

**Southern District Council**  
**Economy, Development and Planning Committee**

**Staunton Creek Nullah Boardwalk**

**Purpose**

This paper is to consult members on the initial conceptual design of Staunton Creek Nullah Boardwalk (hereinafter referred to as “the Project”).

**Background**

2. In the 2019 Policy Address, the concept of Rivers in the City was proposed to allow the public to enjoy river facilities, experience the multiple values of water bodies, treasure water bodies and create a better living environment.

3. The Invigorating Island South (IIS) initiative was announced in the 2020 Policy Address to develop the Southern District into a place full of vibrancy, vigor, and velocity for people to work, live, explore new ideas and have fun. The Invigorating Island South Office (IISO) consulted the Economy, Development and Planning Committee on 21 September 2021 on the IIS Conceptual Master Plan (CMP) 1.0. One of the proposals is to formulate proposals for the revitalisation of Staunton Creek Nullah into a river with environmental and landscape upgrading, integrating with adjoining public open spaces to become a focal point, and creating a more comfortable and enjoyable walking environment.

4. DSD is undertaking study for the revitalisation of Staunton Creek Nullah under the Rivers in the City concept and the IIS initiative. Forming part of the revitalisation proposal, the Project aims to bring early improvement to connectivity and walkability along the nullah bank for the public to enjoy.

5. The following sections will introduce the site selection, initial conceptual design, and way forward of the Project.

## **Site Selection (Location Plan - Annex 1)**

6. The downstream section of Staunton Creek Nullah extends to the Aberdeen waterfront area along Heung Yip Road. Currently, pedestrians can only travel between the public space next to Tai Wong Ye Temple and the waterfront via the southern bank of the nullah. After discussing with IISO and other relevant government departments, Drainage Services Department proposes to construct a boardwalk along the northern bank of the nullah to improve walkability of the nullah area and its connection with the Wong Chuk Hang Business Area and the waterfront. The Project together with the quick-win measures in the Wong Chuk Hang area under the IIS initiative and the Planning Department's reimagining public space pilot case next to Tai Wong Ye Temple will bring more synergy effect.

7. The Project Site is at the northern bank of the downstream section of the nullah. The boardwalk proposal will connect the public space next to Tai Wong Ye Temple to the open space next to Aberdeen Tennis and Squash Centre, including the provision of a new footpath for the public to go to the Aberdeen waterfront from Heung Yip Road directly.

## **Initial Conceptual Design (Annex 2)**

8. The length of the proposed boardwalk is approximately 450 metres and the width is about 3 metres. It is proposed in the initial conceptual design to replace the traditional railing design by social railing design, with planters to be provided below the railings to increase greening along the nullah edges and attract people to stop by and take a rest, with a view to promoting water-friendly culture.

## **Way Forward**

9. The proposed boardwalk will be gazetted according to the Roads (Works, Use and Compensation) Ordinance (Cap. 370). Upon completion of the relevant statutory procedures and detailed design, we will apply to the Legislative Council for funding for this Project in due course with a view to commencing construction early.

## **Advice Sought**

10. Members are invited to offer comments on Staunton Creek Nullah Boardwalk.

**Annexes**

Annex 1 Location Plan

Annex 2 Initial Conceptual Design Plan

**Drainage Services Department**

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