

Kowloon City District Urban Renewal Forum

Public Requests for Personal Attendance at Meetings to Make Representations on Urban Renewal Matters

Criteria for Making Representations

Any individual or organisation who intends to attend the meetings of Kowloon City District Urban Renewal Forum (DURF) personally for making representations on urban renewal matters in Kowloon City (the “representer”) has to submit his/its representations in writing to the Secretariat of DURF 4 weeks before the DURF meeting (the meeting schedule has been uploaded to the DURF’s website). In general, the subject of representations must fall within the terms of reference of DURF (the terms of reference has been uploaded to the DURF’s website) and meet the following criteria:

- (a) Representations related to the formulation of urban renewal plan for Kowloon City i.e. proposals related to redevelopment, rehabilitation, revitalisation or preservation in Kowloon City, highlighting:
 - (i) significant local and public benefits to be brought from the proposals;
 - (ii) concrete planning gains (e.g. provision of open space/community facilities and landscaping measures, etc.) to be achieved by implementing the proposals; and
 - (iii) local communities can be revitalised or community cohesion and vibrancy can be enhanced through implementation of the proposals.
- (b) Representations should not involve matters that fall outside the terms of reference of DURF, such as matters concerning urban redevelopment compensation policy and rehousing arrangement etc.

Since DURF will soon commission the Study on Urban Renewal Plan for Kowloon City and the Social Impact Assessment, if the subject of

representation falls within the scope of these studies, the representations will be submitted to the study consultants for consideration and follow up action. For representations which fall outside the scope of the studies but meet the above criteria, the representers will be invited to make the representations at DURF meeting.

Processing Arrangements

The processing arrangements are as follows:

- (a) Upon receipt of a written representation, the Secretariat will assess the representation in accordance with the criteria set out above and report the assessment result to the Chairman.
- (b) For representations which do not meet the criteria, the Secretariat will report to DURF before notifying the representers in writing the reasons for not being heard.
- (c) For representations which fall within the scope of the studies, the Secretariat will arrange the consultants to meet with the representers and listen to their proposals. The consultants will consider the proposals and report to DURF their follow up work. The Secretariat will send a written notification to the representers after the consultants have reported to DURF.
- (d) For representations which fall outside the scope of the studies but meet the above criteria, the Secretariat will make arrangements for the representers to attend a meeting of DURF and circulate the written representations to Members before the meeting.
- (e) The representers should specify the speaking time when submitting their representations. A maximum speaking time slot of 20 minutes will be allocated for each representation, regardless of the number of representers.
- (f) For representations which have been heard at a meeting of DURF, the Secretariat will send a written notification to the representers on the result of discussions in the DURF meeting.

- (g) The Secretariat will arrange for a suitable number of written representations to be heard during a meeting. Representations that cannot be heard timely will be included in the agendas of subsequent meetings.

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