

Southern District Council

Update on the Queen Mary Hospital Redevelopment, Phase 1

Purpose

This paper aims to brief members on the latest progress of the Queen Mary Hospital (QMH) Redevelopment, phase 1.

Background

Phase 1 of QMH redevelopment is conducted in two stages. Stage I comprises preparatory works and Stage II, main works. The preparatory works include conversion of the Senior Staff Quarters (SSQ) for decantation of the existing facilities, including the mortuary, and equipment from Clinical Pathology Building, University Pathology Building and Housemen Quarters, as well as improvements of the access road (Road B) adjacent to the Administration Building leading to the SSQ site.

Progress Update

1. Construction Works

The preparatory works undertaken by the main contractor commenced on 28 July 2014. The on-going works include ground investigations for the siting of the Link Bridge footing and double-deck parking facilities and the diversion of the underground utilities, further widening of Road B, interior evacuation, construction of a lift for workers, and demolition of a portion of the SSQ podium. All the works are basically on schedule.

On-site inspections by various government departments, such as the Environmental Protection, Fire Services Department have been conducted. Compliance with the relevant statutory requirements and ordinances was confirmed.

2. Hospital Visit by Southern District Councillors

To solicit valuable inputs from the Southern District Council for enhancement and improvement of the hospital facilities, a site visit was organized on 9 October 2014 for its members. Ten members of the Council visited some strategic sites in the hospital campus, including the waiting and queuing areas for the green mini-buses (GMB) and taxis, the Pharmacy Department in Block S, Road B and the adjacent Pok Fu Lam Water Conduit, and areas around the SSQ site.

The councillors were concerned the shelter at the waiting area of GMB route no. 63 has caused enormous inconvenience for passengers in rainy days. Upon their advice, the hospital administration has been actively exploring the feasibility of erecting a half-length louver to keep passengers waiting for the GMB from the rain and searing sun. On the other hand, the councillors were generally satisfied with the noise and dust abatement measures and temporary traffic control around the SSQ construction site.

3. Communication with Neighbours

To maintain close communication with the neighbours, a meeting with a member from the Legislative Council and a member from the Southern District Council, residents from Radcliffe and Royalton, and representatives from the management companies of these residential buildings was held on the evening of 3 November 2014 at QMH. Members of the meeting were briefed about the progress of the SSQ works and their views and suggestions collected.

Hospital Authority

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