

## **THE HONG KONG HOUSING AUTHORITY**

### **Memorandum for the Strategic Planning Committee**

#### **Railway Development Strategy 2000**

#### **PURPOSE**

To inform Members of the presentation by the Transport Bureau on the Railway Development Strategy 2000, and advise on its potential impact on public housing developments.

#### **BACKGROUND AND STRATEGY**

- 2. Please refer to **Annex** prepared by the Transport Bureau.

#### **IMPLICATIONS FOR PUBLIC HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS**

3. The Second Railway Development Study (RDS-2) envisaged that none of the recommended railway schemes as specified in the Railway Development Strategy 2000 would cause insurmountable environmental impacts at the strategic level.

4. However, it is anticipated that the proposed railway projects may impact on the existing and planned public housing developments in the following areas –

- The proposed alignments of some railway networks may have interfaces with some of the existing and proposed public housing sites, including-

#### **Existing Public Housing Sites**

- Sai Wan Estate intervened by the West Island Line
- Valley Road Estate intervened by the East Kowloon Line
- Shek Kip Mei Estate intervened by the Regional Express Line

#### **Proposed Public Housing Sites**

- PSPS site in Kam Tin/Au Tau SGA intervened by the Regional Express Line
- Some recommended railway networks may be located in the vicinity of some of the proposed public housing sites, including those in the South-east Kowloon development area. Noise and air implications may be a concern of the surrounding residents during project construction and/or operation phases.

5. Every attempt must be made to minimize any potential impact the proposed railway development projects may have on the existing and planned public housing sites. In addition to environmental matters, issues relating to the impact on planning, design and programme of Estates under redevelopment, such as the Valley Road and Shek Kip Mei Estates, are of particular concern. The Department has provided preliminary comments on the respective railway schemes to the Highways Department and copied to the Transport Bureau and other concerned departments highlighting our concerns. However, as the recommended railway alignments are only preliminary in nature, detailed assessment on the extent of potential impact on the Authority's developments could only be made when the design of the railway projects are available. It is expected that the Department and affected public housing residents will be consulted at the alignment design stage.

#### **THE PRESENTATION**

6. The Transport Bureau will present the key elements of the Railway Development Strategy 2000 to the Members at the meeting. A booklet on the new railway strategy is included at **Annex** for Members' information.

## **WAY FORWARD**

7. The Department will work closely with the relevant parties on the implementation of the proposed railway developments, with particular regard for minimizing the potential impacts they may have on both existing and proposed public housing sites. The Committee's advice will be sought in due course, if required.

## **INFORMATION**

8. This paper is presented for Members' information.

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