

Southern District Council
Community Affairs and Tourism Development Committee

Update on the Queen Mary Hospital Redevelopment Project - Phase 1

Purpose

This paper briefs members on the latest progress of the redevelopment of Queen Mary Hospital (QMH), Phase 1.

Project Scope

2. The phase 1 redevelopment of QMH is conducted in two stages, namely, preparatory works and main works. The preparatory works are mainly for the decanting of existing facilities, equipment and mortuary in Clinical Pathology Building, University Pathology Building and Houseman Quarters to the converted Senior Staff Quarters (SSQ), while the main works cover the demolition of the three buildings, provision of a new access point from Pokfulam Road and construction of a New Hospital Block.

Progress Update

3. The LegCo Health Services Panel and Public Works Subcommittee supported and endorsed the project for the preparatory works with the estimated cost of \$1.6 billion on 17 February 2014 and 27 May 2014 respectively. Funding approval was obtained from the Finance Committee on 12 July 2014.

4. The conversion works of the Senior Staff Quarters (SSQ) into Laboratories, Staff Accommodation and Teaching Facilities have already commenced on 28 July 2014. We expect that the preparatory works will take around 40 months and will be completed by 2017. We aim to start the main works in 2017 for completion of the whole phase 1 redevelopment project by 2023.

Major Improvement/Benefit

5. The new Block will provide additional space to meet operational needs, be adaptable to service developments, as well as promote integrated research and education.

6. A rooftop helipad will be provided in the new Block at QMH subject to the approval under the Environmental Impact Assessment Ordinance. It will enable a speedy transfer of patients in critical conditions to the hospital from sites where transportation by other means is deemed less effective under such circumstances. It will enhance the overall efficiency and effectiveness of the emergency response services.. The helipad will be constructed to provide an additional option for emergency service that covers primarily the outlying islands.

Concerns from Neighbours

7. After the meetings with the QMH project team, the residents from the neighbouring buildings reiterated their concerns over the temporary relocation of the Mortuary to the SSQ in writing subsequently to the hospital and the chairman of the Public Works Subcommittee of the Legislative Council through the management companies as well as a Legislative and a District Council member.

8. Apart from addressing their concerns at the meetings, the hospital has also responded in writing to the management companies, the Legislative and District Council members concerned on 13 May 2014 & 25 July 2014, reassuring that strictest compliance with the infection control and safety standards will be exercised and restriction on the farewell ceremonies for the deceased seriously considered. The hospital will maintain close communication with the neighbours.

Hospital Authority
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