

Events in Brief

Study on Active Design for Healthier Lifestyle – Feasibility Study

The Study was commissioned by the Department in February 2020 to explore how “active design” can be incorporated in the planning and development process to promote healthy lifestyle, and to formulate a set of advisory Active Design Guidelines. The Study was substantially completed in early 2023. The Department will continue to promote the integration of active design elements into the built environment.



Cross-boundary Travel Survey 2021

Cross-boundary Travel Survey aims to collect statistical information about the characteristics of cross-boundary trips (both passenger trips and vehicle trips) and the trip-makers. The latest round of Cross-boundary Travel Survey was conducted in 2021 with a view to obtaining a more up-to-date picture of cross-boundary traffic, despite Hong Kong was under the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The survey was completed in 2022. Major results of the survey were released via the “Northbound Southbound 2021” report in October 2022.

The "Northbound Southbound 2021" report can be downloaded from the Department's website.



Vacant School Premises Sites Review

The Central Clearing House mechanism was established in 2011 with an aim to making gainful use of vacant school premises (VSP) sites which were confirmed by the Education Bureau as no longer required for school use. In the results of the review announced in August 2022, the Department has examined the long-term uses of 14 vacant/to-be-vacant school premises sites, and recommended eight of them for housing development and six to be retained for Government, Institution or Community (GIC) use. Since 2011, the Department has reviewed a total of 250 vacant/to-be-vacant school premises sites. The majority of VSP sites (161 sites) have already been or will be put to gainful uses, including public housing, transitional housing, GIC and short term uses by non-government organisations, etc.

Green Belt Review

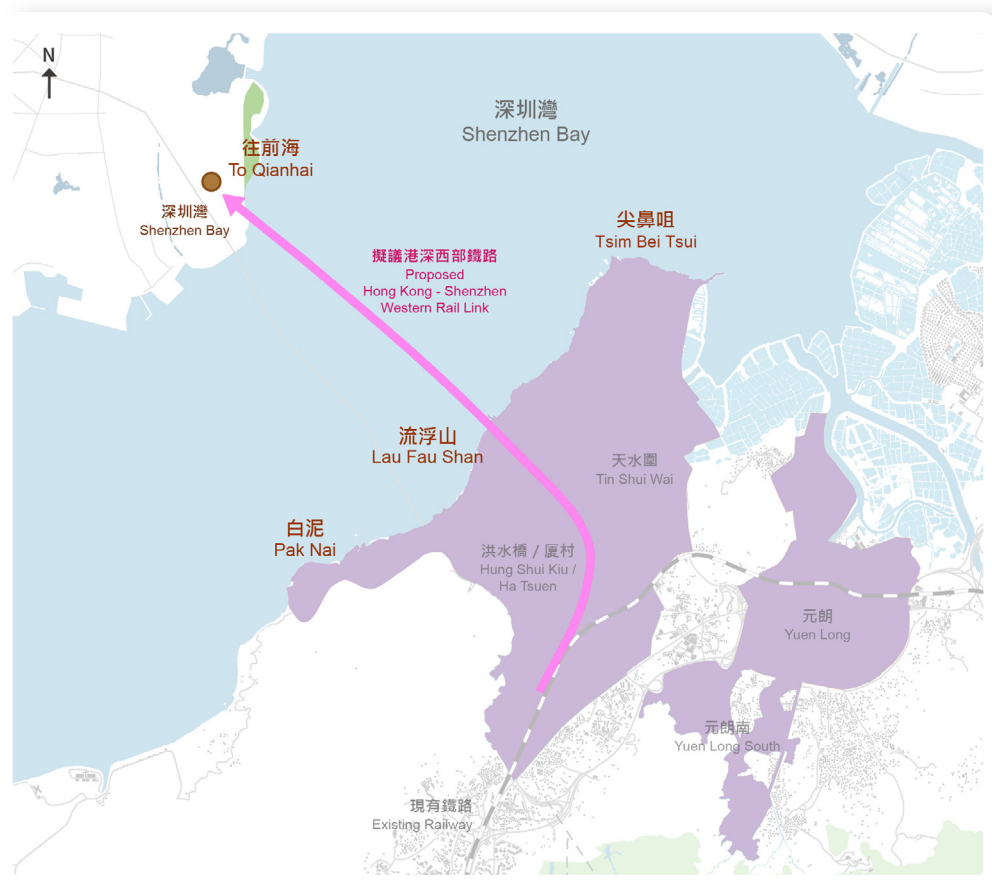
Rezoning is an important source of housing land supply in recent years, and sites on “Green Belt” (“GB”) zoning has been one of the major components of such rezoning efforts. As announced in the 2022 Policy Address in October, the Department has completed a new round of review of land zoned “GB” and shortlisted about 255 hectares of “GB” sites with potential for housing development, which can provide up to 70 000 units. Subject to the results of relevant technical studies, the rezoning of the first batch of sites is targeted in 2024.



Potential “Green Belt” Sites

Land Use Review Study for Lau Fau Shan, Tsim Bei Tsui and Pak Nai Areas – Feasibility Study

The Northern Metropolis Development Strategy (NMDS) proposed Lau Fau Shan, Tsim Bei Tsui and Pak Nai (LTP) as the extension part of Hung Shui Kiu/Ha Tsuen New Development Area (HSK/HT NDA). Located on opposite sides of the Shenzhen Bay, the HSK/HT NDA and the Qianhai Co-operation Zone are connected by Shenzhen Bridge and the proposed Hong Kong-Shenzhen Western Rail Link (Hung Shui Kiu- Qianhai), promoting integrated development of Hong Kong and other GBA cities. The two areas have respective considerable development potential due to its strategic location. It is recommended under the NMDS to develop sizable landmark facilities of I&T Industry in Lau Fau Shan (LFS) with an estimated 6 000 – 8 000 jobs related to application of new and advanced technologies, and to enhance the LFS rural township and constructing a Coastal Protection Park and waterfront promenade along LTP areas. The Department and Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) jointly commissioned the Land Use Review Study for LTP - Feasibility Study in August 2022 and is targeted to be completed in 2024.



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Ma Tso Lung and Other Sites in Kwu Tung North NDA and North District – Feasibility Study

NMDS recommended that the agricultural land and slope areas in Ma Tso Lung to the north of Kwu Tung North New Development Area (KTN NDA) can be included within the NDA to provide an additional 12 000 to 13 500 residential units and the area can serve as an intersection linking the Hong Kong-Shenzhen Innovation and Technology Park and the KTN NDA, providing I&T enterprises with convenient community service and daily life support. At the same time, some land parcels of the NDA should be reviewed by shifting the land use function to the San Tin Technopole. The feasibility of potential housing sites near Ng Tung River should also be ascertained. In this connection, the Department and CEDD jointly commissioned a feasibility study in October 2022 to formulate a Preliminary Outline Development Plan to guide the future development of the area.



Kwu Tung North New Development Area and Ma Tso Lung