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Question : There is mounting concern and a public outcry over the increasing incidences of screen-effects created by buildings under the urban redevelopment projects. How will the Administration handle redevelopment projects in future? Will the Administration conduct a review on the assessment mechanism? If yes, what are the details of and expenditure involved in the action plan? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

When processing redevelopment projects which require the approval of the Town Planning Board (TPB) or the Government, this Department will in consultation with other Departments assess and consider the merits of the applications. Proponents of redevelopment projects are required to provide assessment reports with evidence to support that the proposed redevelopment will not give rise to adverse environment impact.

In addition to ad hoc consideration of individual project, the TPB also reviews and updates Outline Zoning Plans (OZPs) regularly. In response to the community's aspiration for a better living environment, the Government has reduced the development intensities of a number of land-sale sites. Action will also be taken to progressively review OZPs with a view to setting out clearly the development parameters to control the building height and bulk of future development/redevelopment. This Department will continue to provide professional input and support to this work with existing resources as part of our normal duties.

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