

Southern District Council

Progress Report on Queen Mary Hospital Redevelopment Project

Purpose

This paper aims to recap the supplementary information given to Southern District Council (SDC) after the discussion in the SDC Meeting on 11 January 2018 regarding the “Redevelopment of Queen Mary Hospital (QMH), phase 1 – main works”, and to brief members on the progress of the redevelopment project.

Project Highlights

2. Redevelopment of QMH, phase 1 – main works mainly cover the demolition of Clinical Pathology Building, Pathology Building of HKU and Housemen Quarters, and provision of a new vehicular access point from Pokfulam Road and construction of a new hospital block.

3. Design of the New Block will be patient-oriented with convenient connections and well-coordinated services. There will be large floor plates with additional escalators and lifts for improvement of accessibility to meet the long term needs of the community. To enhance operational flow and connectivity with the existing Block K and other major clinical facilities within the QMH compound, link bridges are planned to be constructed and connected the New Block to the 1st, 3rd, 11th, 19th floors and LG4 of Block K.

4. A rooftop helipad solely for medical emergency purposes will be constructed and operated according to the description of the designated project mentioned in the environmental permit (No. EP-522/2017) approved by the Environmental Protection Department.

5. An additional vehicular access from Pokfulam Road will be provided in the area of New Block for daily hospital services (such as ambulances, non-emergency ambulance transfer service, etc.) which aims to enhance the emergency services and to alleviate the traffic congestion of the existing hospital main road. Concerning the traffic arrangement of the new vehicular access, traffic condition and road safety of Pokfulam Road near QMH will be first priority for consideration.

6. Regarding the improvement of major facilities after the redevelopment project of QMH, there will be additional 14 operating theatres for meeting future service needs.

Progress Update

A. Senior Staff Quarters (Block T) Conversion Works

7. The associated relocation works of the Senior Staff Quarters (Block T) Conversion Works are generally on schedule and is expected to be completed in mid-2018.

8. The “Bereavement Suite and Mortuary” has been relocated to Block T and commenced service on 24 February 2018 with designated lift for body transportation. To enhance the relevant services, a task group was formed by QMH with engagement of patient groups for collection of opinions from relevant community organizations and providing proposal for improvement measures to further rationalize the services.

B. Preparatory Works for the Construction of New Block

9. To alleviate the noise impact caused by construction, installation of double-glazed windows in Block K and J is completed in January 2018.

10. Regarding the re-provisioning of footpath to Kotewall Road, the existing slope improvement works by Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) at the concerned area is expected to be completed in March 2018. The relevant re-provisioning works is planned to commence around 2 months after site handover from CEDD to Lands Department with anticipated completion in August 2018.

11. Tender for the construction works has been closed on 19 January 2018 and is under evaluation. The relevant documents of Redevelopment of QMH, phase 1 – main works are planned to be submitted to the Panel on Health Services of the Legislative Council (LegCo) in March 2018 for subsequent submission to the Public Works Subcommittee of Finance Committee (FC) in April 2018 and to the FC of LegCo in July 2018 tentatively. Subject to funding approval from FC, the main works is planned to commence in 4Q 2018 for completion in 2024.

C. Community Communication and Engagement

12. In addition to the bilingual website and community newsletters for the QMH Redevelopment Project, community forum will be organized regularly for briefing of latest update on QMH Redevelopment Project and collection of views from the community. Community forum for 1Q 2018 is scheduled on 7 March 2018 at Aberdeen Kaifong Welfare Association. District council members and public are welcome to join.

13. To provide a direct communication channel and to enhance the connections between QMH and the District Council as well as various community stakeholders, a Community Liaison Group will be formed for providing updated information of the project with discussions of related matters and coordinating the concerns from the community.

Advice Sought

14. Members are invited to learn the information set out in the paper and to give views.

Hospital Authority

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