

Southern District Council
Economy, Development and Planning Committee

Invigorating Island South Conceptual Master Plan 2.0 –
Wong Chuk Hang, Aberdeen and Ap Lei Chau

Purpose

This paper is to brief members on the Invigorating Island South (IIS) Conceptual Master Plan (CMP) 2.0 covering Wong Chuk Hang (WCH), Aberdeen and Ap Lei Chau (ALC).

Background

2. The Invigorating Island South Office (IISO) formulated the first CMP (i.e. CMP 1.0) covering WCH, Aberdeen and ALC (i.e. the IIS focus areas) in August 2021. Between August and November 2021, IISO conducted briefings on CMP 1.0 for various stakeholder groups, including consultation with the Committee on 21 September 2021. General support for the proposals included in the CMP was received from stakeholders. After considering and incorporating the comments received where appropriate, CMP 2.0 was promulgated in March 2022.

Major Updates

3. The updated core ideas and proposals for the IIS focus areas are shown on CMP 2.0, including a separate leaflet on quick-win measures which would allow more frequent updating as necessary (see **Annex**). Major updates are highlighted below.

Connectivity in WCH Business Area (WCHBA) (Item 1)

- (a) IISO commissioned a consultancy study in December 2021 to formulate comprehensive proposals for pedestrian environment and traffic improvements to bring vibrancy to the IIS focus areas. Connectivity between WCHBA and the waterfront would be enhanced via a landscape corridor along Heung Yip Road and Staunton Creek Nullah. Proposals for enhancing connectivity to Aberdeen would also be formulated. Quick-win measures including repainting of the WCH Road flyover and provision of an additional crossing facility at WCH Road have been completed. Other quick-win measures, including the

repaving of footpaths in WCHBA and improvement to the area adjoining MTR WCH Station, are being taken forward progressively.

Connectivity along Sham Wan and Po Chong Wan Waterfront (Item 2)

- (b) IISO is exploring setting back of some existing shipyards, marine engineering workshop sites and Shum Wan Laundry in consultation with the relevant stakeholders to enhance the pedestrian environment and connectivity.

Pedestrian environment and traffic circulation in ALC North (Item 3)

- (c) Pedestrian priority scheme, possible new local road connection to improve traffic circulation, and possible public car park will be explored in the abovementioned consultancy study. Quick-win measures include repaving of the road carriageway in the Main Street area which is in progress, and provision of at-grade crossings at Main Street and Ping Lan Street under planning.

Green Link in WCH (Item 4)

- (d) The results of the Design Competition on Green Link in WCH were announced in January 2022. Improvements to the sitting-out areas and back alley along the Green Link, and provision of a walking trail between Yip Hing Street and Aberdeen Country Park will be implemented based on the design concept in the winning scheme. Construction works on the Green Link will commence within 2022 for substantial completion in early 2024.

Revitalisation of Staunton Creek Nullah and adjoining public spaces (Item 5)

- (e) Proposals for the revitalisation of Staunton Creek Nullah are being formulated. As part of the revitalization proposals, a boardwalk is proposed along the northern bank in the downstream section of the nullah to enhance connectivity and walkability. On quick-win measures, the public space next to Tai Wong Ye Temple will be enhanced, including repaving, provision of benches and mural painting with a view to turning the space into a vibrant piazza. Landscape enhancement to the upstream section of the nullah will also be carried out. Please refer to EDPC Paper Nos. 7/2022 and 8/2022 for details.

Waterfront enhancements (Item 6)

- (f) IISO is collaborating with the relevant government departments to formulate preliminary conceptual proposals for enhancements to the existing open spaces on the Aberdeen and ALC waterfronts. Quick-win measures include opening up the enclosed landscaped and grassed area adjoining ALC Park within 2022, and setting back of the boundaries of a sewage pumping station near ALC Wind Tower Park.

Recycling station in ALC (Item 7)

- (g) The proposed recycling station would be taken forward by way of a Public Works Programme (PWP) project in accordance with the established procedures.

Revitalisation of industrial buildings in WCHBA (Item 8)

- (h) We provide facilitation services to help expedite the redevelopment or wholesale conversion of old industrial buildings in WCHBA, which in turn help provide more space for emerging industries and the arts and culture sector.

“Single site, multiple use” projects (Item 9)

- (i) The Recreation and District Facilities Committee was consulted on the development scope of the redevelopment and enhancement of recreation and sports facilities in WCH in January 2022. Technical feasibility studies will be carried out this year.

Review of temporary sites (Item 10)

- (j) Temporary sites under review include those being occupied by shipyards, marine engineering workshops and bus depots. We will continue to consult stakeholders in the process.

Future strategy of Ocean Park (Item 11)

- (k) The Government and the Ocean Park Corporation are actively taking forward the future strategy for Ocean Park, including conducting a tendering exercise to identify partners for the development of the Park, commencing the technical studies for the proposed pier projects at Deep Water Bay and Tai Shue Wan, and providing a temporary landing facility at Tai Shue Wan around mid-2022 prior to the completion of the pier projects.

Revitalisation of Aberdeen Fish Market area (Item 12)

- (l) Improvement proposals for the Aberdeen Wholesale Fish Market area are being formulated with a view to creating a more vibrant waterfront while maintaining the operation of the fish market. We will explore the feasibility of introducing new elements such as related F&B and retail uses.

Expansion of Aberdeen Typhoon Shelter (Item 13)

- (m) Investigation and detailed design for the expansion of Aberdeen Typhoon Shelter to provide more vessel berthing area commenced in April 2022. Possible measures to allow public access to the breakwaters will also be studied. On quick-win measures, improvements to the marine-related signage along the waterfront have been largely completed. The planned provision of additional landing facilities in the northeastern part of ALC is being taken forward in consultation with stakeholders.

Revitalisation of Nam Long Shan Cooked Food Market area (Item 14)

- (n) Improvement of the cooked food market is already planned under the Market Modernization Programme. Proposals will be formulated for revitalising the area including the adjoining Nam Long Shan Road Children’s Playground and Rest Garden.

As a quick-win measure, construction of a staircase cum stair-lift to provide a direct connection between the cooked food market and the adjacent footbridge leading to MTR WCH Station will commence within 2022.

Place-making events (Item 15)

- (o) We will collaborate with interested parties to facilitate place-making events upon abatement of the epidemic situation.

Advice Sought

- 4. Members are invited to offer comments on the IIS CMP 2.0.

Annex

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