

Southern District Council

Progress Report on Queen Mary Hospital Redevelopment Project

Purpose

This paper aims to brief members on the progress of the Queen Mary Hospital (QMH) Redevelopment, phase 1 and to invite members to give views on paragraphs 5 and 6.

Progress Update

A. Senior Staff Quarters (SSQ) Conversion Works

2. Conversion works of SSQ progresses towards completion. The associated relocation works to the SSQ has commenced in March 2017 and is expected to be completed by end of 2017.

3. The converted SSQ was renamed as Block T after endorsement in the Hospital Authority Directors' Meeting on 15 February 2017.

Report on Incidents and Feedbacks

4. A summary for the period from December 2016 to March 2017 is shown below:

	Nature	Date	Details	Follow-up actions
I	Work Injury	09/01/2017	A worker's right thumb was injured when operating a grinder machine.	Safety training on safe use of grinder machine was conducted. Use of grinder machine in narrow space will be avoided.
II	Work Injury	17/02/2017	A worker claimed that his right palm was twisted and injured by his co-worker in a suspected incident of workplace violence.	Tool box talk on workplace violence as well as case review was conducted.

B. Preparatory Works for the Construction of the New Block

Re-provision of Footpath to Kotewall Road

5. The existing footpath to Kotewall Road near Clinical Pathology Building has to be reprovided as it falls within the site of the QMH Redevelopment Project. Reprovision of a new concrete stair with metal railing along the slope from Pokfulam Road to Kotewall Road with appropriate directional sign will be constructed by HA adjacent to the project site of the QMH Redevelopment. The estimated construction period is approximately three months. For the subsequent maintenance of the footpath, it is recommended that Home Affairs Department will take up the maintenance of the reprovioned footpath (excluding any slope maintenance works) according to the arrangement of District Minor Works projects.

Tree Preservation and Removal Proposal (TPRP)

6. To maximize building footprint within the congested site, some trees have to be felled inevitably to make room for the construction of the New Block. A total of 424 trees along the new site boundary were surveyed. It is proposed that 352 trees will be retained, 68 trees will be felled and 4 dead trees will be removed.

7. Due to limited space, the required compensatory planting ratio of 1:1 within the site of the QMH Redevelopment Project is not feasible. In order to provide compensatory planting as far as possible, Architectural Services Department has consulted more than 20 organizations such as the University of Hong Kong, Leisure and Cultural Services Department, Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department, Civil Engineering and Development Department, etc. Unfortunately, no feasible site was identified. In this regard, joint site visit was conducted by QMH and landscape architect of Architectural Services Department. Potential sites at QMH and The Duchess of Kent Children's Hospital at Sandy Bay offering space for 15 trees in total were identified and it was agreed that the compensatory proposal should be pursued. The TPRP will be submitted to Architectural Services Department Tree Preservation and Removal Proposal Assessment Panel for approval accordingly.

Proposed Rooftop Helipad at the New Block

8. Public consultation on the Environmental Impact Assessment report of the proposed rooftop helipad at the New Block was conducted from 3 February 2017 to 4 March 2017. The Environmental Permit was issued by Environmental Protection Department on 22 March 2017.

C. Community Newsletter and Internet Website for the QMH Redevelopment Project

9. To enhance communication with stakeholders, community partners and the public, the first issue of community newsletter and the bilingual website will be launched in May 2017.

Conclusion and Advice Sought

10. Members are invited to note the progress report set out in the paper and give views on paragraphs 5 and 6.

Hospital Authority

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