life of workers. The work injury rate has also increased.
4. Representative from 離島家教會 expressed the following views:
 - a. There is a need to increase the population of Tung Chung. At present the population of Tung Chung is not large enough and some secondary schools may have to be closed. Tung Chung students are left with very few choices of schools and very often they cannot find the schools that can best suit their needs.
 - b. Sports ground is needed for community activities. At present Tung Chung residents have to borrow venues from schools if they want to hold any district level community activities.
5. Residents in Yu Tung and Yat Tung Estates expressed the following views:
 - a. Tourists are competing resources away from local residents, such as transport facilities and services in the shopping malls. Tourism also raises the prices of the shops and restaurants in Tung Chung.
 - b. Prices of wet market in Tung Chung is too high for local residents
 - c. Shops, especially restaurants in Tung Chung close too early. Street food stalls (大排檔) can help to ease this problem but they are not allowed. They hope the government and assess the situation and make appropriate arrangements.
 - d. Provision of transport infrastructure has to be reviewed. At present there is not enough parking space in Tung Chung town centre but too much vacant parking space in Yat Tung Estate.
6. Representative from 香港民用航空事業職工總會 expressed the following views:
 - a. They estimated that labour in the restricted area at the airport is falling short by around 5,000. Currently there are around 60,000 people working at aviation related jobs. Areas that urgently needs more workers include repairing, cleaning and the operation of the ramp.
 - b. Shortage of labour at the airport leads to decline in service quality. According to the Hong Kong International Airport Authority's development plan the airport is going to expand and offer up to 140, 000 job opportunities. Tung Chung's present population cannot support such expansion. It is very difficult to attract labour to work at the airport due to the high transport cost. Transport subsidy offered by the Labour Department is not very helpful.

- c. Many workers at the airport have to work overtime. Their working hours could be up to 13-14 hours a day. The injury rate has increased
 - d. He expressed the wish to build a university in Tung Chung. The trained labour can provide technical support development of infrastructure around Tung Chung. The opening of Hong Kong Zhuhai Macau Bridge will attract many students from Mainland China.
7. Representative from 汽車交通運輸業總工會 龍運巴士分會 expressed the following views:
- a. Tat Tung Road needs to be expanded. There is a traffic bottleneck at the part of Tat Tung Road that is near the public toilet. Traffic jam occurs very often during holidays.
 - b. There is not enough queuing space in Fu Tung Bus station, especially during holidays.
 - c. There is shortage in car parking space in Citigate and Fu Tung Estate during holidays.
 - d. The connectivity between Tung Chung and Chak Lap Kok needs to be improved. At this moment there is only one bridge linking the two places. If there is any accident at the bridge, transport between Chak Lap Kok and Tung Chung will be jeopardised.
 - e. Bus routes in Tung Chung need to be reviewed. He expressed the need of adding more buses running pass Tung Chung. He also suggested buses to pass by Yat Tung after turning out from Chak Lap Kok South Road.
8. Representative from 香港建造業總工會 expressed the following views:
- a. Tung Chung needs more job opportunities to attract people moving in.
 - b. The construction industry is in shortage of labour.
 - c. He suggested setting up a vocational training centre or college for the local residents in Tung Chung.
9. Representative from 香港交職及專業人員總會 expressed the following views:
- a. The MTR trains in Tung Chung are not running frequently enough. The bus routes are also quite inconvenient and inefficient as the travelling time is too long.
 - b. There is not enough labour supply in Tung Chung.
 - c. The present transport subsidy provided by the government cannot increase people's incentive to work in Tung Chung.
 - d. The schools in Tung Chung cannot meet the demand of residents. There are many ethnic minorities living in the public area and around 1/3 to 1/4 of the residents in private housing are foreigners. Nevertheless there are no English primary and secondary schools in Tung Chung.

- e. There are not enough clerical jobs in Tung Chung. They suggested public amenities such as town halls and community centres put Tung Chung residents in first priority in hiring clerical jobs.
 - f. The representative suggested building recreational facilities at the waterfront such as village hotels and water-sports centre.
 - g. The representative suggested building a composite office building open for rent to small-and-medium enterprises at a lower price in Tung Chung. The representative also wished the enterprises running in this composite office building could hire Tung Chung residents in priority.
 - h. The representative wished the government could give sponsor to Tung Chung residents to set up social welfare organisations. The organisations can better-serve Tung Chung residents and improve the employment condition.
10. Representative from 東涌長者會 expressed the following views:
- a. The representative expressed the need of having a big park with more benches for elderly to get together. The park in Maritime Square in Tsang Yi is a good reference.
 - b. There is a need of having public toilets near transport nodes in Tung Chung. At present the elderly have difficulties in looking for toilets after long-distance travel trips.
 - c. The Yat Tung Shopping Mall is closed at night. There are no public toilets in the estate. The representative suggested building one near the Housing Department office.
 - d. The public toilets in the village area need to be upgraded and increased.
11. Representative from 東涌紫荊花婦女會 expressed the following views:
- a. Tung Chung needs a special school with boarding service.
 - b. Residents need sports ground for sports and social activities. For example residents often receive complaints when they are having dance gatherings in open area.
 - c. Residents in Yat Tung Estate are suffering from poor transport arrangements at night. There are not MTRs and the overnight buses do not go pass Yat Tung Estate.
 - d. Since the roads in Yat Tung Estates are so quiet at night, safety is also an issue for the residents.
 - e. The representative expressed the need of having a wet market in Tung Chung.
12. Representative from United Welfare Union (合眾福利社) expressed the following views:
- a. At present there are over 150 people having Islamic services every week. There is a need of building a mosque.

- b. Most ethnic minorities living in Tung Chung are Muslims regardless of their origins. They hoped there could be a school for Muslims in Tung Chung.

13. Representative from 東涌之友協進會 expressed the following views:

- a. There is not enough recreation space for children.
- b. There is not toilet in Yat Tung Estate for drivers after 11p.m.
- c. At present only buses run between Yat Tung and other parts of Tung Chung. There are no other modes of transport such as minibus.
- d. Yat Tung Estate is in serious lack of night transport.
- e. The representative expressed the vision of developing Tung Chung into an international tourist spot.
- f. An international school is needed in Tung Chung.
- g. The representative suggested introducing rail-less trains to link different parts of Tung Chung.
- h. The representative suggested opening the airport pier to the public for tourist activities.

14. Representative from 工聯會東涌聯絡處 expressed the following views:

- a. The transport facilities could not meet the demand of residents in Tung Chung during rush hours.
- b. There is urgency in adding an MTR station in Yat Tung Estate. The position of MTR station should not only base on economic return. Need of the public is also important.

15. Representative from 東涌新動力 expressed the following views:

- a. There are nearly no recreation facilities for people living in public housing. All the recreation facilities are located near private housing.
- b. Venues for small business are needed.
- c. Tung Chung's residents need a vocational training institution.

16. A resident of Tung Chung's public housing estate expressed that there was a need of having more barrier-free facilities for the disabled.

17. A resident of Tung Chung's public housing estate expressed there was a vicious cycle of community development in Tung Chung. Since there is not enough population, therefore residents cannot have more facilities. The lack of facilities makes Tung Chung an unattractive place for people to move in, thus making it even more difficult for present residents in Tung Chung to have more facilities.

18. A resident of Tung Chung expresses the following views:

- a. There are quite a number of vacant flats for large families in the public housing. The resident suggested the Housing Department to review the present policy and release these flats to the people in need. More flats for small families are needed. Also, the reason for vacancy in larger flats is the high rent. Large families usually cannot afford the rent.

- b. Many people have to queue for a long time to move into public housing. More land for public housing is needed.