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Public Relation and Engagement Subcommittee
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**LANTAU DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
PUBLIC RELATION AND ENGAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE**

Follow-up Actions on Comments received at Promotion Events

PURPOSE

This paper summarizes the views and comments received from the promotion events attended by the Government and the Public Relation and Engagement Subcommittee (hereinafter referred to as “PRE Subcommittee”) under the Lantau Development Advisory Committee (hereinafter referred to as “LanDAC”) for the development of Lantau and the recommended categorization and follow-up actions. This paper is for the reference of PRE Subcommittee members who are invited to give their views.

COMMENTS RECEIVED AT PROMOTION EVENTS AND FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS

2. The comments received at public promotion events and their recommended classification and follow-up actions were confirmed at the 3rd meeting of PRE Subcommittee. The Secretariat of PRE Subcommittee referred the comments to the Subcommittees under LanDAC or relevant Government departments for follow-up actions after the meeting and the latest status and responses are as follows:

Date	Event Name	Follow-up Actions and Responses
6 November 2014	Annual General Meeting of the Lantau Development Alliance	As listed at Annex 1
11 December 2014	The 2 nd Meeting of Tung Chung Safe and Healthy City Steering Committee in 2014	As listed at Annex 1
15 December 2014	The 6 th Meeting of Islands District Council in 2014	As listed at Annex 1
18 December 2014	18 District Councils Chairmen and Vice Chairmen Regular Meeting	As listed at Annex 1

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3. From 1 January to 21 April 2015, the Government together with the PRE Subcommittee attended the following promotion events for the development of Lantau. After classification, the comments received at the events were recommended for follow-up actions by the Subcommittees under LanDAC or the relevant Government departments.

Date	Event Name	Proposed Classification and Follow-up Actions for the Views/ Comments Received
27 January 2015	The 20th Meeting of Tsuen Wan District Council	As listed at Annex 2
17 February 2015	The 1st Meeting of Yuen Long District Council in 2015	As listed at Annex 2
19 March 2015	The 18th Meeting of Central & Western District Council	As listed at Annex 2
1 April 2015	Sharing Session for Associate Degree Students in Airport Operation and Aviation Logistics	As listed at Annex 2
9 April 2015	The 21st Meeting of North District Council	As listed at Annex 2
21 April 2015	The 55th Meeting of Country Parks Committee	As listed at Annex 2

ADVICE SOUGHT

4. PRE Subcommittee members are invited to give their views on the recommended classification and follow-up actions for the views/comments received.

**The Secretariat of the
Public Relation and Engagement Subcommittee
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Latest Status and Responses by Relevant Subcommittee / Department on Comments Received at Promotion Events (up to 21 April 2015)

Annual General Meeting of the Lantau Development Alliance (6 November 2014)

Question/ Comment	Follow-up Actions	Response by Relevant Subcommittee/Department
<p>Enquirer: From a member of Hong Kong Disneyland</p> <p>Question: Have you considered reorganizing the existing traffic facilities to link up various tourist facilities on Lantau?</p>	<p>Included in the Comprehensive Report on Members' Comments issued in November 2014 and being followed up by the relevant subcommittees.</p>	<p>Traffic and Transport Subcommittee has referred the comment to the Transport and Housing Bureau and Development Bureau for consideration.</p>
<p>Enquirer: From a member of Shun Tak - China Travel Ship Management Ltd</p> <p>Comment: Tourism development is related to the work of all four subcommittees under LanDAC. The overall tourism development should be well co-ordinated and planned for the long term. Information such as visitor receiving capacity and sources of the tourists must be available before the appropriate positioning can be determined.</p>	<p>Included in the Comprehensive Report on Members' Comments issued in November 2014 and being followed up by the relevant subcommittees.</p>	<p>Included in the "Study on the consolidated economic development strategy and market positioning for commercial land uses of Lantau".</p>

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The 2nd Meeting of Tung Chung Safe and Healthy City Steering Committee in 2014 (11 December 2014)

Question/ Comment	Follow-up Actions	Response by Relevant Subcommittee/Department
<p>Enquirer: From a representative of Ngong Ping 360 Ltd. Question: Will there be any complementary and new development at Tai O if Ngong Ping 360 is extended to Tai O?</p>	<p>Referred to “Planning and Conservation Subcommittee” for consideration on 3 Feb 2015.</p>	<p>There are several revitalizing and improvement works on-going in Tai O. The forthcoming “Feasibility Study of Cable Car System from Ngong Ping to Tai O” will include the affected areas in Tai O also. Therefore, subject to the study result, the opportunities, potential and details of the development of Tai O would be further examined to find out the feasible development proposals for local benefits.</p>
<p>Enquirer: From representative of the Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council Question: Upon receiving over a hundred items of comments during consultation, would the Government implement and follow up some items in the planning stage?</p>	<p>Referred to “Planning and Conservation Subcommittee” for consideration on 3 Feb 2015.</p>	<p>In general, suitable suggestions and views will be included in the major planning studies for consideration and follow-up actions to achieve mutual integration. This will form the basis for formulating the overall spatial development strategy for Lantau, with feasible projects in short, medium and long terms. Regarding economic development and transport proposals that could be implemented shortly, Planning and Conservation Subcommittee noted that they are being followed up by the Economic and Social Development Subcommittee and Traffic and Transport Subcommittee.</p>

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The 6th Meeting of Islands District Council in 2014 (15 December 2014)

Question/ Comment	Follow-up Actions	Response by Relevant Subcommittee/Department
Enquirer: Mr CHEUNG Fu Comment: During the review of road closure and permit issuance arrangement for Lantau, the Government should investigate whether local parking facilities are sufficient.	Included in the Comprehensive Report on Members' Comments issued in November 2014 and being followed up by the relevant subcommittees.	Traffic and Transport Subcommittee has referred the comments to the Transport Department and Highways Department for consideration.
Enquirer: Mr FAN Chi-ping Comment: As the traffic of Tung Chung Road is currently overloaded with insufficient lay-bys and bus parking spaces. Improvement is required.	Included in the Comprehensive Report on Members' Comments issued in November 2014 and being followed up by the relevant subcommittees.	Traffic and Transport Subcommittee has referred the comments to the Transport Department for consideration.

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Enquirer: Mr LEE Chi-fung Comment: The north to south transport network will be paralyzed if traffic accidents happened on Tung Chung Road. Therefore, a coastal road from Tung Chung to Tai O is required. If the transportation of Tai O is improved, more people will return to live there, hence help relieving the population burden in urban areas.	Included in the Comprehensive Report on Members' Comments issued in November 2014 and being followed up by the relevant subcommittees.	Traffic and Transport Subcommittee has referred the comments to the Transport Department for consideration.

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<p>Enquirer: Ms CHAU Cheun-heung</p> <p>Comment: She thanked the Government for implementation of the promotion events enhancing public's understandings on the future development of Lantau. The message that development of Lantau is crucial to Hong Kong's overall benefit and its competitiveness has also been conveyed. As much land in Lantau is within the country park area and restricted for development, the Government should come up with innovative ideas to boost local economy apart from focusing on conservation. The Government should not think that the population in Lantau will not increase until 2023. In fact, there will be a population intake of over 20,000 in the coming few years, due to the completion of several development projects. Some infrastructures and supporting facilities should be implemented in phases.</p>	<p>Included in the Comprehensive Report on Members' Comments issued in November 2014 and being followed up by the relevant subcommittees.</p>	<p>LanDAC will make the proposals in the Overall Development and Conservation Strategy for Lantau (to be prepared in 2016).</p>

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<p>Enquirer: Hon TANG Ka-piu</p> <p>Comment: With the completion of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge and the extension of Tung Chung New Town, there will be more and more tourists in North Lantau. While shopping malls should be tourist-oriented, native local neighborhood market stores should also be preserved for local residents. By doing so, the ever increasing prices in Tung Chung can also be curbed. Besides, if the toll fees of the newly built Tuen Mun-Chek Lap Kok Link and the existing Lantau Link are still high, not too many small to medium scaled business firms will be willing to move to Lantau. Regarding the central waters reclamation project, he wants to know if there is any link road connecting the artificial islands to Mui Wo and North Lantau Expressway.</p>	<p>Included in the Comprehensive Report on Members' Comments issued in November 2014 and is being followed up by the relevant subcommittee.</p>	<p>LanDAC will make the proposals in the Overall Development and Conservation Strategy for Lantau (to be prepared in 2016).</p>

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<p>Enquirer: Mr LAI Tsz-man</p> <p>Comment: During the earlier consultation on Tung Chung New Town Extension Study, the Association of School Heads of Islands District (ASHIs) expressed that there are around 30% to 40% surplus of school places in Tung Chung. The proposal of building 10 more schools and a number of international schools planned under the Tung Chung New Town Extension (TCNTEEx) project is therefore not justified. As such, he requests the Government to carefully assess the demand for school places, resolve the existing problem on the surplus of school places and relocate aged schools if necessary. Otherwise, the existing schools can no longer provide services to the students.</p>	<p>Referred to the relevant department responsible for the “Tung Chung New Town Extension Study” on 9 Feb 2015.</p>	<p>Regarding the concern of ASHIs on the number of schools proposed in the Overall Development Plan (ODP) of Tung Chung New Chung Extension Study, the study team referred all comments to the Education Bureau. Further reviewed on the future education facilities in Tung Chung has also been carried out and the adjustment will be reflected on the revised ODP. Concerning the comments on the education policies, Education Bureau will maintain communication with the stakeholders through the existing mechanism.</p>

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<p>Enquirer: Ms LEE Kwai-chun Comment: She proposes the construction of a cross-harbour bridge linking Cheung Chau and Lantau</p>	<p>Referred to the “Traffic and Transport Subcommittee” for consideration on 3 Feb 2015.</p>	<p>It is noted that Development Bureau would examine the feasibility of constructing one or more artificial island(s) in the central waters between Hong Kong Island and Lantau. Subject to the location of the future artificial island(s), the traffic links of the artificial island(s) with the neighbouring islands and Lantau will be examined. As this suggestion is related to transport and traffic infrastructure, it would be referred to Transport and Housing Bureau, Transport Department and Highways Department for consideration.</p>

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<p>Enquirer: Mr YU Hon-kwan</p> <p>Comment: Additional residential units should be built in areas near Tung Chung so that residents can work in the same areas and fill the job vacancies anticipated.</p> <p>Comment: Besides, he understands that \$4,700 million is needed for construction of a new road between Tung Chung and Tai O. However, with the provision of some new “low to medium” density residential units along the new road and the moving back of some Tai O indigenous residents; he believes that construction of the new road can be justified.</p> <p>Comments: Regarding the study on the East Lantau Metropolis, he hopes that apart from the study on the technical feasibility, a study on market demand including commercial activities, demographic data, diversion of tourists and land available for development would also be conducted.</p>	<p>Included in the Comprehensive Report on Members’ Comments issued in November 2014 and being followed up by the relevant subcommittees.</p>	<p>Planning and Conservation Subcommittee will make proposals on the feasible short and medium term measures in the draft Overall Development and Conservation Strategy (to be prepared in mid-2015).</p> <p>Traffic and Transport Subcommittee has referred the comments to Transport Department for consideration.</p> <p>The relevant department is making the effort to commence the “Strategic Studies on Artificial Islands in Central Waters” the soonest. The comments were included in the study.</p>

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18 District Councils Chairmen and Vice-chairmen Regular Meeting (18 December 2014)

Question/ Comment	Follow-up Actions	Response by Relevant Subcommittee/Department
<p>Enquirer: Vice-chairman, Mr NG Kam-chun, Stephen (Wan Chai District Council)</p> <p>Comment: The handling of solid waste should also be considered when planning for the development of Lantau. He does not want to see existing roads being used for the transportation of solid waste.</p>	<p>Referred to the “Planning and Conservation Subcommittee” for consideration on 3 Feb 2015.</p>	<p>The Environmental Protection Department (EPD) will commence the “Study on Planning of Future Environmental Infrastructure Facilities for Waste Treatment and Transfer in Hong Kong – Feasibility Study” (the Study) this year. It aims at formulating the plan and strategy for the territory wide waste disposal and large scale refuse transfer facilities, in terms of environmental acceptability, sustainability and cost effectiveness. It will identify the necessary additional strategic and regional facilities in order to meet the needs of Hong Kong up to 2041. The identified additional waste facilities should follow the direction, among others, that refuse transport traffic flow should be reduced. The Study will consider the population growth and known development plans and proposals. However, the waste management facilities required by individual development will not be explored. Planning and Conservation Subcommittee opined that the proposals related to waste disposal should be considered by EPD. In the meantime, the facilities required will be reflected on the relevant town plans appropriately after the disposal strategy and direction are determined.</p>

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<p>Enquirer: Vice-chairman, Ms CHAU Chuen-heung (Islands District Council)</p> <p>Comment: The public always has misunderstandings that the development of Lantau is a regional matter, but in fact, it concerns the overall development and the positioning of Hong Kong. The development of Lantau is for the next generation and the development of the central waters also has its strategic meaning. A balanced approach needs to be struck between conservation and development. Do not believe that the population in Lantau will not increase until 2023. In fact, a population of more than 20 000 will move into Lantau in the coming few years. As such, infrastructural and supporting facilities need to be improved gradually. She supports the Government to reconsider building a new road between Tai O and Tung Chung as accessibility will provide incentives to the indigenous residents to move back to Tai O. The new road will also help creating new economic values for lands along the roads.</p>	<p>Included in the Comprehensive Report on Members' Comments issued in November 2014 and being followed up by the relevant subcommittees.</p>	<p>LanDAC will make the proposals in the Overall Development and Conservation Strategy for Lantau (to be prepared in 2016).</p>

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<p>Enquirer: Vice-chairman, Dr WONG Kam-chiu (Wong Tai Sin District Council)</p> <p>Comment: It is foreseeable that with the completion of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge and Tuen Mun-Chek Lap Kok Link, Lantau will become an intersection of Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao and will also become Hong Kong's sea, land and air transportation hub. In addition to increasing residential and commercial land, the extension of Tung Chung New Town and the planning of major commercial districts will also bring about employment and business opportunities. The overall development plan for Lantau should be examined so as to enhance visitor receiving capacity. Early construction of facilities, such as shopping malls, restaurants, tourist attractions, entertainment outlets, hotels, etc. as well as proper planning of transportation facilities, etc. should be conducted. He hopes that the new Policy Address can lay down a specific development plan for Lantau.</p>	<p>Included in the Comprehensive Report on Members' Comments issued in November 2014 and being followed up by the relevant subcommittees.</p>	<p>LanDAC will make the proposals in the Development and Conservation Strategy for Lantau (to be prepared in 2016)</p>

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<p>Enquirer: Chairman, Mr NG Sze-fuk (Sai Kung District Council)</p> <p>Comment: The development of Lantau will have a far-reaching impact on the whole of Hong Kong in the future. Thus it is not adequate to consult Islands District Council only. It is suggested that the district councils near Lantau (such as the Central and Western and New Territories West districts) should also be consulted in order to garner more support to counterbalance opposition voices.</p>	<p>Referred to the “Public Relation and Engagement Subcommittee” for consideration on 3 Feb 2015.</p>	<p>Public Relation and Engagement Subcommittee plans to visit all 18 district councils by July 2015.</p>
<p>Enquirer: Chairman, Mr FONG Ping (Kwai Tsing District Council)</p> <p>Comment: He supports the development of Lantau as it will bring benefits to Hong Kong as a whole. However, he hopes that Tsing Yi should also be included in the overall planning, which will benefit the overall development of Hong Kong.</p>	<p>Referred to the “Planning and Conservation Subcommittee” for consideration 3 Feb 2015.</p>	<p>Planning and Conservation Subcommittee noted that the two districts are in close in proximity. It is believed that the Government will take into account the above factors when carrying out the planning of Tsing Yi.</p>

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<p>Enquirer: Vice-chairman, Mr CHUNG Wai-ping (Tsuen Wan District Council)</p> <p>Comment: He supports the construction of artificial islands in the central waters but believes that the controversial issue of reclamation and the impact on water currents and navigation channels should be resolved. He hopes that the artificial islands will provide new transport links so as to increase local employment opportunities on Lantau.</p>	<p>Referred to the relevant department responsible for the “Strategic studies on artificial islands in central waters on 9 Feb 2015”.</p>	<p>The relevant department is making the effort to commence the “Strategic Studies on Artificial Islands in Central Waters” the soonest. The comments were included in the study.</p>
<p>Enquirer: Chairman, Mr CHUNG Kong-mo (Yau Tsim Mong District Council)</p> <p>Comment: He agrees that development potential of Lantau is great, but the travelling expenses to and from Lantau are very high. As such, new measures should be considered to reduce the transportation costs such as allocating some land sale to subsidize the transportation costs of residents.</p>	<p>Referred to the “Traffic and Transport Subcommittee” for consideration on 3 Feb 2015.</p>	<p>It is noted that the public transport fares are monitored by established mechanism. The adoption of paid roads and bridges system involves the “User Pays” principle. As this issue is related to financial policies, it is suggested that inter-bureau discussion be arranged if necessary.</p>

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<p>Enquirer: Chairman, Mr CHUNG Kong-mo (Yau Tsim Mong District Council)</p> <p>Comment: He agrees that solid waste generated locally should be handled within Lantau.</p>	<p>Referred to the “Planning and Conservation Subcommittee” for consideration on 3 Feb 2015.</p>	<p>The Environmental Protection Department (EPD) will commence the “Study on Planning of Future Environmental Infrastructure Facilities for Waste Treatment and Transfer in Hong Kong – Feasibility Study” (the Study) this year. It aims at formulating the plan and strategy for the territory wide waste disposal and large scale refuse transfer facilities, in terms of environmental acceptability, sustainability and cost effectiveness. It will identify the necessary additional strategic and regional facilities in order to meet the needs of Hong Kong up to 2041. The identified additional waste facilities should follow the direction, among others, that refuse transport traffic flow should be reduced. The Study will consider the population growth and known development plans and proposals. However, the waste management facilities required by individual development will not be explored. Planning and Conservation Subcommittee opined that the proposals related to waste disposal should be considered by EPD. In the mean time, the facilities required will be reflected on the relevant town plans appropriately after the disposal strategy and direction are determined.</p>

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Annex 2 to
Paper No. 05/2015

Comments Received from Promotion Events and Recommended Follow-up Action (1 January to 21 April 2015)

The 20th Meeting of Tsuen Wan District Council (27 January 2015)

Question/comment	Recommended Follow-up Action
<p>Enquirer: Mr. CHOW Ping-tim Comment: He supports Lantau development personally. However, if there is housing development on the artificial islands near the airport, attention should be paid to the aircraft noise problem. He hopes that the Government will develop innovative entertainment and leisure facilities (such as casinos) on Lantau to attract tourists.</p>	<p>Referred to the “Planning and Conservation Subcommittee” for consideration.</p>
<p>Enquirer: Mr. CHUNG Wai-ping Comment: He supports the development of leisure, entertainment and tourist facilities in Sunny Bay. However, he hopes that the Government will brief the Tsuen Wan District Council on the relevant information after finalizing the development plan.</p>	<p>Not applicable.</p>
<p>Enquirer: Mr. TSENG Wen-tien, Justin Comment: A balance should be struck between development and conservation when planning for development. An antagonistic relationship always exists between development and conservation. If planning and conservation are set for discussions by the same Subcommittee under the Lantau Development Advisory Committee, the independence of the conservation part may be queried. He suggests that the Government should consider enhancing the independence and autonomy of conservation work.</p>	<p>Referred to the “Planning and Conservation Subcommittee” for consideration.</p>

The 1st Meeting of Yuen Long District Council in 2015 (17 February 2015)

Question/Comment	Recommended Follow-up Action
<p>Enquirer: Mr. YIU Kwok-wai</p> <p>Comment: He suggests that the Government should enhance the transportation facilities on Lantau so as to create more employment opportunities in the area. He wants to know if the Government has mechanism to deal with the comments received on the transportation issues under Lantau development effectively.</p>	<p>Referred to the “Traffic and Transport Subcommittee” for consideration.</p>
<p>Enquirer: Mr. MAK Ip-sing</p> <p>Comment: He concerns if the third runway project could be implemented. The construction of the third runway is very controversial as the aircraft’s landing and take-off paths of the Hong Kong Airport may overlap with those of the Shenzhen Airport. He wants to know if the construction of the third runway is considered in the development plan of Lantau. The Government should conduct detailed studies before implementing the project.</p> <p>Comment: He believes that the Tuen Mun – Chek Lap Kok Link which is currently under construction will increase the traffic flow between Tuen Mun and Yuen Long. He requests that the Government should arrange sufficient supporting transport facilities, including public transport between Yuen Long and Lantau.</p> <p>Comment: He inquires about the Government’s forecast on population growth figure for Lantau and hopes that more detailed information could be provided.</p>	<p>Not applicable.</p> <p>Referred to the “Traffic and Transport Subcommittee” for consideration.</p> <p>Referred to the “Planning and Conservation Subcommittee” for consideration.</p>

Question/Comment	Recommended Follow-up Action
<p>Enquirer: Mr. KWOK Keung</p> <p>Comment: He supports the Lantau development plan, but reclamation should be minimized. He hopes that the Government could provide sufficient infrastructure and transport facilities. It is anticipated that there will be large population in Yuen Long and Hung Shui Kiu in the future and the capacity of the West Rail may not be able to cope with the demand of the new population. He suggests constructing railways with Hung Shui Kiu as the terminus, via Tuen Mun and Lantau to Central on Hong Kong Island.</p>	<p>Referred to the “Traffic and Transport Subcommittee” for consideration.</p>
<p>Enquirer: Mr. CHOW Wing-kan</p> <p>Comment: At present, there is a mismatch between job opportunities and the skills of labour in Tung Chung. He hopes that the new developments on Lantau will facilitate the residents to work locally and reduce their financial burden on travelling to work in other areas as well as the impact on traffic.</p>	<p>Referred to the “Economic and Social Development Subcommittee” and the relevant departments responsible for the “Tung Chung New Town Extension Study” for follow-up action.</p>

Question/Comment	Recommended Follow-up Action
<p>Enquirer: Mr. CHAM Ka-hung</p> <p>Comment: He has reservations about the feasibility of developing East Lantau into a core business strategic development district. The Government should examine the development feasibility in detail and conduct studies on market demand.</p> <p>Comment: He believes the North Lantau development should be planned together with the North West New Territories development. For instance, upon the completion of the Tuen Mun – Chek Lap Kok Link, vehicles will use the link to and from Chek Lap Kok and Yuen Long or Shenzhen Bay Boundary Control Point. The Government should plan for the connecting roads in Tuen Mun, Yuen Long and Shenzhen Bay Boundary Control Point and coordinate the completion time of the supporting transport facilities. In addition, he suggests to have a new railway connecting Tuen Mun and Lantau, reaching Hong Kong Island West directly.</p>	<p>Referred to the relevant departments responsible for the “Strategic studies on artificial islands in central waters” for follow-up action.</p> <p>Referred to the “Traffic and Transport Subcommittee” for consideration.</p>
<p>Enquirer: Mr. WONG Wai-shun</p> <p>Comment: The Government should consider Lantau development together with the railway planning for New Territories West. Make use of the opportunity of Lantau development, the railway network in New Territories West can extend to Lantau and Kennedy Town, which may divert the passengers travelling to Hong Kong Island and Kowloon and reduce the passenger loading on West Rail.</p>	<p>Referred to the “Traffic and Transport Subcommittee” for consideration.</p>

The 18th Meeting of Central & Western District Council (19 March 2015)

Question/Comment	Recommended Follow-up Action
<p>Enquirer: Mr. CHAN Choi-hi</p> <p>Comment: Does the Government have any plan to construct a bridge connecting Lantau and Hong Kong Island?</p> <p>Comment: Apart from the transport linkages for the “One hour Inter-city traffic circle”, how will Lantau tie in with its neighbouring cities in other aspects?</p>	<p>Referred to the “Traffic and Transport Subcommittee” for consideration.</p> <p>Referred to the “Economic and Social Development Subcommittee” and the “Planning and Conservation Subcommittee” for consideration.</p>
<p>Enquirer: Ms CHENG Lai-king</p> <p>Comment: There is a large amount of undeveloped quality country park sites on Lantau. The Government, however plans to develop a East Lantau core business district at Kau Yi Chau nearby, which may damage the natural environment. Is this development direction suitable? How much public money has been spent on this study?</p> <p>Comment: The Government said that the East Lantau Metropolis is closely related to the Central and Western District. However, none of the members of Hong Kong Island district council is on the membership list of the Lantau Development Advisory Committee. She considers that the composition of the Committee is not comprehensive enough.</p>	<p>Referred to the relevant departments responsible for the “Strategic studies on artificial islands in central waters” for follow-up action.</p> <p>Not applicable.</p>

Question/Comment	Recommended Follow-up Action
<p>Enquirer: Mr LEE Chi-hang, Sidney</p> <p>Comment: At present, most of the roads in South Lantau are restricted areas for vehicles. The Government should consider opening some restricted areas to facilitate the use by residents and tourists.</p>	<p>Included in the Comprehensive Report on Members' Comments issued in March 2015 and being followed up by the relevant subcommittees.</p>
<p>Enquirer: Mr CHAN Hok-fung</p> <p>Comment: The development of Kau Yi Chau, in particular the planning of the alignments of the relevant railways or tunnels, will have impact on the long-term development and planning of the Central and Western District. The Government should carry out local consultation as early as possible to explain the impact on the development of the waterfront promenade in the Central and Western District and discuss how the community should coordinate to suit.</p>	<p>Referred to the relevant department responsible for the "Strategic studies on artificial islands in central waters" for follow-up action.</p>

Sharing Session for Associates Degree Students in Airport Operations and Aviation Logistics (1 April 2015)

Question/Comment	Recommended Follow-up Action
<p>Enquirer: Teachers and students of Associate Degree in Airport Operations and Aviation Logistics</p> <p>Comment: The Government plans to carry out reclamation and build the artificial islands in the central waters. Has the impact of the reclamation on the marine channels near Kau Yi Chau been considered?</p>	<p>Referred to the relevant departments responsible for the “Strategic studies on artificial islands in central waters” for follow-up action.</p>
<p>Comment: He hopes that the future Tung Chung New Town development can provide job opportunities to enable residents to work locally, which may in turn minimize the transportation cost, as well as the travelling time of the residents.</p>	<p>Referred to the “Economic and Social Development Subcommittee” and the relevant departments responsible for the “Tung Chung New Town Extension Study” for follow-up action.</p>
<p>Comment: What is the ratio between public and private housing development on Lantau? He hopes that different types of high, medium and low density housing could be developed on Lantau.</p>	<p>Referred to “Planning and Conservation Subcommittee” for consideration.</p>
<p>Comment: If reclamation is carried out on Lantau, attention should be paid to the natural environment and ecological value along the coastline of Lantau.</p>	<p>Referred to “Planning and Conservation Subcommittee” for consideration.</p>

The 21st Meeting of North District Council (9 April 2015)

Question/Comment	Recommended Follow-up Action
Enquirer: Mr. LAW Sai-yan Comment: He suggests that the Government to improve the transport connection between Lantau and New Territories North.	Referred to the “Traffic and Transport Subcommittee” for consideration.
Comment: He concerns that the development of South Lantau for green tourism may increase the pressure on country parks on Lantau.	Referred to “Planning and Conservation Subcommittee” for consideration.
Comment: The Government should examine in detail the area of reclamation required for the development of an “artificial island in central waters”. The Government should also consider using railways to connect East Lantau Metropolis to other areas in Hong Kong.	Referred to the relevant departments responsible for the “Strategic studies on artificial islands in central waters” for follow-up action.

Question/Comment	Recommended Follow-up Action
<p>Enquirer: Mr. CHAN Yung</p> <p>Comment: He supports that the development of Lantau is the major development direction of Hong Kong. Upon the commissioning of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge boundary crossing facilities, the pressure on cross boundary traffic at New Territories North will be reduced. The topside development at the Hong Kong boundary crossing facilities will also be beneficial to the diversion of parallel trading activities in the North District. If the development pattern of Lantau is successful, it can be used as reference for “North East New Territories New Development Areas”.</p> <p>Comment: He hopes that the Government will come to the North District again to report the latest situation on Lantau development in the future.</p>	<p>Referred to the relevant departments responsible for the “North East New Territories New Development Areas” for follow-up action.</p> <p>Referred to the “Public Relation and Engagement Subcommittee for consideration.</p>
<p>Enquirer: Mr. TSANG King-chung</p> <p>Comment: He hopes that the Government can formulate a set of comprehensive development strategies for “North East New Territories New Development Areas” for district council discussion by making reference to the Lantau development.</p>	<p>Referred to the relevant departments responsible for the “North East New Territories New Development Areas” for follow-up action.</p>

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<p>Enquirer: Mr. PANG Chun-sing</p> <p>Comment: He supports Lantau development. He hopes that the Government can exert its utmost efforts in developing tourist spots on Lantau, open the road restricted areas on South Lantau and construct roads to tie in with the development.</p>	<p>Included in the Comprehensive Report on Members' Comments issued in March 2015 and being followed up by the relevant subcommittees.</p>
<p>Enquirer: Mr. WAN Wo-tat</p> <p>Comment: He supports Lantau development as it can provide young people a place for living and working. He hopes that the transport facilities between the North District and Lantau could be improved, which would benefit the young people living in the North District for working on Lantau.</p>	<p>Referred to the "Traffic and Transport Subcommittee" for consideration.</p>

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Question/Comment	Recommended Follow-up Action
<p>Enquirer: Dr HAU Chi-hang</p> <p>Comment: He suggests that a conservation area similar to the Wetland Park could be built at Pui O to enhance the conservation work and reduce the problem of illegal dumping, etc.</p>	<p>Referred to the “Planning and Conservation Subcommittee” for consideration.</p>
<p>Comment: At present, there are no transport connection and facilities on Soko Islands. The development of Soko Islands will inevitably increase marine traffic which will have an impact on the habitat of Chinese white dolphins and marine parks. Therefore, the planning should be carefully made.</p>	<p>Referred to the relevant departments responsible for the “Preliminary Feasibility Study of Spa and Resort Development at Cheung Sha and Soko Islands” for follow-up action.</p>
<p>Comment: He suggests that the Government should examine to develop Tung Chung River and its coast into an ecological park which will adopt the management structure similar to the Wetland Park to enhance the ecological value of the areas and public awareness on conservation.</p>	<p>Referred to the “Planning and Conservation Subcommittee” and the relevant departments responsible for the “Tung Chung New Town Extension Study” for follow-up action.</p>

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<p>Enquirer: Mr. MO Ka-hung</p> <p>Comment: A balance between development and conservation should be struck in the planning process. The villagers hope that the Government can improve infrastructures such as water and power supplies, sewerage system, etc. of the rural areas where development will take place.</p> <p>Comment: When developing rural areas, transportation should be provided as currently many rural roads cannot connect to major trunk roads.</p> <p>Comment: He hopes that the Government could set up an effective communication channel with the residents to increase the residents' acceptance of the development.</p>	<p>Referred to the "Planning and Conservation Subcommittee" for consideration.</p> <p>Referred to the "Traffic and Transport Subcommittee" for consideration.</p> <p>Referred to the "Public Relation and Engagement Subcommittee" for consideration.</p>
<p>Enquirer: Mr. LEE Yee-keung</p> <p>Comment: When reclamation is planned, the natural coastlines should be preserved as far as possible. Besides, the tunnel option should be adopted over the roads option to reduce the impact on the surrounding landscape.</p>	<p>Referred to the "Planning and Conservation Subcommittee" and the "Traffic and Transport Subcommittee" for consideration.</p>
<p>Enquirer: Ms WONG Lai-yin, Idy</p> <p>Question: She concerns that Lantau development may have an impact on the country parks. When the Government plans for the Lantau development, does it intend to review the scopes and boundaries of the country parks?</p>	<p>Referred to the "Planning and Conservation Subcommittee" for consideration.</p>

Question/Comment	Recommended Follow-up Action
<p>Enquirer: Ms MA Miu-wah, Katherine</p> <p>Question: She hopes the Government could indicate clearly the areas of the country parks and sites involved in the proposed infrastructure and development projects on Lantau. When will the Government expect to conduct an environmental impact assessment?</p>	<p>Referred to the “Planning and Conservation Subcommittee” for consideration.</p>
<p>Enquirer: Dr MAN Chi-sum</p> <p>Comment: He concerns about the reclamation at Siu Ho Wan. He learns that the Government has reduced the proposed areas for reclamation. Will the Government consider giving up the reclamation plan at Siu Ho Wan completely?</p> <p>Comment: He concerns about the review on the road restrictions in Tung Chung. The implementation of road controls in South Lantau, which effectively controls vehicular and pedestrian flow in the area, is one of the important factors for maintaining good ecological environment. Relaxing the road restrictions may increase pedestrian flows and exert pressure on the facilities of the country parks and the environment.</p> <p>Comment: He hopes that the Government can put forward more conservation projects. He suggests that studies on the development of wetlands in Pui O and the improvement of existing facilities of country parks should be conducted.</p>	<p>Referred to the relevant departments responsible for the “Study on Siu Ho Wan Reclamation” for follow-up.</p> <p>Referred to the “Traffic and Transport Subcommittee” for consideration.</p> <p>Referred to the “Planning and Conservation Subcommittee” for consideration.</p>

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<p>Enquirer: Prof. CHIU Lai-har, Rebecca, JP</p> <p>Comment: At present, there is neither economic activity nor transport facility at Kau Yi Chau in central waters. She queries about the plan of developing East Lantau Metropolis into a core business district by implementing numerous large-scale projects. Besides, she concerns about the impact of the reclamation on the natural environment.</p>	<p>Referred to the relevant departments responsible for the “Strategic studies on artificial islands in central waters” for follow-up action.</p>
<p>Enquirer: Mr. SO Kwok-yin, Ken</p> <p>Comment: He is concerned about the cumulative impacts of the various reclamation projects on the ecology of Lantau. Even though individual project may pass the environmental impact assessment, he doubts if Lantau can bear the cumulative impacts brought about by various reclamations.</p> <p>Comment: He hopes that the Government could carry out conservation work on Lantau first, such as upgrading the conservation functions of country parks and enhancing their ecological capacity. In addition to public enjoyment, conservation is another function of country parks. He is worried that if the heavy visitor flows may affect the conservation work. The Government should commence detailed studies as soon as possible and communicate with green groups and indigenous residents.</p>	<p>Referred to the “Planning and Conservation Subcommittee” for consideration.</p> <p>Referred to the “Planning and Conservation Subcommittee” for consideration.</p>

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<p>Enquirer: Ms Suzanne M GENDRON</p> <p>Comment: She is disappointed that the Government has proposed a number of Lantau development projects but without any specific conservation plans to compensate the potential loss of natural environment. She hopes that the Government could study carefully the cumulative impacts of the development projects on the natural ecology.</p>	<p>Referred to the “Planning and Conservation Subcommittee” for consideration.</p>
<p>Enquirer: Mr. LEE Chung-ming, Eric</p> <p>Comment: He holds a positive view of Lantau development. However, he hopes that the Government could enhance the conservation value and cultural tradition element on rural conversation. The Lantau development should learn from overseas experience and balance the conflict between development and conservation. In order to finalize and implement management measures effectively, he suggests that the Government should make reference to the Heritage Conservation Plan formulated by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization for handling declarations for cultural heritage.</p> <p>Comment: Lantau’s cultural heritage with special characteristics, such as farms in Mui Wo and stilt houses in Tai O, should be preserved. He suggests that the Government should make reference to Penang’s experience in preserving stilt houses and implement it in Tai O.</p>	<p>Referred to the “Planning and Conservation Subcommittee” for consideration.</p> <p>Referred to the “Planning and Conservation Subcommittee” for consideration.</p>

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<p>Enquirer: Mr. TANG King-shing, GBS, PDSM</p> <p>Comment: He understands that conservation is a part of development. He agrees that the development of Lantau is a good opportunity to put into practice the balancing between development and conservation needs.</p> <p>Comment: He wants to know about the financial and funding arrangements for studies on reclamation at Siu Ho Wan, Sunny Bay and East Lantau Metropolis, etc.</p>	<p>Not applicable.</p> <p>The Government has replied to members' questions at the meeting.</p>
<p>Enquirer: Mr. LAM Chung-lun, Billy, GBS, JP</p> <p>Comment: The Lantau development Advisory Committee values conservation issues greatly. Among others, the "Planning and Conservation Subcommittee" has discussed about issues, such as the conservation of temples on Lantau and stilt house in Tai O, etc. The Government may provide information on this respect to the members for reference.</p> <p>Comment: Apart from conservation, supporting transport facilities should also be improved to facilitate visit and sight-seeing by the public that can enhance the heritage value. The Government is reviewing the traffic arrangements for Tung Chung Road.</p>	<p>Referred to the "Planning and Conservation Subcommittee" for consideration.</p> <p>Included in the Comprehensive Report on Members' Comments issued in March 2015 and being followed up by the relevant subcommittees.</p>

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<p>Enquirer: Ms HUI Mei-sheung, Tennessy</p> <p>Comment: She understands that Lantau development is still at its initial stage and hopes that the Government could provide short, medium and long term planning information on population, jobs, housing, etc. in respect of the Lantau development for members' reference.</p> <p>Comment: As most of the lands on Lantau are country parks, she suggests that the Government could conduct large-scale studies to study the interactive relationship between Lantau overall development and the country parks.</p>	<p>Referred to the "Planning and Conservation Subcommittee" for consideration.</p> <p>Referred to the "Planning and Conservation Subcommittee" for consideration.</p>
<p>Enquirer: Mr. CHOW Kwok-keung</p> <p>Comment: He supports the Government not to develop the land along the coast from Tung Chung to Tai O so as to preserve the coastline. He hopes that the Government could encourage green tourism and educate the public about the importance of conservation.</p>	<p>Referred to the "Planning and Conservation Subcommittee" for consideration.</p>