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Private sports clubs and leases

20/03/2018 22:21

From:

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To:

prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk,

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With land in short supply in HK and good quality sports grounds hard to come by, more needs to be done to open private recreational clubs to the public. They occupy precious land and should be for the benefit of more people. With people being forced, by a shortage of land and ridiculously high apartment prices, to live in smaller and smaller properties or to live, several generations under one roof, good quality sports facilities are crucial to the quality of life of people in HK.

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私人遊樂場地契約檢討公眾諮詢 - 意見提供

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本人反對政府繼續向私人體育會繼續提供利益，簡短意見如下：

(一) 將由「社區組織」及「私人體育會」持有的契約分開處理，並以特殊用途契約（而非私人遊樂場地契約）處理由「社區組織」持有的體育及康樂用地；

本人原則上不反對有兩種不同契約處理各組織及用地，但大前提只要任何一種契約組織拿取任何政府資助，該組織的任何利益都必需先扣除相關資助。例如A組織以市價五成租借政府用地(for example 市價一千萬一年，市價五成租金:五百萬)，A組織在計算全年總收入時要支付五百萬給政府。

(二) 繼續沿用私人遊樂場地契約安排處理私人體育會持有的契約用地，但須大幅修改契約條款以更切合支持體育發展和善用土地的雙重需要；

使用太多土地的運動不應發展，例如高爾夫球等小眾運動，應該減少資助，把土地用作更珍貴的用途(例如興趣房屋)。

(三) 按私人體育會對推動本港體育發展的貢獻，考慮會否在契約期滿後為它們續約；

同上，應考慮該運動是否受大眾歡迎，如足球籃球等應考慮續約，如高爾夫球等應不予續約。

(四) 向適合續約的私人體育會徵收十足市值地價的三分之一；

應向所有私人體育會徵收十足市值地價。

(五) 規定私人體育會須向合資格外界團體開放其體育及康樂設施總量的30%，並與體育團體合辦公眾人士可參與的體育活動每月最少240個活動時數；

如政府堅持向私人體育會繼續提供利益，應規定私人體育會取消會員上限，任何香港市民皆可成為會員。並由獨立人士監察私人體育會開放所有時段給所有會員。開放時段應一視同仁，不能有任何VIP會員。

(六) 釐定私人遊樂場地契約可容許的體育配套設施及附屬設施清單；

應把所有資料放在網上供公眾監察。

(七) 加強對私人遊樂場地契約的監察及承租人的企業管治；及

如政府堅持向私人體育會繼續提供利益，地政總署應加強檢查，如有不當使用場地，立刻取消所有該契約。

(八) 釐定審批新康樂及體育用地申請的原則。

不應作任何補貼。

(九) 其他

房屋發展應作優先，不能只考慮極少數人的利益。

本人支持一國兩制，反港獨，支持高鐵一地兩檢。政府請考慮整體市民的利益。

如有問題，請以電郵回覆。

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私人遊樂場地契約政策公眾諮詢 意見

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執士先生:

政府釐定私人會所地價，應以私人會所的毛利掛鉤，如果只收地價相對高昂會費實在太少。毛利掛鉤是避免私人會所將不明及不需要的開支扣賬。其實私人會所地如果因地價而不能營運，好應該交還土地給政府。現在狀況是政府用市民資源支助私人會所謀取暴利。如果這些有錢人需要會所，市場上自然有商業活動提供服務，不用政府幫助及補貼。

開放時間是應該政府決定，如果私人會所只開放時間於大部份人的上班或上學時間，一般市民是無法使用。私人會所又有借口說已經開放給公眾。如開放時間是零晨，開放公眾更只是象徵式。

私人會所開放時間3成太少，6成較合理 公。因為公眾理應是大多數。

開放公眾方法應採用康民署訂場系統，避免私人會所將黃金時段預留比友好人士，又個借口說已開放公眾，而無法監管。

另外私人會所會費，會員制度，政府應該有權制定及監管。會籍 更應禁止轉讓。現在會籍市值去到百萬，千萬，已經完全違背政府推私人會所政策。

政府如一定要保留私人會所土地政策，應該增設新部門管理所有有關私人會所用地事宜及開放公眾時間。現在地政署，康民署及其他有關部門各自為政，欠缺效率及執法權力。

政府要做的是善用土地及真正推擴運動，不是與權貴打交道。

希望得到回覆。

市民

鍾景亮 謹啟

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私人遊樂場地契約檢討公眾諮詢

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to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

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其實政府可以回收一部,在附近興建酒店,提供休閒設施,體育比賽旅遊,而在附近興建主題公園,及居屋

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私人遊樂場地契約政策公眾諮詢

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你們的建議完全是垃圾。

收他們十倍租金才是正確；經營不善是牠們自己的事，與人無尤。
香港除了何雁詩外，沒有任何年輕人對高爾夫球有任何興趣，請派人將之燒毀（與南生圍類似）。

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They could opt for changing their status from a private sports club to a semi-public sports organisation like the South China Athletic (Association).

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That's a great idea!! More HK citizen should enjoy recreational spaces.
Simon Ho

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違犯公眾利益 - 反對私人康樂用地以任何形式續期

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

21/03/2018 22:14

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閣下：

以現時香港的康樂用地標準，一般而言，已根據香港官方的規劃標準，由康民署提供適當康樂設施及用地，讓所有公眾人士及團體使用。在上述情況下，港府相信沒有足夠理據，讓私人團體，用市價以下的優惠價格，在不公平情況下佔用比一般公眾多的公眾土地資源，作康樂用途，這實違犯政府服務必需以服務本地公眾的大原則。

況且，本港土地資源異常珍貴，住宅土地嚴重缺乏，早是不爭事實，讓富裕階層一直佔用大量公眾土地資源，作康樂用途，而不再重新發展，亦違犯公眾利益原則。

在上述情況下，請閣下及委員會，重新檢討私人康樂用地的存在必要。在相關用地契約屆滿後，應由港府收回地土。如相關康樂設施有特殊需要，亦應由康民署重新發展，給予所有公眾人士使用。至於，沒有必要的私人康樂設施，更應在契約屆滿後，重新發展作公營房屋發展，以解決本地大眾民生需要，而非保留給富裕階層為主的人仕，作閒時享樂之用。

市民
陳先生



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Private recreational leases

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The arrangement has been benefiting only a selected privileged fees including the members and to a much smaller extent some of those belonging to an association or NGOs. What about availabilities for those who do not have access to these NGOs and associations? Not everyone is eligible or have the resources to be a member of the NGOs / associations (not talking about members of the private club), if tax payer money is involved should not some slots be opened to any one from the general public pool?

Even if the private clubs open up the slots for NGOs and sports and sports associations, why are they mostly on the weekdays excluding the prime time like weekends or after school hours? To be fair from a public funding and private funding perspectives, should not the timeslots be allocated on a weighted average , pro rata basis equally across prime and non prime time?

For so long the the members of the private clubs have enjoyed tightly controlled disproportional access to the club, arguably they pay joining fee and monthly fee, BUT these clubs are not entirely funded by their own resources, don't think it is right nor fair that they can tightly controlled the number of people joining based only on who tgey know (sponsors by privileged members)and ability to pay exorbitant entry fee. Should not there be another entry level with a lower joining fee and encompassing more eligible parties not defined by who they know but by more equitable criteria?

Regarding the joining fee, shouldn't part of it go to governments treasury? Especially so in the case they are paying a heavily subsidized rent on the land! If government is really trying to make the sports of the club more available to the general public, shouldn't guideline be set on the maximum entrance/joining fee these clubs are allowed to charge? If the clubs really want to preserve exclusivity to a selected few members, they should be paying full or closed to full commercial rent etc otherwise wise it's just 本末倒置 that the general public or non users are substantially funding the privileged few on their private use.

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致=民政事務局 (體育及康樂科) 私人遊樂場
地契續約及土地事宜組. (Fax no. 25197404)

- ① 收十足市值地價 $\frac{1}{3}$ 太少, 最少要收 $\frac{2}{3}$ 。
- ② 規定私人體育會須向外界開放設施
總量 70%, 並與體育團體合辦公眾人士
可於每月 ~~30~~³⁰ 個活動時數。
- ③ 收回市區的私人遊樂場, 從新規劃。
- ④ 對於少於 1 萬會員的私人遊樂場, 應該
取消契約。
- ⑤ 高爾夫球會 粉嶺 每名會員佔地 651 m²,
對於香港地少人多, 太不公平了, 若他們的
會員少過三萬人, 應收回土地。
- ⑥ 不患寡而患不均, 政府政策偏幫有錢人,
窮人住劏房, 有錢人佔用公地打球。
是官商勾結嗎?

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Public consultation on review of Private Recreational Leases

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

23/03/2018 12:42

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing on behalf of Pakistan Association Hong Kong to share some of our thoughts on this consultation.

We share and support the underpinnings behind this proposal and view that public interest and opening-up places to the public is of utmost importance. We would like to share some of our current situation and state-of-play for your kind attention:

- Pakistan Association Hong Kong was formally established in 1963 in view of not only developing youth for Hockey, Cricket and Squash but also use it as platform to conduct community engagements that are in the best interest of the community which is not limited to Pakistani only.
- Currently, we have had 4 and 11 teams of hockey and cricket respectively with which many junior members whom are from the grassroots are able to join and play with free of cost. Over the years, we have produced national players for the National Cricket Squad and even few of them captained for Hong Kong.
- In addition, numerous social gathering events and weddings took place in our premise which benefitted more than 10,000 people per year at an ultra-low cost. Majority of them were non-members. We advocate this Association as a People's Association in our discourse.
- Despite the land being in a prime area of Kowloon, the accessibility and convenience of our premise is below-par. Given the accessibility constraints, the association has strived and pull-off many youth and special sports development (Hockey & Cricket) and community engagement activities initiated from our association or outside bodies whom does not fall in the "eligible outside bodies" list.
- Based on our audited account, our reserve rest in hundreds of thousands (6-digit figure) with an inflow of 5 digit numbers which is by most the smallest and grassroots compared to other big guns (26 Private Clubs).

Hence, taking into account of our current situation, as one of the key stakeholders in the consultation exercise, we share the following views for your kind attention:

1. Being the smallest Private Club in terms of size and operational scale and the contributions we contribute towards Hong Kong's Cricket and Hockey Development and Ethnic Community Building, we see ourselves to operate under the lease of community organizations and would be happy for such switch.
2. Taking into the interest and benefits of the ethnic minorities, in particular, youth development, making the club membership more affordable, transparent and optimizing land use is not an issue for us.
3. As mentioned earlier, given our financial situation, we have in no-way any capacity to pay the astronomical amount of the concessionary premium of 1/3 of the market value. Hence, given the de-facto nature of our work since 1963, we are in utmost interest to get into early dialogue with relevant department to commence of the switch and create more impact prior to the expiry of our land lease.
4. Opening up our facilities beyond eligible outside bodies is on-going and we see no issue to open up more than 30% of our total capacity. More importantly, we are open to the idea of opening up to regular individuals.

5. Getting ourselves to become a community organization lease, it is inevitable for us to enhance our Corporate Governance. We are open to this idea and would bring in the benchmark practices of corporate governance.

6. In order to synergize and echo with Mrs. Lam's administration, we have had supported the EM integration policy and would look at how to bring more impact with the land we have. Hence, our members include community leaders and professionals who can contribute to the manifesto of the current government for the betterment of not only EMs but also the larger society of Hong Kong.

All-in-all, it is hoped that our views can be taken into account. We are more than happy to have further discussion with relevant officials whom are interested to understand our position more.

Yours faithfully,

Dr. Rizwan ULLAH

Council Member

Pakistan Association of Hong Kong.



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私人遊樂場地契約政策檢討公眾諮詢

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請釋放私人體育會用地，例如香港高爾夫球會，用來建公共房屋

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私人遊樂場地契約政策檢討意見

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

24/03/2018 11:01

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致民政事務局,

(a) 應否繼續以私人遊樂場地契約處理現時所有契約用地，抑或可另作安排；

不應

改用新地契

設定遊樂場的會只可營運

填補會費沒有被徵稅

控制其利潤, 政府可分利潤, 因為係政府的土地

可建議康文署及機電處加入投標營運保養, 使營運保養透明。

(b) 如何評估契約用地應否予以保留抑或應交還政府作其他發展；

應交還政府作其他發展

評估地面積及年人均使用量比例

評估香港面積和該地面積的比例, 及是否全港唯一

若該遊樂場活動是全港較少數會比杜絕, 也可以在另一發展的項目取下費用, 推展市民參加其他活動或津貼合資格市民到海外參加活動

(c) 契約用地應否繼續免收地價或收取象徵式地價；

應收取象徵式地價

應不少於三分一地價

(d) 是否應要求契約用地承租人進一步開放設施，以更好地配合及支援香港的體育發展；

承租人應進一步開放設施

承租人會員若有一千, 應免費給1000個合資市民成為會員

每月的會員用量應在50:50比例, 即50人次付會費會員使用, 相同50人次合資市民使用

(e) 契約用地上應該容許哪些設施(包括附屬設施)；

除營運設施, 供必須要餐食店外,

不應容許作謀利的出租婚宴場地, 會議場所, PARTY場地或其他非契約核芯的活動

(f) 如何加強契約用地承租人的企業管治和透明度；及

政府應在契約設定多人的社會人仕(包括政府人員)有權利監察承租人的營運質素, 是否惠及普通市民, 監察帳目。

(g) 應否及如何審批新的康體用地申請。

應審批新的康體用地申請

投標形式或由政府營運, 審核投標者應由多人參與(政府, 地方議員, 區議會, 專業人仕)

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Regards,

Daniel Chung

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私人遊樂場地契約政策檢討公眾諮詢意見

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敬啟者：

本人欲就以上諮詢表達意見。

在私人遊樂場地契約政策下在給予不同團體的場地，均有獨特的原因及歷史背景，而這些在以前站得住腳的理由在現今的環境下未必再適用。特別是現今土地資源十分稀缺，本人認為如果要保留這些私人遊樂場，必須要求其與民共享，對所有市民全面開放，不應再用公帑資助一小部分人的私人娛樂。這些私人遊樂場可以給予某些團體，例如體育會，優先租場的權利，而不是在獨享的權利。而這種安排，在一些佔地極大的場地，例如粉嶺高爾夫球場，更應執行。

長遠而言，政府應該把握大灣區發展的機遇，與其他城市政府合作，將這些私人遊樂場搬至其他城市，以騰空土地解決更多迫在眉睫的土地使用問題，例如興建公屋。這樣政府在推動與大灣區城市的融合更能得到市民支持，一舉兩得。例如在體育訓練上，現在很多精英運動員都會北上到廣東省，以至中國其他城市進行訓練，高爾夫球場深圳、珠海等地都有，香港珍貴的土地並不應用作這些鄰近城市都有的用途，政府花過千億進行與珠三角城市的基建，將這些私人遊樂場搬至其他城市正正是可以體現其基建價值的做法。

總括而言，本人認為長遠而言，政府不應再保留這些為少數人服務的私人遊樂場，而佔地大的更甚。短期而言，應要求這些遊樂場對公眾全面開放，以體現政府一直口中公平的原則。

此致

市民陳先生

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24/03/2018 23:13

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你好，

我認為私人體育會對市民大眾貢獻有限。

1. 會費通常遍貴。
2. 私人體育會不能令該運動普通，不能達到發展目標。
3. 佔用很大的政府土地來賺取會費場費。高薪聘用行政人員。
4. 發展本地運動應由政府負責才能避免利益。好似國家隊一樣。
5. 私人體育會用地不集中，使用效率往往不高。閒置或使用人數少的情影常見。

以上是我少少的意見。

楊朗笙

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私人遊樂場地契約政策檢討公眾諮詢

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

25/03/2018 13:55

Please respond to [REDACTED]

History:

This message has been replied to.

致：民政事務局

附上本人對私人遊樂場地契約政策私意見.



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私人遊樂場地契約政策檢討公眾諮詢

致：民政事務局

就本港發展迅速，私人遊樂場地契約變得不合時宜。就貴局發表上述檢討報告的內容，本人發現部份私人遊樂場地提供的體育及康樂設施過份地重複，甚至鄰近政府康民署的體育館，如：旺角區文娛康樂體育會有限公司與大角咀體育館步行不足一公里，其會員人數只得 2370 人，但佔用 234 平方米，根據政府《香港規劃標準與準則》，每 50 000 至 65 000 名居住人口應獲提供 1 個體育館的準則，該會機本上是浪費香港土地資源。同時發現絕大部份提供的設施與康文署相近，包括健身中心、乒乓球、羽毛球及壁球等等，就此政府應認真審視現有設施是否重複。

本人重申**反對**繼續免收地價或收取象徵式地價，而是有條件地批出土地予相關私人體育會或社區組織。本人提議可分為教育、體育或對本港有特別貢獻(如香港賽馬會)等，應酌情收取一定的地價(如百分之 10 至 20)，並需規定對外開放時間。但對一些私人體育會，如香港哥爾夫球會、清水灣鄉村俱樂部、白沙灣遊艇會有限公司等，並非普羅大眾人士可以參與或使用，同時亦已收取會員費的體育會，故政府並不需要以地價彌補其營運成本。建議收取地價百分之 50 至 75 作審批條件，同時亦需規定對外開放時間，開放時間應覆蓋其開放的不同時段。

最後為提供將近或契約已到期的體育會時間上的適應及處理，建議由檢討完成後給予三年的緩沖期，待有關體育會有時間考慮及處理，同時建議給予條件上的優惠予交還土地的體育會，讓政府能有更多的土地使用，讓更多的市民受惠。

此致

一名升斗市民

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private recreational lease policy

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

25/03/2018 14:54

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I strongly urged private sport clubs to pay one-third of market value of land premium immediately for their new contract!

Firstly, It was because most citizens unable to use the facilities, within the very short public open period.

Secondly, the membership fees of the clubs were extremely high, why the government exploited citizens properties to support them for making profit?

Thirdly, recent market land evaluation is high for landowners for annual government rate payment, why private organizations were exempted from evaluating under market valuation ?!

I hope Home Affairs Bureau will fair to all citizens, don't exploit HKSAR land, to favor private organizations as soon as possible!

Regards and thanks

Loretta Sum

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Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

26/03/2018 13:53

History:

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dear sir/madam

All the leased lands are own by the government on behalf of all HK citizen. All HK citizen should be entitled to have reasonable use of the recreation facilities in the leased land

- 1) all PRL sites should not continue to be handled under the existing lease arrangement. The leased period should not be more than 3 years and there is no automatic renewal.
- 2) the site should be retained by government except the PRL lessees are charity organizations or the lessees has a policy to accept anyone to be their members where
 - a) the public only needs to pay a nominal membership fee
 - b) all members of the PRL lessees have the exactly same right
 - c) the PRL lessees should not unreasonably reject any membership applications or delay any application processing
 - d) the PRL lessess should not have a ceiling on the total number of members or other constraint to stop accepting the membership applications
- 3) premium land charge should be levied except they are charity organizations or organizations that with the policy stated in (2)
- 4) if the PRL lessees pay for full premium land charge, the lessees should not be required to further open up their facilities. However, the land charge should be determined based on the real land values where the lands to be used for commercial development.
- 5) the leased party should submit and publish to government and public annual report/statistics on the usage of the facilities by member/public, together with an improvement plan and the previous plan's execution status on increasing the public utilization rate. In case the utilization rate is below the agreed target, the government must not allow the renewal of the leased
- 6) all applications should be made public consultation before a leased decision is made

Regards

CF

From: [REDACTED]
To: ceo <ceo@ceo.gov.hk>, sced@cedb.gov.hk,
Date: 26/03/2018 11:24
Subject: 粉嶺高爾夫球場與土地發展的問題

學術研究指出高爾夫球場是日本商業的重要硬件，高爾夫球場不單止可緩和緊張的商業氣氛，培養友誼，提高商業談判的成功率。特區政府可自己尋找更多相關的研究，日本與美國就經常搞高爾夫球場外交。也是香港唯一一個有國際標準的球場，可以舉辦國際賽事。就環境與保護角度而言，粉嶺高球場亦極具價值，祇可以善加利用不能拆卸。粉嶺高爾夫球場牽涉到的看來不單止是經濟發展等問題，也是政治的議題。再者土地是特區最珍貴而又稀少的資源，政府目前以土地作社會福利及扶貧的用途，是不可持續的，更加違背了自由經濟市場的原則。政府盲搶地，將屬於七百萬市民的市區珍貴土地用來建公屋，公屋居民的住屋環境比資助公屋福利的大部份納稅人更優質，是引致市民不滿的主要原因，也是港英簽了中英聯合聲明才為香港設的社會福利黑洞。公屋政策必須服務特區的經濟發展政策，絕對不能作為一個扶貧政策。政府越快建公屋，土地就更少，樓價就更貴，沒有被納入公屋資助而且又是納稅人的市民就越對政府不滿，這是政府扭曲了市場的結果。

拆高球場建屋，是短視加急功近利，泛民用以煽動仇富趕投資，從陰謀論出發，這可以是蠱惑民心的政客用以譁眾取寵，為撕裂社會達到政治目港而搭的舞台。香港是個資本主義社會，不能被政黨牽著鼻子走，搞民萃及福利主義，否則會陷入七十年代西方先進經濟體overloaded government的境地。大多數市民包括政黨對政治、商業、經濟等知識貧乏，政府要在政黨作政治動員之前作出決定是否保留粉嶺高球場，盡快作出研究並提出理據與宣傳。特區是行政主導不是行政黨政治，亦沒有成熟的政黨。連坐亞洲第六位智庫都研究不出有效可行經濟發展、社會由其是土地政策，就是因為缺乏同時具備政府行政經驗、政治與學術研究的人才。我們的政策不能由政黨來主導。

No name provided
沒有署名

Secretary for Home Affairs, Home Affairs Bureau,
12/F, West Wing, Central Government Offices, 2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar, Hong Kong

Dear Mr. Secretary,

Use of Private Clubs

We are a group of members of the Kowloon Tong Club in Waterloo Road, Kowloon. We write to express our support for the recently-released review of private clubs use.

As we all know, and your review rightly pointed out, the use of private clubs, at a premium of land charge by the Government, is for the development of sport facilities. But, as other private clubs, the Kowloon Tong Club has been using its food and beverage facilities as one of the major sources of income. The restaurants there are meant for members' use after exercises. But, in reality now, Kowloon Tong Club has been using this facility as a commercial restaurant or as a hotel banquet hall. Members are allowed to book either the Chinese restaurant or Western restaurant for private functions, eg, wedding, birthday parties, social gatherings, inviting many outsiders (non-members) to come, thereby depriving other paid members the use of the club restaurants.

Another matter that we wish to bring to your attention is that Kowloon Tong Club, in order to increase its revenue, has recently recruited a large number of new members, thereby adding unreasonable burden to its facilities; the obvious example is its car park. On many occasions, members' cars are not able to get in, so much so that it blocks the traffic in Waterloo Road in front of the club door. This has caused complaints from the users of Waterloo Road along that area.

We believe that with your Bureau's intervention and advice, the Club management can deal with these two problems administratively, and no need to wait for the final result of the consultation of the recently-released review.

Thank you for your attention.

A group of Kowloon Tong Members

26 March 2018

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私人遊樂場地契約政策檢討公眾諮詢

Please respond to

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

29/03/2018 14:08

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香港的土地非常不足，然則，開放給公眾休憩及消閒設施同樣缺乏。
政府有意檢討私人遊樂場地契約政策，實在值得高興。希望政府真心聽取市民意見

本人同意

1. 按私人體育會對推動本港體育發展的貢獻，考慮會否在契約期滿後為它們續約；

~~因為我其實留意不到以下體育會對香港體育發展有什麼供獻，請審慎批地：

香港中華游樂會 內地段第 9040 號 銅鑼灣道 50 1 200 2. 清水灣鄉村俱樂部 丈量約份第 241 約地段 第 269 號 西貢布袋澳 50 1 692 3. 西洋波會 九龍內地段第 11221 號 50 1 178 4. 紀利華木球會 內地段第 9031 號 黃泥涌道 188 號 50 2 302 5. 菲律賓會 九龍內地段第 11222 號 衛理道 50 320 6. 香港鄉村俱樂部 鄉郊建屋地段第 1195 號 黃竹坑道 188 號 50 490 7. 香港木球會 內地段第 9019 號 黃泥涌峽道 137 號 不適用註 1 不適用註 1 8. 香港足球會 內地段第 9033 號 跑馬地體育路 3 號 50 2 093 9. 香港哥爾夫球會 鄉郊建屋地段第 1194 號 深水灣 50 660 10. 香港哥爾夫球會 丈量約份第 94 約地段第 942 號餘段 上水 不適用註 1 不適用註 1 11. 香港檜會 荃灣市地段第 419 號 荃灣川龍 50 504 12. 香港機械模型會 有限公司 丈量約份第 118 約地段 第 2416 號 元朗大棠 不適用註 1 不適用註 1 13. 九龍印度會 九龍內地段第 11223 號 加士居道 50 272 承租人名稱 地段編號及地點 現時契約要求須 開放予合資格 外界團體的最低時數 (每月) 承租人在開放 計劃下承諾開 放的時數 (每月) 14. 印度遊樂會 內地段第 9039 號 掃桿埔加路連山道 63 號 50 2 250 15. 香港渣甸山居民協會 內地段第 8895 號 渣甸山祈禮士道 2 號 50 520 16. 九龍草地滾球會 九龍內地段第 11217 號 柯士甸道 50 161 17. 九龍木球會 九龍內地段第 11216 號 覺士道 50 3 320 18. 九龍塘會 新九龍內地段第 6528 號 九龍塘窩打老道 113A 號 50 710 19. 九龍仔業主會 新九龍內地段第 6529 號 劍橋道 10A 號 50 280 20. 巴基斯坦協會香港有限公司 九龍內地段第 11220 號 公主道 50 284 21. 又一村花園俱樂部

2. 加強對私人遊樂場地契約的監察及承租人的企業管治；及

3. 釐定審批新康樂及體育用地申請的原則

非常不同意：

1. 向適合續約的私人體育會徵收十足市值地價的三分之一

~~徵費實在太少，黃金地段，入會費非一般人負擔得來，政府只收地價三分之一？除非入會費都只係現時3分之一囉，同埋唔使會員推薦制囉。

2. 繼續沿用私人遊樂場地契約安排處理私人體育會持有的契約用地，但須大幅修改契約條款以更切合支持體育發展和善用土地的雙重需要

~~還沿用？不合時宜得很了，應全面修改。既然佢地私有化左個地，咁唔該計番市值地價交租丫唔該。

3. 規定私人體育會須向合資格外界團體開放其體育及康樂設施總量的 30%，並與體育團體合辦公眾人士可參與的體育活動每月最少 240 個活動時數

~~可以再多一點，現時好多私人場，都只招待會員，入會要求苛刻，市民又根本不清楚什麼時候才開放，又或者在非黃金時間開放，平日早上8時至10時..諸如此類，誰人有空？請留意一下他們所謂開放的時段是什麼鬼時段吧！

4. 將由「社區組織」及「私人體育會」持有的契約分開處理，並以特殊用途契約 (而非私人遊樂場地契約) 處理由「社區組織」持有的體育及康樂用地

~~不清楚分開的好處，太多所謂「社區組織」其實同「私人體育會」一樣牟利。請嚴格審查兩者定義，確保一般普羅大眾市民可以享用。

5. 工作小組曾考慮向私人體育會徵收較高的地價 (如十足市值地價的 50% 或三分之二)，但相信更高的地價將會令相當多的私人體育會因無法負擔而須關閉。

~~歡迎關閉。關了的話設施唔該康文署接管，體育館設施多多唔夠，需求龐大，我區的健身室晚晚爆棚，買了月票都無法享用，羽毛球場永遠不敷應用。請考慮一下市民需要，計一計一個區的人口有幾多？有幾多個體育館？一計比例就知唔夠啦。

市民上

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Private Recreational Clubs

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

30/03/2018 02:41

History:

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I am writing to express my concern over the suggestion that private recreational clubs should be charged a much higher land premium every time their lease is renewed.

How will the imposition of such a financial penalty, for that is what it is, achieve the government's stated purpose of developing sports in Hong Kong?

It is much more likely that the penalty will result in the closure of some clubs, thus reducing the development of sport.

The Government's quest for land upon which to build residential property should be better directed towards the huge numbers of brownland sites and under-used or mis-used sites in the New Territories.

Regards
Derek Mackay

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私人遊樂場地契約檢討公眾諮詢

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

01/04/2018 15:47

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear sir

I refer to the above consultation and please find my suggestion a below.

1. To call back all (100%) private recreational leases and turn them all to public facilities such as garden or for public housing.
2. If this government ignore the voice to call back all the leases (as this government always does not listen to the voice of the people, it only listens to those rich and privileged people). Then the government should charge them yearly 77.7 times of the full market value (as they have been having free lunch for 100 years e.g. the Fanling Golf Course and the government will need extra money to find land for housing by means of e.g. land reclamation).
3. In the consultation paper, it suggested to strengthened the monitoring measures, my view is that: forget all that as the government should call back all leases instead of continuing subsidise those rich and privileged (such as Fanling Golf Club members).

Thank you

Francis Tse

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諮詢私人遊樂場地契約政策檢討

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

01/04/2018 18:19

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear sirs

諮詢私人遊樂場地契約政策檢討

徵收三分一租金租出貴重土地 in 十五年租用年期太長，也租得太平，不應這樣做。應該租用年期縮短至最多三年。as one of stakeholders ,土地應給交極貴租，沒有屋住的小市民。包括粉嶺高爾夫球場，政府不要再租出其他人仕使用，請正經用來建公屋給市民居住。請不要扭曲本人意見。

Thank you

Miss woo





中華人民共和國香港特別行政區
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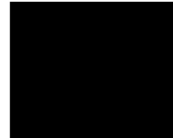
有關私人遊樂場地契約的事宜

繼於2018年3月22日致函貴局後，謹此告知，該名市民日前致電再次本秘書處，就上述事宜表達進一步關注。簡括而言，該名市民關注到，政府當局就私人遊樂場地契約政策進行公眾諮詢，當中建議向私人體育會徵收市值三分一地價，並容許續契15年。她對此建議感到不滿，理由是該等私人體育會雖然會開放設施予公眾使用，卻會優先招待其會員，對其他市民構成不公。就此方面，她認為，政府當局在推行政策時，不需將私人體育會能否負擔市值地價等事宜納入考慮因素。倘該等私人體育會未能持續經營，該等體育會便會將其土地交回予政府當局管理，因此，她建議，政府當局應向私人體育會徵收市值地價，並只容許續契3-5年。此外，她表示，政府當局理應有充足資源培訓本地精英運動員，故她不認同私人體育會對培訓本地精英運動員有所貢獻，而將之予以保留。

謹請貴局就該名市民的上述關注和建議作出回應，並連同本秘書處2018年3月22日的函件所提述的事宜，一併於2018年4月17日或該日前透過傳真和以"Word"格式儲存的電子郵件方式(電郵地址: complaints@legco.gov.hk)示覆，以便本秘書處向議員匯報和函覆該名市民。

謹請注意，貴局提供的資料及文件可能會發給該名市民。除非貴局向本秘書處提供該等資料及文件時，提出充分理由，表明不可予以公開，否則，本秘書處將假定貴局同意將有關資料及文件發給該名市民。

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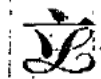
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有關私人遊樂場地契約的事宜

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Opinions on PRL

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

03/04/2018 19:36

History:

This message has been replied to.

I think that the policy of private recreational leases nowadays has many loopholes and it should be modified. The private recreational land leases at a very low price or even pay no cost or cheap rents. The clubs can get a large piece of land with a very cheap rent to develop recreational use for those billionaires. Does this make sense to provide services for only a small group of people but using such a large piece of land and block the public housing construction with such a serious housing shortage problem in Hong Kong? It is clear that the use of private recreational land is a problem creating constraints on Hong Kong various developments.

It is noticeable that it is essential to reduce the number of private recreational land. To consider about the public needs, only a small group of people will be benefited with these private recreational land. It is essential to re-develop some of the land into other land use to enhance the development of Hong Kong. Land shortage is a serious problem in Hong Kong. By redeveloping these large pieces of land, the government can construct more public housing for the needy such as those who live in the sub-divided flats.

For those private recreational lands remain unchanged, the government should urge them to open to the public but not only a small group of the rich. To maximise the utilities of these lands, it is necessary to allow more citizens to use these facilities without wasting them. The government should impose restrictions on the clubs like the minimum number of people using the facilities is 700 per week or the minimum opening hours for the clubs is 8 hours everyday. It is essential to impose restrictions on the clubs to facilitate the improvement of the utilities.

A much higher rent should be charged in order to enhance the fairness of different private lands. By reviewing the revenue of the private recreational lands, adjustment of the rent is needed. Facilities like tennis court and golf court should be provided in these lands which is not common to be found in public recreational land. These facilities help promote the sports culture in Hong Kong with more variety of sports provided to the public.

It is sincerely hoped that the government will consider the suggestions and opinions mentioned above.

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私人體育會持有的私人遊樂場地契約

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to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.
hk

06/04/2018 15:51

History:

This message has been replied to.

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及樓宇回購時狀況作回購價格釐定.

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Comment on PRL

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

08/04/2018 14:13

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Sir/Madam

I read from SCMP on 21/3 and the consultation paper on PRL and noted that the government had proposed to increase the lease rent of all city's private clubs when they have to be renewed in future.

I also realized from the consultation paper the HKJC in Happy Valley and Shatin will not be affected by this policy. I found this is not reasonable as HKJC is definitely an exclusive private club and their club facilities are for their members only. The reasons explained for exemption from PRL review are HKJC has been doing charitable work, a non-profitable organization and low entrance fees (\$10) for public on race day. I think this is unfair because HKJC is the an organization running a legal gambling business solely approved by the HKSAR government and I think the monies HKJC gain each year under this gambling business is huge and their reserves are so big throughout all these years. I appreciate the charity works done by HKJC but the gambling business has provided huge profits for supporting the charity works which is different from other private sport clubs solely supported by their members on finance. I do not see the above mentioned reasons are sound to exempt HKJC from the PRL lease review.

The club members of HKJC mainly minorities of rich peoples enjoying their exclusive club facilities and pay a small amount of entrance fee for being a club member and the lease rent is now even proposed to be exempted.

The racecourse only opens to public (only the public grandstands) on race day is for the benefit on the gambling business, the low entrance fee is definitely not a reason for the benefit of public but for the gambling business.

The public has no rights to use the club house and the sport facilities.

One further point is why we need two racecourses in Hong Kong? I have the same feeling like many peoples when discussing why we need three golf courses in HK Golf Club. Can we take back one or two golf courses? Can we take back one racecourse?

The exclusive members of the HKJC are using the private grandstands and club house on race day and other club facilities, I do not see why this private club is exempted from the PRL review? I do not know if HKJC has opened their club facilities to public use. I found this is unfair to other Private Recreation and Sports Clubs from this viewpoint.

Regards

Stephen Leung

[Date/Time] [Type]

2018-03-26 13:30:05 Call - Inbound

[Detail]

楊先生：

1. 建議政府考慮收回哥爾夫球場作興建房屋之用，指香港地方小而人口多，應先解決住屋問題，使市民能安居樂業。認為哥爾夫球場只受惠於一小撮人（表示最多2,000人），指現時交通方便，他們可以到鄰近深圳/廣州的場地打球，對於有人指收回哥爾夫球場會影響運動員參賽/奪獎，楊先生認為只考慮運動員之成績是不切實際及虛榮心作祟，重申現時有很多市民在受苦受難，香港人最重要是「安居樂業」。又指香港從前是漁村，有百份之四十屬森林，也能發展至今天的模樣，故相信將土地重新規劃：興建更多房屋，重新栽種樹木，是不會對社會環境造成不良影響。

2. 建議政府先發展土地再考慮填海，楊先生認為荃灣對出海面適合填海，不會影生態環境，可作考慮。

#2-4512871707

1823,

(一) 請給一份給特首林鄭月娥 (多謝閣下挺身, 維護中央及港人的法律地位!)

(二) 劉江華局長^劉辦高球場, 可否检查一下, 用納稅人錢, 享受^{John}高級豪華球^球活動, 是否合理?

(三) 西環西希厘和于後巷又被新物佔用? 亦被電單車免費停泊? 靠龍路行人路及蒲飛徑也見電單車停泊?

(四) 電單車合法泊位, 無王管了: (前後都有一兩架泊出位? 又本來只可泊六個位, 但泊了七至九架車, 是否違法? 另外, 又見附近送外賣的電單車長時間佔用電單車合法泊車位, 是否可苦? 比較合理的做法, 是要考慮電單車泊位收費了!)

(五) 為什麼在馬路邊緣擺滿膠花樽, 不用收地稅? 若要美化環境, 可否請區議會增設花樽? ~~每~~數^許次, 未見地政署回覆?

(六) 僑建如^光所^光有^光 (一) 卑路乍一號平台, (二) 水于依巴冷室平台,

(三) 德輔道西良基大平台, (四) 吉席于禮頓琴行平台, 及^光學野平台 德輔道西香港工業大平台?

(七) 無線新聞台^光脫毛機廣告女藝員, 想給^光人看? 6-4-2018, 6:58pm。

(八) 松底有蚊叮: 西金城海邊酒店及置富商場福音廟旁?

(九) 違例泊車: 萬扶林村行人路泊了電單車及置富道行人路亦見電單車? 萬扶林^光村口 (7-7) 仍同虛設? 近IVE學校亦見多架車泊^光路邊?

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6-4-2018

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Consultation on Private Recreational Land

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

09/04/2018 13:55

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I think that allowing all the private recreational land to open its facilities to public would be a wise decision, as a result, it is not necessary to be returned to develop for other purpose.

However, I think that it is necessary to charge nominal land premium for the private recreational land, because the facilities inside the area is not always open to public, nor favoring the public as a whole, so I think that charging is necessary. And I think that the nominal land premium should be affordable for the organizations, so instead of charging according to the current land price, I think charging according to their income from the membership fee will be more suitable and reasonable, so as to make sure that their service provided will not be affected by the huge amount of nominal land premium.

In addition to encourage the organization to open its private facilities to the public, I think that discount on the nominal land premium can be offered to organizations which they allowed the public to book and enjoy their private facilities for a certain amount of time, for example, allowing 10 different time-slots for the public to enjoy their facilities or classes for a week. So this can encourage organizations to open up their facilities without having to force them to do so. And this can also benefit the public who can experience a variety of sports with the facilities provided.

Moreover, I think that the facilities that are for recreational use and suitable should be allowed, for example, the sports ground, canteen, or even playgrounds. The facilities allowed should be accessible by most of the age groups, and can let people to have fun, which suits the purpose of a recreational land.

To conclude, I agree to allow to open up the private recreational land to the public, but I think that encouraging organizations to do so would be the best decision, so as to allow a more sustainable system of the organizations of these private recreational land. And I hope that my suggestions can help to build a better community, thanks!

Yours faithfully,
Myra Tam

1823 CASE: 2-4519883035
 DEPT REF:
 Request Type : Suggestion
 Channel : Phone
 Case Creation Date : 2018-04-03 04:16:08

I. DUE DATE:

Acknowledgement : 2018-05-02 09:05:36
 Interim Reply :
 Final Reply :

II. ASSIGNMENT HISTORY:

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2018-04-20 09:04:49	Open	HAB	AM_HAB

III. CONTACT HISTORY:

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1	2-22R0S2C	2018-04-03 04:09:58	Call - Inbound

[Detail]
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2	2-22RBYG9	2018-04-03 11:47:43	Email - Inbound from Department

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3	2-22RDQ1S	2018-04-03 12:25:00	Email - Inbound from Department

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4	2-22SBHT0	2018-04-04 13:06:00	Email - Inbound from Department

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5	2-231OZ8K	2018-04-18 10:06:14	Email - Inbound from Department

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IV. CASE DETAILS:

Direct Reply By Department: N

Subject Matter : 民政事務局 - DQ

Description :

18/4 DEVB :Please note that the Fanling Golf Course is one of the sites in HAB's recent public engagement. Please refer the captioned case to HAB for attention and action. Thank you.

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Specific Questions and Answers :

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V. EVENT DETAILS:

Event Date & Time : null

EVENT LOCATION:

No name provided

Room :

Floor :

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Block No. :

Building Name :

Estate :

Street No. :

Street Name :

District :

Region :

Slope No :

Lamp Post No :

Landmark :

Lot No. :

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VI. CONTACT INFORMATION:

The citizen refused to provide contact information to department. Departmental officer is requested to provide a substantive reply (with details) to 1823 for follow-up actions.

Last Name :

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Private Recreational Leases Consultation

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

23/04/2018 19:53

History:

This message has been replied to.

I think there are a number of general points that should be made at the outset. I will make them below. Some of them are made in the alternative and thus are not contradictory. They assume some arguments will be rejected and thus it is necessary to make points on all aspects of the proposal. In so doing it should not be construed as support of or for that proposal.

1) where is the clear direction of Government Policy with recognisable and measurable goals in relation to quality of life, promotion of Hong Kong as an International sporting venue and the development of sporting talent in Hong Kong that would be capable of representing Hong Kong at a Regional, International or Global level?

2) when referring to (1) above, they need to be general and also specific to a sport. So if there is absolutely no Government initiative to increase Hong Kong's ranking in terms of livable city or quality of life and no interest in say sailing or yachting then why have such facilities. There has to be a way to tie things back into a Government initiative;

3) There is a suggestion that the public requires housing and is thus against private clubs. I believe this is based on two assumptions, the first being that there is inadequate land available and the second that housing would be affordable housing. I believe that when reference is made to the public it is only a section of the public. I also believe that the views expressed are misguided and ill informed. This is where the Government needs to be stronger and also more transparent. Is there in fact a shortage of land on which to build? Could more be done through rezoning and redevelopment. So are there warehouses, godowns, factory buildings, unused land, agricultural land and under-utilised plot ratio all of which combined could be more than enough for housing needs?

4) what are our housing needs

5) would land released really be used to provide affordable housing? To date what we see is land being sold off to developers who develop apartments that the average Hong Kong person simply cannot afford. Our biggest problem right now is an overpriced property market fuelled by speculation and overseas investment. The property market has risen feverishly and out of the reach of most Hong Kong residents. Without specifying how the Government will ensure affordable housing is developed (really can only be done with Government Policy, Lease restrictions and Government Development) then how will any of these proposed actions lead to a resolution of the fundamental problems?

6) pandering to political pressure based on ill informed prejudice and not supported by facts and data (see points above) is dangerous and potentially extremely damaging to Hong Kong's economy.

7) assuming the Government wants to promote sports for Hong Kong and for its residents then would the Government or sports associations be able to do it without the private clubs. I believe the Leisure and Cultural Services Department would admit that it is not in a position to do it. The sports associations need not just the facilities but the ability to call on the legions of participants within the sport's sections of the private clubs to volunteer their time and knowledge just to be able to organise and host events on an International stage. These resources would to a significant extent simply disappear. Not only must one organise and run the event, supply marshals, umpires, scorers and officials but there is also the need to chaperone and entertain overseas participants in the sporting event. Often the private clubs

will be called on to assist in these matters and once again this support is to a large extent unrecognized and yet goes to ensure that the sporting event becomes a memorable one that will be repeated annually or otherwise;

8) Hong Kong is due to host World Bowls Tournament in 2024. This is a coup for Hong Kong. Would the Lawn Bowls Association be able to do this without the facilities of the private clubs, the volunteers from the private clubs or the support of the private clubs?

9) why premium, how does that go in anyway to address the concerns expressed to the Government, even though I think those concerns, while directed at social issues are unfounded when expressing them in a manner which suggests removing private clubs is a remedy or solution to the social issue.

10) surely by charging a premium, and assuming a private club can pay, would simply go to increase the divide and increase the feeling that these venues are for the privileged few?

11) how much is the premium and how is it calculated? The suggestions are a little vague and do not explain if the fair market value is based on the land being zoned for use as say agricultural land or being zoned for use as residential and/or commercial. There needs to be more disclosure and thus a better informed consultation. Give some concrete examples so direct feedback can be given.

12) why 30% and not 10% or some other figure. How was this arrived at, it seems rather arbitrary.

13) how would the Government measure the impact to Hong Kong's economy in terms of job losses and a desirable place to live, assuming it could measure such impact then what is it, why not disclose it?

14) it is naive to assume private clubs can just issue more debentures. The facilities are limited in terms of capacity by size. Over saturation of the facilities reduces both their desirability (impacts price and thus amount that can be raised) and effectiveness as a premier facility for training and hosting of events. One only needs to look at the public facilities in Tai Po, the home of Lawn Bowls and the Youth Development Team, to see that their quality is far below an acceptable international standard. I suspect the same could be true of certain other sports. The standard to which facilities in a private club are maintained is usually higher and closer to that expected for significant sporting events. The same cannot be said of the public facilities maintained by the LCSD. This is not a criticism of LCSD. Their goal is not to provide international standard sporting venues nor is it, if they were once such a venue, to maintain them to that standard. I do not believe (although I have no facts to support the statement) that their budget would enable them to do so.

15) measures proposed related to controlling transferability of membership of a private club are inadequately expressed in order for me to comment meaningfully. I would not agree to having Government control or oversight. Hong Kong was built on the principles of a free economy, why change that now?

16) the ability to control, through an approval, the ability to issue new debentures also seems questionable from the sense of Government interference and allowing a private club to manage its own affairs and financial planning as it sees fit. Furthermore it does not appear as though a sufficiently cogent reason has been proposed to justify the introduction of such a control and thus interference in the affairs of a privately incorporated association or body.

It is assumed that further rounds of Government disclosure of relevant information and consultation should follow if the Government has not already made up its mind and thus is only conducting a public consultation for the sake of appearance.

Other points within the proposal require further thought, such as the payment mechanism for the premium by way of instalments. I do not see how this alleviates the burden, nor do I see

how the cost can be passed on. Equally if current members of private clubs pay for this then some could pass it on through the price charged on transfer of such membership while others who have non transferable memberships may not be able to afford it and indeed will never be able to recoup it. In fact they may be forced to give up their membership and yet they are probably in a bracket in terms of Hong Kong society that the Government was trying to encourage the private clubs to embrace. More time is required to consider this before commenting.

In summary I am against the proposal in its entirety.

I am happy for any of my comments or observations to be made public or incorporated into a consultation document in whole or part provided the meaning is not distorted or lost BUT I do not consent or agree to my name, or any part thereof or any abbreviation nor my contact details including my email address to be made public. I require that I remain ANONYMOUS.

Regards



The sender requested anonymity

發件人要求不具名公開意見

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Re: Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

25/04/2018 18:23

History:

This message has been replied to.

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my view on the Policy Review of PRL in Hong Kong. As a member of one of the Private Sports Clubs, my family and I enjoy the sports facilities on a weekly basis.

Our club is one of the oldest Private sport club in Hong Kong and a significant number of the members are expats from overseas and sports members whom excel in their respective sports. Therefore most of them will not be able to continue to enjoy the sporting facilities offer by the club if there is a significant increase in the monthly membership fee or have to make significant financial contribution to the club in order to cover the proposed increase of land premium for our clubs. Therefore, a lower land premium level than the proposed one-third FMV land premium in exchange for more public use of the club facilities should be considered.

In addition, I opposed opening up other non sports and recreational facilities within the club to the general public use because it will be difficult to ensure the public will exercise due care when using these facilities and follow the club rules when using these facilities. Club members are required to follow the club rules and regulations while the general public can neglect it altogether and it will be difficult for the club to held the public users responsible for any damages caused.

There is a general public misconception that the members of these private sports club are rich and should be able to afford to pay the additional land premium imposed by the Government. Being a member of a private sport club allow me and my family to continue enjoy a higher quality of living in Hong Kong which can be easily achieved in other international cities. If in the future I am unable to maintain such standard of living that we currently enjoy, I will definitely consider moving our family to other cities.

Regards,

Ashley Lo

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review of the Private Recreational Lease (PRL) policy

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

26/04/2018 11:31

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Sir/Madam,

For the record, I am a HK Voter and citizen.

And I am strongly against using public land for Private Recreational Lease. Hong Kong is currently spending a lot of money and destroying environment to do land reclamation in order to find new land. However, there are a lot of land being used by Private Club such as Hong Kong Golf Club for nominal price, where very few Hong Kong citizens actually use Hong Kong Golf Club facilities.

Such private clubs are normally enjoyed by rich people who have a lot of free time.

So please release the land occupied by such private clubs. Or else, the clash between classes in Hong Kong will become more and more severe.

Thanks.

The Government today (March 20) announced the launch of a six-month consultation to solicit views from the public and stakeholders on the recommendations of the review of the Private Recreational Lease (PRL) policy. The review report proposes modifications on the current PRL arrangements and lease conditions to better meet the objectives of supporting sports development and optimising land use as well as respond to the community's concerns on PRL sites in recent year

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The Secretary for Home Affairs, Mr Lau Kong-wah, said at a media briefing today that Hong Kong has a total of 66 PRL sites. The lessees of these sites can be broadly categorised into two groups, which are "private sports clubs" and "community organisations". In recent years, there have been discussions on whether and how the PRL sites could be better utilised, including using these sites for other more imminent needs. There are also views that the current PRL policy of granting of sites at nil or nominal premium is too lenient. On the other hand, many people recognise the contribution of PRL sites to sports development, but consider that facilities on PRL sites should be further opened up so as to alleviate the strong demand for public sports facilities of the sports sector and the general public.

Mr Lau said that to address the community's concerns on PRL sites and follow up on the recommendations of the Director of Audit's Report on "Direct land grants to private sports clubs at nil or nominal premium", the Home Affairs Bureau established an inter-departmental working group to review the policy on PRLs. After rounds of detailed discussions, the working group has proposed the following modifications on the PRL policy:

(a) Different handling of the leases held by "community organisations" and "private sports clubs" and granting new special purpose leases (instead of PRLs) to sports and recreational sites held by "community organisations";

(b) Continuing to handle the sites held by private sports clubs under the PRL policy but the lease conditions should be significantly modified to better meet the dual needs of supporting

sports development and optimising land use;

- (c) Taking into account the contribution of private sports clubs in promoting sports development in Hong Kong when considering the renewal of their leases upon expiry;
- (d) Requiring private sports clubs suitable for lease renewal to pay a concessionary premium to be set at one-third of the full market value land premium;
- (e) Requiring private sports clubs to further open up their facilities to eligible outside bodies at up to 30 per cent of their total sports capacity and partner with sports organisations to organise sports programmes that can be open for enrolment by individual members of the public with a minimum of 240 sports programme hours per month;
- (f) Drawing up the list of allowable sports supporting facilities and ancillary facilities for PRLs;
- (g) Enhancing the monitoring of PRLs and the corporate governance of the lessees; and
- (h) Defining the principles in approving applications for new sites for sports and recreational use.

The Government would like to widely solicit views from different sectors of the community on the proposed modifications in order to consider the way forward of the PRL policy. After the end of the public consultation period, the views collected will be summarised and presented to the Chief Executive in Council for consideration.

The public consultation on the PRL review will close on September 19, 2018. Members of the public may send in their views direct by email to pri_consultation@hab.gov.hk, by fax to 2519 7404 or by post to the Private Recreational Lease and Land Matters Section, Home Affairs Bureau (Recreation and Sport Branch), 13/F, West Wing, Central Government Offices, 2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar, Hong Kong. The consultation document can be downloaded from the website of the Home Affairs Bureau (www.hab.gov.hk).

Ends/Tuesday, March 20, 2018

Issued at HKT 19:05

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Steve Wang

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Handling of leases held by private sports clubs

[REDACTED] to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

24/04/2018 10:13

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Sirs,

In continuing to handle the leases of the private sports clubs it is unrealistic to change the lease conditions to reflect land values even should the proposal to adopt a % of the FLV be adopted, this is because the majority of the private clubs barely cover their costs through the income received from the members. By far the most practical solution is to continue with the commitment for opening up hours to the general public which your own report confirms has been reasonable enacted by most of the private clubs and where in fact the number of hours suggested by Government has been in most instances exceeded.

I do hope the working committee take into account the valuable contributions the private sports clubs make to development of a wide range of sports that in their absence the Government would need to consider providing.

Yours faithfully,

Nicholas Seymour

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to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

26/04/2018 16:43

History:

This message has been replied to.

開放予公眾使用的時段應集中於公眾假期，讓更多市民享用。
如只收市價三份一，開應放至少一半時間予公眾。

No name provided

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"(b) the land is not required for a public purpose "

[REDACTED] to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

27/04/2018 09:30

History:

This message has been replied to.

Clearly Hong Kong needs land for public purposes so PRLs are on land that is required for public purposes.

Suggestions:

no new PRLs

existing PRLs reduced to 5 years maximum

those PRLs on land that is suitable for conversion to public housing in the short term should not be renewed with a grant offered to encourage relocation in the Greater Bay Area

No doubt this consultation is a sham like all previous ones and the government will not act to reduce property prices through other means, hence this consultation is also a misdirection.

No name provided

沒有署名

1823 CASE: 2-4553742417
 DEPT REF:
 Request Type : Complaint
 Channel : Phone
 Case Creation Date : 2018-05-02 00:35:00

I. DUE DATE:

Acknowledgement : 2018-05-04 18:00:00
 Interim Reply :
 Final Reply : 2018-06-01 00:42:21

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Specific Questions and Answers :
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V. EVENT DETAILS:

Event Date & Time : null

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VI. CONTACT INFORMATION:

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Case Source : General Public
Best Call Time : 00:00:00 To 23:59:59

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VII. WRITTEN CONTACT INBOUND DETAILS:

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Comments re Review on Policy of Private Recreational Leases (March 2018)

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

08/05/2018 10:03

History:

This message has been replied to.

i strongly object to continue to charge nominal land premium for lands used by private sports clubs. Your working group has tried to justify not charging these clubs land premium at FMV by considering various factors (sports development, support elite sports, international events, loss of jobs, attraction to overseas talents, etc.). But the WG missed a very important factor. These clubs have now turned into mainly social and recreational clubs for the rich who can afford tens of thousand or even millions to join. A government's main and primary role is to redistribute wealth equitably to help the less fortunate and the poor, and to achieve policy objectives. But you are now thinking of continuing to use public money (the land premium) to support such clubs. As a previous civil servant, I am all pro-government and I do not believe in collusion between government official and the rich. But if the government does not try its utmost to avoid to continue such subsidy, I think it will make many hearts turn, including myself and my many friends I discuss with concerning this issue, and it will make us question the nature and legitimacy of the government. I think the political cost to the government is much bigger even than the premium lost and any benefits in sports development.

I suggest a simple way assess the percentage of FMV for such clubs. As an illustration with a private sports club that is made up of three parts, one tennis court, one restaurant, a field connecting the two. For the tennis court (ie the sports facility), we determine the usage ratio of the usage by members and for other outside purposes :

Hours used by members for social / recreational use	900	Private usage = 90%
Hours used for other purposes (international competition, elite training, opening up for outside organisations, etc)	100	Public usage = 10%

Then land premium for the different portions of the club should be charged as follows -

Tennis Court	90% FMV	Based on private usage ratio
Restaurant	100% FMV	Ancillary not DIRECTLY related to the sports should not be subsidized
Field	90%	Based on private usage ratio

These clubs would be keeping the usage data anyway and the FMV charge for current year can be determined by audit report (paid by the clubs, of course) of such usage in the past say one to three years.

To ease the pain and shock, I think we can limit the recovery of FMV to say no more than say 5% per year, until we reach the audited figure. Unless we do this and instead we try to keep the subsidy at some big percentage (67% as suggested by the WG), we would be subsidizing FUTURE members of such clubs who have yet to join the clubs and are beneficiaries now. This would be giving up the opportunity to right a big social injustice which is so apparent and indefensible. And in such case, the issue will always be a thorn on the back of the government that will not heal and that the government would need to go back time and again to deal with it.

The HK Jockey Club should be subject to the same charge based on the above private usage ratio. HKJC is doing a lot of charity and community work because it has a licence to run a casino. Any club can do the same. In fact I think a public body would be better placed to run the gambling and the HKJC can just organise the horseracing part for their members.

The main point is that the GOVERNMENT SHOULD NOT BE SEEN TO BE SUBSIDIZING THE RICH. Doing the opposite in this case so blatantly and without any good reasons could become another serious threat against the legitimacy of the government given we are now already moving inexorably towards a bigger economic divide and growing civil discontent.

After reading the report, I am really sad to have the feeling that the government, through the WG, is trying hard to justify to continue subsidizing the private sports clubs:

- a. Sports development needs these private clubs: many sports associations do not have their own field / facilities and they do well. As far as I know, HK Football Assn does not need to own the HK Stadium. HK Tennis Association does not own the centre court in Victoria Park or the LCSD tennis courts in Kowloon Tsai Park. These associations are organising local training as well as international events and are not seen to be suffering because they have their own fields and great social facilities (restaurants, and swimming pools). I go to Hong Kong Cricket Club many times and I know four of their club members. None of them know how to play cricket, none of them know the rules of cricket, none of them play cricket, none of them watch cricket.
- b. 2000+ people may lose their jobs if these private clubs went bust: this is really a pathetic attempt to justify the subsidy. Not only the report does not explore if there is shortage for such job positions in HK (and I expect

there is not), the report also fails to estimate the economic advantage if these private club sites are redeveloped (if we build a new hospital on the HKCC site, I think we can employ 10 times more people and benefit 100+ times more people).

- c. Another take on the international events argument: take HK Open. It may justify for HK to have a nice golf course, it does not justify a private club subsidized by government. If the government thinks golf is something it should promote, it can keep the Fanling golf course and turn it into a public course. Golf associations and enthusiasts can use the course to run international events. LCSD is running a golf course in Sai Kung and surely they can operate another one in Fanling. There is no need for government to provide, through nominal rent, fancy club houses and facilities designed for the enjoyment of the very rich (as far as I know, the membership costs over a million).

Finally, I think government officials who are enjoying the land premium subsidies through their membership of private sports clubs should make a declaration and abstain from making arguments/decisions in this review exercise, if they have not already done so.

AU YEUNG Man Keen David
8 May 2018

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Private recreational leases and the future of Hong Kong

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk
Cc: [REDACTED]

10/05/2018 20:15

History:

This message has been replied to.

To whom it may concern

You may think it somewhat overdramatic to discuss this issue in terms of the future of Hong Kong, but that is exactly what is on the line. Once demolished or dismantled buildings, parks, harbours or wilderness cannot be put together again. When Humpty Dumpty fell off his wall, be warned, all the king's horses and all the king's men, could not put him back together again. With specific mention of Fan Ling golf course you must remember that this is Hong Kong's oldest, most revered, International course which brings prestige to Hong Kong with events attracting worldwide players and sponsorship. Tear it down and that cannot be resumed or replaced. Ever. No future grandchild will play its fairways. No future tournament will bring pleasure to both golfer and onlooker. What would California be without Pebble Beach or Scotland without St Andrews? They may be one course among many in the USA or UK but they are revered. Isn't it time that we developed a little reverence?

Look at the Football Club in Sports Road. Who are you going to thank for being Hong Kong's largest supporter of Rugby? Where are the players of the Hong Kong Rugby Union going to source their young players? Yes, other clubs train in Discovery Bay, Pokfulam, King's Park and so on but I suspect that the Football Club is the largest mini rugby cohort in Hong Kong. Do you think that only the children of expats play rugby? If you think this you have not watched any Hong Kong rugby team play recently. Initially the 7's was hosted by the Football Club until it became too large an event for the club to handle. Perhaps remind yourselves how much money exactly the Hong Kong 7's brings in to Hong Kong in terms of transport, f & b, hotels, entertainment and general tourism every year? Biting the hand that feeds all these industries is counter productive. The Football Club has sporting memberships for all members of Hong Kong society that want to play one of the sponsored sports there.

Likewise the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club. If anyone wants to sail you can go there and put your name on a list of wanted crew for any coming race. Likewise there are sporting memberships for players. Anyone can join one of its sailing courses. These clubs provide a community service in providing a space in Hong Kong where you can learn to sail, row, play rugby, golf or other sports. Want to play cricket? It's a good thing that the Kowloon Cricket Club or Hong Kong Cricket club both have lessons that anyone can sign up for. There are clubs for specific social groups, ethnic groups, economic groups, business groups. These clubs are equally valued by their members although none need the space that a golf club requires through no fault of the golf club except the nature of the game.

Yes, Hong Kong has a housing problem but anyone can see the mass of brown field sites in the New Territories. In my view some housing could definitely be developed on Lantau. We are very well endowed with Country parks. The odd development on the fringes of these will not destroy the integrity of those parks...look at Parkview!

The Hong Kong government has a quota to allow mainland Chinese to enter Hong Kong which gate has not been closed. Correct me if I'm wrong but our little territory is finite. Perhaps if we are stressed it is because you are letting too many people in? It's got nothing to do with the birth rate in any case. Why don't you have a good, long, hard look at that policy before you destroy these clubs which provide such good service to the people of Hong Kong.

As Hongkongers we all work hard for our children's future. We live aspirational lives. If not to play golf at Fanling, learn to sail, watch our kids play sport, lunch with colleagues at the Hong Kong club and so on, why do we strive to send our children to the best universities, to better their lives? We certainly don't do it so that they can live on a housing estate where a golf club used to be or so that they can have early deaths from a lack of healthful exercise!

Even if an argument can be made that these clubs are only for the privileged I don't see that as a specific problem. After all, we are not a socialist state. Arguments that expats make more use of these clubs than others would not stand up to membership scrutiny and, even if it were true, club membership is one of the attractions that bring foreign workers to Hong Kong. These would be the very same foreign workers who pay the majority of the annual income tax, who chose to live away from home for the betterment of their lives AND that of Hong Kong.

At this very moment a bridge is being built across the pearl delta which will only make Hong Kong more accessible. Yes, we are part of the pearl delta and that relationship will strengthen, not diminish but it does not follow that we must house everyone from Guangdong province either! Rather we should be seeking to do the opposite and house Hongkongers on the other side of the border.

That same bridge is causing silt to build up causing expense and aggravation for Shenzhen's port. Yet Hong Kong has a fabulous natural harbour. It has been the territory's earliest and greatest asset. I see our harbour, our parks, our beaches, our lifestyle, our GDP, our surplus, our healthcare, our transport system and our access to clubs which train athletes to represent Hong Kong, internationally, among other things, as remarkable assets. Don't dilute a part of it! Look out for Hong Kong's future. China is a big country but Hong Kong is a small city state. We have what many other cities around the world strive to have but do not achieve. It's time to treasure Hong Kong in all its forms. You can't govern Hong Kong by pandering to petty jealousies from the "have/have not" quarter. Every previous generation in Hong Kong has strived to "have." Why pretend that this generation feels any different? One could argue that the drive to work and strive for future generations is hard wired into the Cantonese DNA! Divisions are being fanned by a rising Gini coefficient and that is being fanned, in itself, by the housing crisis.


The housing issue can be tackled if you have a will. Unfortunately the ways are mired in political mud and no one makes a serious attempt. Having lived here most of my life, born in 1964 and childhood in Clear Water Bay I can list them for you now:

1. Break the small house policy
2. Build on brown fields
3. Tax owners or developers with empty units withheld from the market for financial gain.
4. Curtail foreign ownership if no HK ID card.
5. Make it easier for young people to get a mortgage (30% deposit!!) and make it more attractive to buy and refurbish old flats. The over 20 year old property mortgage restrictions mean that no one can afford older buildings leading to a constant cycle of redevelopment, noise and waste. The only people who profit from this are the developers and the URA.
6. Increase development a little in South Lantau.
7. Engage with our neighbours to open up housing outside HK's borders for commuters.

All of the above would work. The question is... will you do it?

Yours sincerely,

Mark and Karen Prochazka



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RE: 主題:私人遊樂場地契約政策檢討公眾諮詢

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

14/05/2018 15:23

History:

This message has been replied to.

敬啟者:

本人認為“私人遊樂場地契約政策”不應無固改動，因為牽一髮動全身，必然帶來更多混亂。再者，大部份“私人遊樂場地”現為綠化土地，擁有深厚歷史，或從事推廣運動及健康的活動，實不適宜破壞。理應多撥資源保育及發展，此舉對香港長遠發展及生活環境的改善封為有利。

Regards,
Vivian Lai



工黨
LABOUR PARTY

譚駿賢區議員辦事處
Office of Tam Chun Yin, District Councillor

致：香港特別行政區政府
民政事務局局长
由：譚駿賢(屯門區議員)

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收回粉嶺高爾夫球會土地

本港現存不少空置土地，對應著公營房屋需求問題，政府沒有全面善用全港的空置土地以解決房屋問題。就著民政事務局已成立一個跨部門工作小組，並就私人遊樂場地契約政策進行檢討和進行公眾及持份者諮詢，加上近日有不少團體爭取粉嶺高爾夫球會土地建公屋，我們要求政府收回粉嶺高爾夫球會土地和善用全港的空置土地。

粉嶺高爾夫球會土地面積約有 172 公頃，面積大於荃灣，也相等於 52 個牛頭角上邨，假設將土地以六折計算，亦可以居住近 40 萬人，也可以讓約 15 萬宗家庭或獨居長居住公屋，可以大大加快公屋的輪候時間。

在此，我們提出了多項清晰的訴求，使增加公營房屋的供應：

1. 收回粉嶺高爾夫球會土地，大量興建公營房屋及不同的配套設施和所需院舍，亦按比例興建以滿足各階層住屋需要（包括：公屋，居屋，院舍等等）。
2. 善用全港的空置土地和短期租約用地興建公屋。
3. 全面公開檢討各區以「私人遊樂場地契約」批出的土地用途，以配合當區房屋和配套設備為優先考慮。
4. 停止新界東北迫遷，停止農業園迫遷蕉徑村，停止破壞生態環境。
5. 政府應控制私樓樓市，壓抑炒風，以令到樓價達到可負擔的水平。

請支持方案的市民或團體加入聯署，可填寫以下資料(所有個人資料只供核實身份之用，絕不會外借或出售)，我們將呈交上和促請跟進。希望大家同心合力，滿足香港人住屋需要和一起改變香港社會。

發起團體：

關注基層住屋聯席

街坊安居關注小組(深水埗)

社會民主連線

土地正義聯盟

東北支援組



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葵涌劏房居民大聯盟

大角咀劏房關注組

影子長策會

屯門基層關注組

香港天主教正義和平委員會

土瓜灣捱貴租草根租戶小組

社區前進

小麗民主教室

公屋被逼遷戶關注組

香港眾志

大專政改關注組

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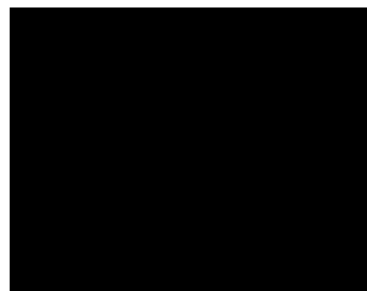
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致： 香港特別行政區政府
民政事務局

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要求收回粉嶺高球場建公屋

工黨 譚駿賢區議員辦事處

2018年5月5日

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私人遊樂場地契約意見

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

23/05/2018 23:16

History:

This message has been replied to.

敬啟者：

本人就“私人遊樂場地契約政策”有以下意見：

- 1) 不應無固改動現有政策：開發土地實需長遠規劃而不是尋找“即食”方案。因為牽一髮動全身，必然帶來更多混亂。
- 2) 大部份“私人遊樂場地”現為綠化土地；擁有深厚歷史，或從事推廣運動及健康的活動，實不適宜破壞。理應多撥資源保育及發展，此舉對香港長遠發展及生活環境的改善封為有利。
- 3) “私人遊樂場地”亦只是其中一個土地供應來源，新界仍有更多土地未開發，被棄置或被非法更改土地用途。當局應該從多方向，多角度勾出土地作為長遠目標。

現在社會上針對某些私人遊樂場地的用途只是情緒主導，無實質意義。

Sandy Lai



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收回高爾夫球場發展

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

23/05/2018 21:23

History:

This message has been replied to.

本人認為政府不單止不應該收回球場，更應該加強支持高爾夫球運動，因為高球是可以培養耐性，禮儀，建立自信，誠信，提升社交能力等非常有益身心的運動，對青少年成長過程有很正面的影響。

其實政府應該在全港中學推廣高球運動，令中學生通過高球活動，在成長過程中建立個人修養及正確的價值觀，將來不會給社會及政府製造麻煩。

至於香港住屋問題，其實顯而易見不可能單靠增加土地供應就可以解決，應該先要解決囤積抬價，操控供應等行為，令樓價回落。

政府若要覓地建屋，還有很多方法，例如填海造地，發展大嶼山及縮少水塘集水區等，但土地必須用於大量興建公屋，從而令低下階層百姓能安居樂業，則政府施政阻力及仇富心態亦將得以同時解決。

劉有堂

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Public Consultation Policy on Private Recreational Leases

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

24/05/2018 10:36

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Sirs

I would like to submit my comments on the review of policy on private recreational leases.

I have lived in Hong Kong since 1985 and am currently a member of four private clubs (Hong Kong Club, Hong Kong Cricket Club, Shek O Country Club and Discovery Bay Golf Club), only one of which would be affected by the proposed policy. I have also served as honorary treasurer of two national sports associations (Hong Kong Squash and Kong Kong Golf Association) and have had significant involvement in sports over the years, as a participant, spectator and part time administrator.

I think by far the biggest issue raised in the paper concerns the proposal to charge clubs a land premium of one third of the full market value of the land upon lease renewal from 2027. The big question is how much this will be and how will it be determined - this will be fundamental to the future of the private clubs. The paper suggests that the valuation would take into account the land use (without buildings) and the lease restrictions - it would be extremely helpful to get an indication of the potential figures such valuations are likely to produce, as valuations can be quite subjective. If the valuations give rise to amounts that are simply unaffordable, except to the wealthiest clubs or those able to raise large sums of money or increase membership fees to levels that only the very wealthy can afford, then this would drive many clubs out of existence or change their character to make them more elitist and of less value to the community. I believe this would be counter-productive. A further comment on this is why a lump sum land premium is necessary as opposed to a monthly rental? The latter could be based on a discounted market rental, a percentage of revenue, or the rateable value of the land, and would be more manageable for a club unable to raise a large lump sum.

I think it is worth pointing out that many of the private sports clubs offer memberships to top quality sportsmen and women, particularly juniors and young people, at very modest fees, and this helps develop talent and promote healthy competition which is good for the community. These sporting members represent a significant proportion of the membership of many clubs. Most of the clubs are not for profit organisations and any surpluses are generally ploughed back into maintaining and improving the club facilities. I do not know whether the valuation would take into account the prohibition of making a profit (and whether this is or could be a specification in the lease or just self-imposed by the clubs' constitutions), but this would surely drive down the potential value of the land.

On another point raised in the paper, I see little harm in allowing club debentures to be traded in a secondary market and it is not apparent to me why this needs to be interfered with. I do not believe such market is a place for speculative trading as the lack of liquidity and substantial transfer fees effectively prevent this. A restriction on the resale of debentures would reduce their value and make it even more difficult for the clubs to raise the requisite funds to finance the land premium.

On the subject of the Hong Kong Golf Club, I realise that the large amount of public land making up the courses at Fan Ling and Deepwater Bay may make this a special case. My view is that these sites should be retained as golf courses. It would be a great shame to build housing blocks on the courses given their history, beauty, the old trees, graves, buildings and pagodas, and the lack of quality sports venues in Hong Kong. The need for additional public


housing can be better satisfied from other options including conversion of brown field sites, reclamation, re-zoning, reforming the small house policy etc, instead of destroying one of our great treasures which is world renown. The club is also host venue to the Hong Kong Open, a prestigious event on the sporting calendar and possibly the oldest international sports event in Hong Kong, and it is not really feasible to host this elsewhere. Nevertheless, I do believe there is an argument to open up one or more of the courses to greater public access.

In general, I think most of the private clubs are a source for good in the community and it is reasonable that the government should continue to monitor their contributions (including factors such as supporting NSAs, hosting local and international events, developing local sporting talent, providing access to schools, and providing affordable membership to deserving individuals willing to make a commitment to their sports). The payment of a modest rental that would not necessitate a change in the character of the clubs would not be unreasonable, but I think this should be kept to a minimum.

I do hope a sensible conclusion is reached on this issue and that deserving private clubs will continue to thrive and contribute to the well being of our community.

best regards

David Collins



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to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

27/05/2018 13:46

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敬啟者:

“本人認為 "私人遊樂場地契約政策" 不應無固改動, 因為牽一髮動全身, 必然帶來更多混亂。再者, 大部份 "私人遊樂場地" 現為綠化土地; 擁有深厚歷史, 或從事推廣運動及健康的活動, 實不適宜破壞。理應多撥資源保育及發展, 此舉對香港長遠發展及生活環境的改善方為有利。”

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My views on PRLs

[Redacted]

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30/05/2018 15:19

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I think it would be a mistake to try and solve the land shortage by taking back, or making PRLs so uncomfortable as make them unviable.

The access to PRL facilities is a key component that goes into making HK the "special" place that it is. I think to reduce PRLs and their facilities would damage the image of HK, and damage the reality of HK life. Ultimately, that would make HK more and more like any other large, sprawling, uninviting southeast Asia City. That would be a shame and it would not be reversible.

Therefore, I urge the HAB to encourage longer term, holistic thinking. I am convinced such an approach would preserve PRLs and the recreational facilities that they provide to HK people.

I would strongly encourage HK to maximize reclamation as a key part of the solution. HK has the geotechnical expertise to do reclamation and do it well. Reclamation would be less disruptive to the HK lifestyle. Reclamation can be located and designed from scratch, rather than have – for example – an irregular shaped piece of land like Fanling. Speaking of Fanling, that golf course is world renown and it would reflect very poorly if HK's solution to the housing shortage would be to take back one of the premier golf facilities in the world.

Thank you for listening and considering my views.

Rob Chipman



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民政事務局

私人遊樂場地契約政策檢討公眾諮詢

敬啟者：

就民政事務局於今年3月推出《私人遊樂場地契約政策檢討》的諮詢，現本人以電郵夾附檔案方式致函貴局提出意見及建議。

煩請在收到有關內容後，以電郵回覆本人確認。

鄧永昌啟

2018年6月4日

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敬啟者：

就私人遊樂場地契約的整體意見

本人認為《私人遊樂場地契約》是分化社會及製造矛盾的其中一個罪魁禍首，過去有大量聲音要求檢討有關契約，甚至有聲音要求當局收回該等土地，以騰出空間作為住房及其它公眾用途，遺憾當局一直拖拖拉拉，這次的政策檢討，亦令本人憂慮縱使公眾意見僥倖獲得接納，執行期亦會拖延至大部份契約在 2027 年屆滿後方可實施，這情況實在難以接受，本人擔心加劇社會就此問題再次陷入爭拗，希望當局能夠回應社會訴求，在廣納意見及建議，並向行政長官會同行政會議審批後，隨即落實有關的改善方案以釋公眾疑慮。

在社會輿論普遍傾向討論收回高爾夫球場的同時，本人希望借此諮詢期，就一個較為冷門的運動，有一半土地位處郊野公園範圍內及被城市規劃委員會列入規劃大綱草圖內的『香港槍會』提出意見及建議。

香港槍會

本人注意到在 貴局諮詢文件中第 13 頁表 3 第 13 項，香港槍會被納入由私人體育團體持有的契約用地列表內，其地段為荃灣市地段 419 號荃灣川龍，在同一份諮詢文件中的附件四編碼 13 香港槍會的面積為 64,900 平方米（大約 6.5 公頃）。

在一份城規會呈交予荃灣區議會就『川龍及下花山分區計劃大綱草圖』的資料文件中，一幅面積 3.47 公頃列為「其他指定用途」註明「體育及康樂會」的土地就是香港槍會的部份範圍，因為在其會所以西佔地 3.03 公頃的土地是位於大欖郊野公園範圍內，原因是上世紀 90 年代末，該槍會發生一宗因射擊飛靶而走火打傷兩名行山人士事件，其後警方建議將香港槍會的射擊緩衝區範圍擴大，令該槍會佔地 6.5 公頃。

香港審計署在 2013 年 10 月 30 日就「民政事務局／地政總署」處理『免地價或以象徵式地價直接批出土地予私人體育會』的調查報告中，具體地在附錄 D 以例十六個案闡釋香港槍會的問題，現夾附作為附件供參考。雖然審計署在報告中指出香港槍會霸佔郊野公園超過卅年，亦無架設圍欄防止郊遊人士進入其射擊緩衝區，可能會對郊野公園遊客的安全構成威脅，並且表示地政總署、漁護署、規劃署等都曾經表示過意見，惟最後都被警方有關安全的發牌規定所凌駕，2012 年 11 月仍然維持現有的地界不變，也認為無須訂明條款，要求該會所在地段界線架設圍欄，在 2016 年 3 月 31 日簽訂為期 15 年的新契約中，亦無任何特殊規定要求香港槍會確保郊遊人士的安全。

夾附香港槍會契約首兩頁及契約上的地圖供參考，地圖內中央虛線劃分右面為上述 3.47 公頃香港槍會在該地段屬於「其他指定用途」註明「體育及康樂會」的用地，而虛線左面（即會所的西面）就是 3.03 公頃大欖郊野公園範圍。

在上述同一份的荃灣區議會文件中，公眾獲悉當局的整體規劃意向是保護天然環境和鄉郊景致，使其能與附近大欖郊野公園和大帽山郊野公園的整體天然環境與自然美景互相輝映，而且當區有集水區及具有重大生態價值，當局在 2016 年為香港槍會續約 15 年時，有否考慮到該槍會從事飛靶射擊為主，而雙向飛靶及多向飛靶射擊，射手所持的鳥槍均以仰角發射，每發子彈含過百顆細少鉛彈，鉛彈脫離槍管後會擴散並呈一個大面積的圓形衝向靶碟方向，部份鉛彈會擊中／擊碎靶碟，其他會繼續飛行及墜落擋彈區，而用作擋彈的屏障就是一個天然的斜坡，該等鉛彈經年累月堆積在斜坡之內，會透過雨水的酸鹼度而釋出有毒物資，繼而透過地下水及雨水沖積向下流動污染附近環境。備註：香港槍會其他射擊場亦是利用天然斜坡作為擋彈區。

除鉛彈對自然環境及生態的影響外，飛靶射擊所用直徑一般為 10cm 以石灰石、瀝青等物料製造的碟靶，射手擊中與否，該等被靶機彈射飛行的碟靶會散落射擊場範圍，有些會繼續飛行至射擊場以外的郊野，對周遭環境做成嚴峻破壞。當局必須規管該會使用對環境不會做成任何危害的物料所製造的碟靶，而且定時清除積累在泥土的彈頭（步槍及手槍）及鉛彈殘留物（鳥槍彈），同時一年最少要檢驗泥土酸鹼度四次，以確保其運作未有對自然環境做成任何影響。

香港槍會 1961 年從葵涌搬遷到現址，屬於環境影響評估條例(第 499 章)就露天射擊場規管前興建的設施，故本人相信該槍會從未有就相關條例進行任何環境影響評估，為此本人認為當局不可能繼續豁免一個自 60 年代初已經使用該土地周邊天然斜坡作為擋彈屏障的槍會在毫無規管及檢測下使用場地至 2027 年 6 月 30 日，本人強烈要求當局在香港槍會的契約在屆滿期內，運用權力最少四次向該承租人下令要求該會符合《環境影響評估條例》(第 499 章)的規定，同時包括但不限於《噪音管制條例》(第 400 章)、《空氣污染管制條

例》(第 311 章)、《水污染管制條例》(第 358 章)及《廢物處置條例》(第 354 章) 進行相關的驗測/申請及審批等工作，以便公眾、郊遊人士，特別是川龍及下花山分區計劃大綱草圖內涵蓋的居民知悉該槍會未有對環境及自然生態構成任何威脅。

開放時數的計算

根據諮詢文件第 27 至 28 頁，表 8：私人體育會提供的體育及康樂設施及開放情況一覽表第 24 至 28 項，本人有理由相信是指香港槍會，根據表 8 第 24 至 27 項，本人推算其計算方式是：

數量 x 每日 8 小時 x 6 個工作天 x 4 個星期

然而在第 28 項數量 6 個靶出現與第 24 項的 4 個靶的同一結果，而不是與第 25 項 6 個靶的每月 1152 小時，這點煩請當局與香港槍會釐清其計算方式是否正確，並查詢他們不開放第 28 項予合資格外界團體的理由。

不可能繼續由多數人補貼少數

2012 年 8 月香港申訴專員公署就《私人遊樂場地契約》政策執行發表主動調查報告，在 5.20 段申訴署指「當局以免收租金或只收象徵式租金把土地批予體育會，涉及龐大的社會補貼」，所有私人體育會的會員總數不出六萬人，根據政府統計署數據，迄 2017 年年底全港人口為七百四十萬零九千八百人，該等會員佔整體人口不出 0.8%，但所佔地面總面積竟然達 330 公頃，怎樣能令普羅市民認同當局是公平、公正及公開地處理《私人遊樂場地契約》呢？

民政局於 2011 年 7 月提交予立法會文件編號 CB(2)2314/10-11(01)中所述，有記載的《私人遊樂場地契約》可追溯至 1851 年的香港木球會、1889 年的香港哥爾夫球會和 1910 年創立的南華體育會，此等會所可能在當年創立之初，確實彌補了殖民地社會缺乏公營體育設施予英籍人士和頂尖華人的問題，然而在 167 年後的今天，倘若當局仍然拉扯著這個藉口繼續無休止的替私人體育會護航，只會令香港這個大都會蒙羞，因為時至今日政府的公營體育設施依舊嚴重不足？仍然有市民如百多年前般只能在該等會所外徘徊望門輕嘆！？

當局似乎試圖通過增加私人會所開放時數予所謂合資格外界團體來粉飾社會的不滿聲音，但眾所週知能夠符合當局合資格外界團體定義的，來來去去都是同一批組織，即使增加開放時數，只會維持同一批外界團體參與的音樂椅遊戲而已，實際上一直未被接納使用場地的團體仍然被拒諸門外。

收取十足市值地價或收回土地

過去當局以免地價方式租出該等土地予私人體育會，現在建議徵收市值地價

的 1/3 作為計算基準，即表示政府認同該等土地有發展潛力及市場價值，私人體育會的土地及其上蓋內興建的種種設施主要受眾仍然維持其直屬會員及家眷，能夠符合合資格外界團體這定義的組織又涵蓋性不足，幾乎可以想像出現同一批友好團體反覆以合資格外界團體身份使用場地『篤數』及『充數』等情況，以求符合當局口號式的「開放計劃」。

當局在其他範疇及服務均倡議用者自付，既然數以百萬計公頃的稀有土地被該等會所佔用多年，市民在這前提下繼續補貼該等私人會所 2/3 地價，必須考慮：

- ✧ 為何要接受低於市值的地價繼續讓私人體育會使用土地？
- ✧ 必須考慮該等會所是否有履行社會責任及回饋社會？
- ✧ 其服務對象是否惠及所有市民？
- ✧ 容許外界團體使用的涵蓋範圍是否廣泛，同時不存偏見及歧視？
- ✧ 市民對該等運動的需求是否殷切？
- ✧ 是否社會沒有這類運動會令大多數人有失落感？
- ✧ 甚至令社會出現動盪不安？
- ✧ 繼續容許產生污染物的射擊場設在郊野公園及集水區範圍內，對環境及土壤的影響？
- ✧ 同時一旦射擊場爆發食水污染及生態災難時的整治工作費用由誰負擔？

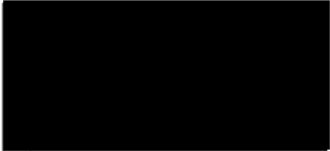
既然絕大部份市民均未能共享屬於公共資源的土地及其上蓋設施，政府當局必須向私人體育會收取十足市值地價，如有會所支付不起而倒閉，這樣亦是反映自由經濟及自由市場的自然定律，政府提供優惠補貼令這些私人體育會得以繼續營運，只會剝削多數市民的福祉，甚至影響以市值租金租用商業處所經營性質相同的商業機構的利益。

話雖如此，即使當局考慮收取三分一甚至十足地價，本人認為亦要考慮有些私人體育會對場址土壤及污染鄰近自然環境的深遠影響，並非可以用地價或開放時數作為主要衡量因素，就以香港槍會為例，其會員只有 420 人，佔用地面面積 6.5 公頃，在諮詢文件表 5：私人體育會支持本地及大型國際體育賽事的概況列表中，並沒有香港槍會參與其中，以一個會員人數這麼少而佔地這麼廣闊，同時用地範圍與城規會籌劃中的「川龍及下花山分區計劃大綱草圖」中的保護天然環境和鄉郊景致概念有抵觸，本人質疑民政局、城規會以至環保局在當區的長遠發展及維護郊野公園完整及保護生態方面出現了南轅北轍的方向，為此本人強烈要求當局即時收回香港槍會會所以西 3.03 公頃的大欖郊野公園土地，並在香港槍會契約 2027 年 6 月 30 日屆滿前，最少四次要求香港槍會按照上文提出的各個保護環境的條例進行實地檢測，鉛排放及其


他污染物對周遭環境的影響，如有發現則必須即時終止其契約。

總結

本人認為私人遊樂場地契約已經不合時宜，當局在 2016 年強行在公眾一片反對聲中繼續予以續約是漠視市民訴求，現在的檢討亦未能回應市民對契約的不滿，繼續堅持維護該等既得利益集團享有非凡優惠，只會令到市民大眾反感，加劇社會爭拗及矛盾，不利政府施政及締造和諧氣氛，本人原則上同意當局將諮詢文件社區組織與私人體育會分開處理，而針對 27 個會所本人認為必須收取十足市值地價，並將該等費用成立基金投放資源發展社區運動設施及資助地區運動組織推動全民運動，同時收回對環境及生態帶來實質及潛在影響的土地，共創一個和諧及美好的香港。



鄧永昌



2018 年 6 月 4 日

副本送：立法會

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例十六

私人遊樂場地契約部分用地位於郊野公園內

1. 審計署發現，某槍會根據私人遊樂場地契約持有的土地，約有一半(涉及三公頃)位於郊野公園範圍內。該會所並無架設圍欄分隔契約用地與郊野公園的其他地方，只是根據契約條件豎設警告標誌，警告公眾人士切勿進入契約用地。審計署關注到，沒有適當圍欄分隔契約用地與郊野公園的其他地方，可能會對郊野公園遊客的安全構成威脅。
2. 地政總署的記錄顯示，該會所在一九六一年首次獲批私人遊樂場地契約，即在郊野公園現有界線在一九七九年刊登憲報前已經存在。自一九七九年以來，有關契約先後在一九八六和一九九五年兩度續期，並在二零零零年進行原址換地(土地面積減少)，擴大會所射擊場的安全緩衝區，以符合香港警務處有關安全的發牌規定。在進行上述三項工作時，地政總署都曾徵詢有關政策局／部門(例如漁農自然護理署(漁護署))的意見，但沒有任何政策局／部門反對契約續期和換地。結果，佔用郊野公園的情況一直維持超過 30 年。
3. 在目前一輪續期工作中，規劃署建議修正有關地段的界線，把有關地段劃出郊野公園的範圍之外。規劃署和漁護署均認為契約用地不應與郊野公園重疊。漁護署在二零一二年八月表示，如基於安全理由，無法把重疊部分的私人遊樂場地契約用地移離郊野公園，則應修訂該地段的界線，以便把該地段佔用郊野公園的範圍盡量減至最小。漁護署也提議，該份契約應加入一項特別條件，對在該郊野公園範圍內的發展和其他活動施加限制。不過，香港警務處確認，考慮到最新有關安全的發牌規定，修訂地段界線的做法並不恰當，其後，漁護署沒有再提出其他意見。地區地政會議在二零一二年十一月的會議上決定維持現有契約用地界線不變，也認為無須訂明條款，要求該會所在地段界線架設圍欄。截至二零一三年九月，該份私人遊樂場地契約仍根據“暫緩”安排等待續期。

資料來源：民政事務局／地政總署的記錄

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to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

05/06/2018 13:51

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這些土地是屬於社會大眾的。因此應將場地全面開放給公眾，不應只給會員。
如要採用會員制，政府應向場地收取市值租金。

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Nicholas Parker submission for public consultation

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

08/06/2018 22:31

History:

This message has been replied to.

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to support the government's review of private recreational leases in Hong Kong.

Why I believe Private Sports Clubs should not be subsidised by the HK Government

Providing a discounted land rate for Private Sports Clubs is inherently wrong, and effectively provides a subsidy for the wealthy individuals who can afford the membership fees. This places the burden of paying for the land of these Private Clubs into the hands of the taxpayer—businesses, homeowners and lower and middle income families.

Given that it is the taxpayer who enables these clubs to charge their members lower fees, it is morally reprehensible for such clubs to be closed off to the public, and only available to a gilded few.

Solution: Convert Private Sports Clubs into Public Sports Clubs

In my opinion, these sports clubs should be turned into public institutions using the money that the government currently provides to the Private Clubs in the form of effective subsidy. The space should be open for all to use—with additional funding being derived from alternate sources of income on the grounds. For example, through the selling of food, equipment etc.

Passing the Clubs into public hands would allow all members of the Hong Kong community, including those who already use the clubs, to fully participate in sporting activities which are, as of now, available only to the wealthy elite and their guests.

Increased government investment—through the removal of the subsidy—will also safeguard the facilities at these clubs, and guarantee that money is spent on resources which will provide the strongest public good rather than serving the narrow interests of a wealthy elite.

By removing the financial incentive inherently present in private institutions, such as the current administration of the clubs, by placing administration of the clubs with the government, Hong Kong will be better able to achieve the original aim of the RPL—the growth and promotion of sport in Hong Kong.

This approach will ensure that Hong Kong's strong and prestigious sporting tradition is upheld, and could breed new sporting talent from a much wider pool of willing participants. It should be stressed that this approach will not disadvantage the current members of the Private Clubs because they will have equal access to the Club. The only difference in the use of the Club for existing members is that it would become free instead of paid for by a membership!

Dealing with the issue of investment by Private Sports Clubs

Although some Private Clubs may complain that the government is compulsorily purchasing property they have paid for, I would like to highlight two points. Firstly, the land was never owned by the Clubs outright, and the government has always reserved the right to resume possession of the land. Secondly, the money was invested freely knowing that the land was leased—as is almost all land in Hong Kong—and in full knowledge that the premises might not always be possessed by the Club in question. In any case, the government could provide compensation for the facilities already built by Private Clubs—which should not include the value of the land in of itself, which is already owned by the government.

I hope that my views will be taken into consideration as the government decides it's new policy for RPL's in the future. I look forward to seeing some positive change.

Kind Regards,

Nicholas Parker

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Public Consultation on Policy Review of PRL

██████████ to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

13/06/2018 23:19

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Chief of HAB,

My opinions in response to the consultation are as follows,

1. Renewal of PRL held by private sports clubs has to be conditional on significantly increased opening hours to the public. Such opening hours need to be convenient and feasible (e.g. school hours if to be used by students of nearby schools). The fees should be nominal and the clubs should not impose conditions that could deter the public from using the facilities
2. There have to be open, easily accessible and clear instructions by such clubs to the public to facilitate their usage
3. The HAB should regularly and closely monitor whether such clubs deliver on the promises and if not, the PRL should be shortened or terminated
4. In addition, the private sports clubs should pay 50-70% of FMV land premium instead of the proposed one third.

Regards,
Alex Hui

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Private Recreational Leases

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

20/06/2018 15:56

History:

This message has been replied to.

To whom it may concern,

I would like to share my view on the Hong Kong Private Recreational Leases (PRL).

There are many reason why I think it is important for the Hong Kong Home Affairs Bureau to support the PRLs. I will try and explain my reasons as good as I can.

- Hong Kong is a very densely populated area. People work hard wo make a living. Work creates stress and it is very important to find a balance in life. It's been well proven that sport and leisure is a key component to improve health and well being. PRLs are most often well established clubs that encourage its members to improve their well being, at the same time they take a key role in improving their sport all over Hong Kong. What is even more important is that wey make sure the youth will take part in PRLs and to make sure they find their sport or interest that suits their life and community.
- PRLs play a key role to support national sports. I mainly speak for Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club (RHKYC) as I have been involved in many of their key events. I was part of a team who founded 'Hong Kong Race Week', a sailing event that has grown to be one of the biggest sailing events in Asia. We have competitors coming from all over the world to take part. Without RHKYC, this would never have happened. I was also the chairman of the 29er Worlds committee, a committee par of RHKYC that hosted the World Championship in 29er this year together with Hong Kong Sailing Federation. A hugely successful event that would not have happened if it was not for RHKYC.
- The PRLs collaborate with schools all over Hong Kong to invite students to take part in their sports free of charge. Such a great opportunity to introduce a number of different clubs and sports to the youth. This really needs to be supported by the Hong Kong government.
- I understand why citizens with little knowledge of PRLs question its existence. But they do far greater good then what most people know. As I understand it, land is the key reason why people question this. We all know that there are far better alternatives to improve housing and business land. I personally live in New Territories and it is sad to see that nothing is changing when it comes to old rules and laws of village houses. This is a different story, but with far greater impact than what PRLs have on Hong Kong land.

I hope my views are heard and if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me further.

Best regards,

Peter Backe



Member of Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club

Strong supporter of youth sports

The sender requested to keep his/her name and submission
confidential

發件人要求將其姓名及意見書保密

19th June, 2018

Home Affairs Bureau
13/F, West Wing
Central Government Offices
2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar
Hong Kong

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRL)

I write to offer my views on the recommendations of the PRL policy review and their potential impact on the Hong Kong Golf Club (HKGC), of which I am a member.

As a banker, I believe HKGC is very important to the local financial community. It provides an ideal environment to strengthen business partnerships and foster new relationships. Moreover, with its deep history and global prestige, the club enhances Hong Kong's status as a "World City" and international financial centre.

HKGC is dedicated to developing the sport of golf in Hong Kong. The club is host to one of Asia's oldest and most renowned tournaments, the Hong Kong Open, as well as the Hong Kong Ladies Open. In addition, the club works hard to foster local talent and promote the game amongst the broader community.

HKGC also gives a great deal back to our society. The club hosts a wide variety of charitable events, raising a total of HK\$20 million in 2017 alone. As Organising Committee Chairman of The Community Chest BEA Charity Golf Day, which has been held at Hong Kong Golf Club since 1999, I can attest to the essential support we have received from the club.

Given the above, I strongly support the Working Group's proposal that PRL sites held by private sports clubs should remain under the existing lease policy. Meanwhile, I believe that it is reasonable for this land to be charged at a subsidised rate due to the value and benefits HKGC brings to Hong Kong.

Yours faithfully,

[Redacted Signature]

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Review on Policy of Private Recreational Lease

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

23/06/2018 18:19

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History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Sir,

I am writing in response to your recent Review on Policy of Private Recreational Leases. As a long-term sailor in Hong Kong, the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club ("RHKYC") has been essential to my enjoyment of the sport over the last 24 years. I am strongly in support of the continuation of the RHKYC PRLs'. I joined as a young man for a nominal junior member fee. Without this reasonably priced entry to the sport in Hong Kong, I would have missed out on a lifetime of enjoyment of sailing and Hong Kong waters. I now have a yacht stored on RHKYC facilities that I sail on a weekly basis. I have sailed almost every week for all the 24 years I have been in Hong Kong. I am also proud to have represented Hong Kong at International regattas around the world.

We all understand that Hong Kong is short of land. However, we have an enormous amount of sea to use for recreational and sporting purposes. It is a hugely underused resource. All we need is well run access points to the water to make use of all this space and to me, this is what RHKYC is an exemplary provider of.

The RHKYC has a long proud history with a focus on developing and promoting water sports of sailing, rowing, paddling and dragon boating for all ages and skill levels, the RHKYC was founded in 1849 by a group of sailing and rowing enthusiasts. It is one of the oldest sports clubs in Hong Kong. The RHKYC is a not-for-profit organisation and income generated from fees and ancillary facilities is reinvested into the development of sports. Since 1849, when the RHKYC organised the first recorded sailing and rowing regatta in Hong Kong, it has hosted and co-organised numerous 'world championship' sailing and rowing events, putting Hong Kong on the global sailing map and making it a major global and regional centre for sailing, yachting, rowing and paddling. Over the past 170 years, the RHKYC has been investing to provide necessary infrastructure, facilities, and expertise for the development of water sports in Hong Kong for all levels – from beginner and leisure participants to elite sportspeople capable of representing the SAR.

The RHKYC is promoting sports (sailing, rowing, paddling and dragon boating) in the community and making it accessible to all. It enjoys a diverse membership of people who share an interest in recreational and competitive sailing, rowing, and paddling. The RHKYC provides training programmes for practitioners of all abilities and ages — both members and non-members -- to nurture their development, produce elite athletes capable of competing at the highest levels, and contribute to the growth and popularity of these great sports. Over 70% of attendees in RHKYC training courses in 2017/18 were non-members. A number of my friends who are non-members have taken these course and come sailing with me regularly on the basis of the skills gained on these courses. The RHKYC subvents high-performance cadet members from the Club's Youth Development Squad ('The Sharks') to participate in overseas events thereby raising their skills, increasing their racing experience and giving them exposure to international competition. There is no joining fee for Cadet (youth aged 9-20) membership. In order to promote sailing and rowing at the universities' level, the RHKYC initiated a "Student Usage Card" programme in 2012 for full-time undergraduates of Hong Kong Universities who can demonstrate an active interest and participation in the sports. "Student Usage Card" members have free full access to all the

Club's sports facilities, training programmes and racing events. The RHKYC is committed to promoting the sports of sailing and rowing and as such the facilities, related training programmes and racing events for both are open to the public and for use by eligible outside bodies. Schools registered under the Education Ordinance have been involved in the RHKYC's sailing and rowing training programmes since at least the early 1980s. A significant percentage (c. 40%) of the sailors participating in sailing events organised by the RHKYC are non-members and guests of Club members. Of the four man crew on my boat half are non-members of the RHKYC. The RHKYC has always worked very closely with its National Sporting Authorities, namely Hong Kong Sailing Federation, Hong Kong China Rowing Association and Hong Kong Dragon Boating Association, and frequently assists with the provision of space, expertise, equipment and facilities, supporting them in the development of water sports and nurturing young sailors and rowers in Hong Kong.

The RHKYC and its members have been instrumental in the establishment and continued running of our National Sports Authorities such as Hong Kong Sailing Federation, Hong Kong China Rowing Association, Hong Kong Water Sports Council and Dragon Boat Association of Hong Kong. Hong Kong Sailing Federation was founded (originally as the Hong Kong Yachting Association) in 1962 with the assistance of RHKYC members. Currently supported by RHKYC through the organisation of local, regional and world class sailing events. In addition the Club provides storage at no charge for HKSF boats at Middle Island. The RHKYC collaborates closely with its related National Sports Authorities and Associations. For example, the Club initiated discussions to bring the Volvo Ocean Race into Hong Kong. Negotiations related to the final agreement were subsequently managed by Hong Kong Sailing Federation in order to finalise the agreement between Hong Kong Government and the Volvo Ocean Race authority. The RHKYC aims to raise the bar for its sports and act as a feeder Club to national squad teams.

The RHKYC aims to deliver iconic / international sports events in Hong Kong it is promoting Hong Kong as a centre for major international sports events. As a premier international sailing and rowing club, the RHKYC organises a full calendar of high-profile local and international race events in Victoria Harbour, south of Hong Kong Island and in the Sai Kung area, helping place Hong Kong firmly on the global sporting map, burnishing Hong Kong's image as an international city. Over the past year, competitors have come from 29 countries to participate in Club organised events. The RHKYC organises and supports many world-class racing events for sailing and rowing in

Hong Kong. All these initiatives involve substantial financial, race management and manpower commitment from the Club. For example the Club: provided the on-the-water support for the high profile Volvo Ocean Race

stopover; hosted the 29er World Championships in 2018. There were a total of 58 teams from 11 countries and cities, including New Zealand, France, Australia, Slovenia, Russia, Canada, USA, UK and HKG (17 teams from Hong Kong); hosted the Optimist Asian and Oceanic Championships in 2017. This saw 132 entries from 16 countries and cities – HKG, Singapore, Turkey, China, Thailand, USA, India, Oman, Australia, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, Myanmar, Taipei, Sri Lanka and Bermuda. There were 20 entries from Hong Kong (the International Optimist Dinghy Association limits the number of entries per country).

The RHKYC created Hong Kong Race Week and now co-organises this iconic dinghy regatta in collaboration with the Hong Kong Sailing Federation. In 2018, the event attracted 221 entries from 10 cities and nations, including Hong Kong, China, Indonesia, India, Italy, Macau, Qatar, Singapore, Taipei and the USA. The RHKYC is the only club in Asia to organise Category 1 offshore sailing races. Such major events include the Rolex China Sea Race (in 2018 there were 29 entries (266 sailors) in 2018 of which 7 came from overseas),

the Hong Kong to Vietnam Race (in 2017 there were 13 entries (130 sailors) in 2017 of which 7 came from overseas, and the San Fernando Race (in 2017 there were 16 entries (145 sailors) in 2017 of which 3 came from overseas). I have taken part in a number of these events over years. This opportunity would never have arisen without the RHKYC. The RHKYC organises recreational activity in the harbour every week and helps add to the diversity and vibrancy of on-water activity that is enjoyed by locals and tourists alike. A significant number of RHKYC members provide voluntary, unpaid race management and safety coverage support for sailing and rowing events across Hong Kong. In 2017/18, this figure has exceeded 2,000 man-days. I myself commit a considerable number of hours per year to assisting racing in Hong Kong; either as a race official or providing safety cover. This involves keeping up the level of my training and certifications in these fields. I have officiated at the school's regatta which is largely run for the benefit of non-members. I have driven a safety boat for a number of days at Optimist Asian and Oceanic Championships in 2017. This again was an event predominantly for non-members. This is in addition to the hours I do at other club events where both members and non-members compete using the clubs facilities.

The RHKYC promotes Hong Kong as a centre of excellence in water sports. The RHKYC has a global network of reciprocal clubs that members can visit and enjoy the facilities of. Conversely, members of these affiliated clubs are able to use the Club's facilities during their visits to Hong Kong, which helps enhance their experience of the city. This also benefits Hong Kong's tourism potential. The RHKYC has been recognised as the best yacht club in Asia and is considered one of the top yacht clubs in the world. Recognition is also given to the regattas the Club organises. This is manifested by the fact that at the Asian Boating Awards the RHKYC has been awarded 'Best Asian Yacht Club' seven times since 2010 and won the award for 'Best Asian Regatta' six times since 2010. We share the pride of the Club's success and worldwide recognition. The RHKYC was a founding member of the International Council of Yacht Clubs, an organisation bringing together leading sailing clubs from across the world in order to share best practices in areas such as club management, youth sailing development, and member engagement, together with developments in the sport.


The RHKYC is committed to giving back to society. Throughout its history, the RHKYC, its members and its staff have been active in charitable initiatives to reach into the community and support underprivileged children, maritime communities and environmental causes. In 2012, the Club officially established the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club Charity Foundation, aiming to: Inspire, motivate and support underprivileged children aged up to 18; Support retired mariners and other maritime communities; Embrace marine conservation and related initiatives. The RHKYC's support takes the form of fundraising for donations to causes and through members' voluntary service delivering positive experiences to those less fortunate either on or off the water. The RHKYC Charity Foundation has organised various community outreach and experiential activities for NGOs and community organisations across its three clubhouses. For example: An Annual Sailing and Paddling Day for underprivileged students is organised at the Middle Island Clubhouse. The initiative aims to provide a sailing and rowing experience for the teenagers and teach them positive life skills, while also enjoying a healthy sporting activity. With my boat, I have taken part in this event over a number of years. I am a firm believer in the benefit of sailing for all and it is great to see the level of enthusiasm from the kids we take out. Would be great to see them out on the water more often. Regular community outreach days are organised at Shelter Cove, most recently with the Hong Kong Sea Scouts. Annual events are also organised with students from the Ebenezer School and Home for the Visually Impaired to give them an experience of

sailing in a structured, safe environment. Chronically ill children supported by charities such as the Hong Kong Red Cross and Little Life Warriors are invited, together with their families, to the Kellett Island Clubhouse to have dinner and watch the harbour firework displays – often this is the only opportunity they have to see them. The RHKYC Charity Foundation supports activities such as beach cleanups and educational programmes to promote awareness of the ocean, its diversity and issues related to plastic pollution.

Overall, if the RHKYC PRL's are withdrawn the Hong Kong community will lose invaluable access to the large open and beautiful waters of Hong Kong. In Hong Kong, we are so short of land but have such bountiful amounts of open water to spend our leisure time on. It would be an incredibly shortsighted move to take away our means of access to the water, that is so well managed for the benefit of the whole community by the RHKYC. I am also very concerned about the lease premiums being increased substantially. The RHKYC currently focuses on providing cost-effective access to water sports so that as wide a cross-section of society can participate in water sports. If the premium is increased significantly, I am concerned that this will push the cost of our sport beyond the means of everyone but the very richest members of society. I believe sport should be inclusive and if the premium is increased significantly sailing would stop being an inclusive sport. I strongly disagree with this suggestion.

Regards

James Savage



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please see my comments

Please respond to

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

25/06/2018 16:52

History:

This message has been replied to.

(a) whether all PRL sites should continue to be handled under the existing lease arrangement, or alternative lease arrangement should be adopted

Obviously the lease arrangement as it stands today works well for many clubs. But for those who abuse it there should be a more detailed and stringent system to punished them and those who contribute should be rewarded with good point and allow to continue to strive a provide the public and their members with sports, enjoyment and happiness as today. Over regulating such frail business model would jeopardise the survival of many.

(b) how to assess whether these sites should be retained or returned to the Government for other development purposes

The quarterly report sent to HAB by all these PRL for the last 6 or 7 years should give the answer to that.

What development purpose can these sites provide anyway when 1200 ha of land is need and they barely cover 350ha WHAT LAND SHORTFAL WOULD THE PRL SITES SOLVE?

(c) whether charging nil or nominal land premium for the use of these sites should continue

Of course it should continue at nil or nominal land premium for those who have over the years developed, improved and open the PRL to members, sporting youth and the public.

Those PRLs are doing their job, benefiting Hong Kong sporting reputation, offering quality environement and should not be threaten to be bankrupted .

If some of them are very fancy or very basic but in prime areas for developers to take over and turn them into unaffordable flats what would be the benefit for Hong Kong? Nothing.

These PRLs been working on those sites over 50 years for most of them, investing and turning a useless piece of land into attractive and useful venues they have paid back dues many time over already, as opposed to companies that come and goes. At least if an onerous land premium is to be paid by PRLs flexibility in payment should be considered and the amount calculated according affordability not according to developer's unrealistic and extortionate land values serving only their profit and not Hong Kong.

(d) whether the PRL lessees should be required to further open up their facilities so as to better complement and support sports development in Hong Kong;

Yes of course but remember that most of them are already and by large opening their facilities compared to the actual and even proposed opening schemes

(e) what types of facilities should be allowed on these sites (including ancillary facilities);

Anything sporting and recreational as today

(f) how to enhance the monitoring on the governance and transparency of the lessees

Already in place with the quarterly reports and annual inspection by the HAB. PRLs activities and development are under extreme control already by all government departments how could it be more stringent than today?

(g) whether and how to assess applications for new sites for sports and recreational use

Being a site asking for a new site for 7 years already the mechanisms for PRLs is already so much more difficult than for any other business in Hong Kong I believe the system is already been very difficult.

Should there be any new sites of course yes, if that site has sporting values, educational values or quality of life improvement values for Hong Kong people, who living in flats that are getting smaller by the day and more expensive by the second. These kind of site offer a small retreat in the hardship life of Hong Kongers.

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PRL and Land Supply Public Consultation

to:  tfis@devb.gov.hk,
prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

26/06/2018 17:33

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Sirs,

Please find attached my submission for your consideration.

Regards,



B. Lam Housing problem.docx

Home Affairs Bureau (Recreation and Sport Branch),
13/F, West Wing, Central Government Offices,
2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar, Hong Kong

Secretariat, Task Force on Land Supply,
17/F West Wing, Central Government Offices,
2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar, Hong Kong

26 June, 2018

Submission

Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases – public consultation exercise

Government, you are trying to address a social problem – a housing problem but not to creating another one. A city without life, without diversity, without culture is a monotonous and boring city that may create social problems and instability. Sports and cultural activities are lubricants that make Hong Kong a vibrant metropolitan and a nice place to live. The promotion of these activities only counting on Leisure, Culture and Sports Department is simply not enough and the driving force to augment the promotion of these activities rests with the sporting community that have the passion to provide training and facilities. Any policy that discourage private sector initiative to support sports development is fundamentally flawed. You do not wish to rob Peter to pay Paul, it does not work that way.

Our housing problem is a big problem. There are many factors leading to the plight of our today's situation. The land sale policy, the free flow of capital, the structure of our real estate market, and the lack of public confidence in our Government taming the overheated housing market are just a few dominant ones that dictate our spiraling housing price level. There are no quick fixes in our case and it is incumbent upon our Government to work out long term and short term solutions.

Long term solution is of course more land on which more residential buildings can be built. To our surprise, there are more than 60% of our land that falls within green zones. Yes, many of them may not be suitable for developing a new community (hilly topography and lack of transport network etc.), but many may. Yes, many of them require infrastructures, so laid them in good time to avoid procrastination. Look at Singapore, their government reclaim a lot to make good space for their

housing. We envy the Singaporeans. They have the guts to fight for the best interest of their citizens. Yes, we support our environment and are not asking for building a new town in the middle of our country parks or reclamation at Victoria Harbour or at the very spots where our dolphins and turtles live. However, we need to strike a balance between where we live and where our hikers can go during the weekend or where these lovely mammals can enjoy their habitat. After all, we can always choose the right places to build our homes or reclaim to minimize the impact on our environment.

Short term solution is all about expectation. Does not matter whether the home buyers are our citizens in need of accommodation or non-residents who would like to invest, if they anticipate that the housing market is going to collapse, they will stop buying. Then the free economy mechanism of demand and supply will drive the price down. We dare to say most of the Hong Kong working population cannot afford to purchase Hong Kong real estate anymore. Does it mean that they have no place to stay? No! It is just the desire to own properties by those who have capital to do so. Those who have housing needs can always rent if they have means. The price of our housing market is driven by the expectation that it will continue to rise further and cannot be curbed. Any policy or factors that can dampen this expectation will work, be they external factors (e.g. trade war, economic downturn, crisis situations, epidemics etc.) or even an effective move by the government (e.g. capital gain tax or restriction of non-resident's ownership etc.) that can restore the public confidence in addressing our housing problem.

Submitted by: B. Lam
(Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club [REDACTED])

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PRL for future land supply

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk,
tfls@devb.gov.hk

27/06/2018 14:45

History:

This message has been replied to.

Sirs,

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As an example the Royal HK Yacht Club promotes the development of water sports as sailing, rowing and paddling which are ideal sports for Hong Kong.

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Please do not spoil the chance of young Hong Kongers getting involved in sports whether sailing, rowing, golf, tennis, cricket, rugby, football etc - and this extends to keeping public sporting facilities such as Victoria Park and the town's numerous public swimming pools.

Gareth Williams



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PRIVATE RECREATION LEASES - RHKYC

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RHKYC

[REDACTED]

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

27/06/2018 15:15

History:

This message has been replied to.

My son, and several friends who are non-mambers have taken sailing lessons at RHKYC. Very important to keep the image for Hong Kong as a sailing haven for kids.

Sincerely,

Rupert Gildenhuys

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Public consultation on review of Private Recreational Leases

[REDACTED] to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

27/06/2018 15:21

Cc: **[REDACTED]**

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Sirs

I wish to write in support of maintaining the status quo of the Private Recreational Leases. As a new member of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club (RHKYC) I am in full support of their not-for-profit model and their recycling of any and all funds back in to the sports of sailing, rowing, paddling and dragon boating. All these sports are not only for the benefit of the members but are opened up to the wider community and the RHKYC is key to promoting them city wide. In addition, the RHKYC has made Hong Kong a major global player for all these sports introducing and facilitating international races as well as local. As you can imagine, any further financial burden will seriously hinder their ability to operate as they currently do and will in fact damage Hong Kong's reputation as sailing, rowing and paddling region.

Thank you and I do hope that the consultation finds that these sports clubs play a major role in promoting sports across the city and community.

Kind regards

Robert Taylor

[REDACTED]

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Leave the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club out of these political matters .

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk,
prl@rthkyc.org.hk

27/06/2018 17:39

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear PRL consultation Group,

It is unfair that the Government is grouping all Private Recreational Leases in the same category and manner in which the Land Task force is reviewing potential alternative land options held by sporting clubs. There is no Government infrastructure to deal with these water sports or their development and putting this pressure on these nonprofit community sports clubs is wrong.

There are a number of things the government could do to effectively help the situation other than going after these sports clubs such as ;

- Review village land allocation use and effectiveness.
- Review current public housing policy and actual usage.
- Check if people who are allocated them are renting them out for cash.
- Study & apply the Singapore Public housing model and home ownership scheme.
 - Have restrictions on property ownership. One property per family. Not one in the wife's name, one in the husband name and investment flats. Apply taxes to all vacant properties not just new ones.

RHKYC puts all its revenues and resources into sports development, from facilities and equipment to managing races and providing training courses. Such a proposal would impose a considerable financial burden on all private sports clubs, including the RHKYC. Land Premium should not apply to RHKYC.

The task force on land questionnaire is misleading and poorly presented and sports clubs like the RHKYC should not be included.

As a RHKYC member and water sports lover, I see how important the Club is to the development of watersports in Hong Kong, including sailing, rowing, paddling and dragon boating. Over the last 170 years, the Club has been instrumental in promoting these sports to the local community, nurturing future talent, and organising and hosting local and international racing events throughout the year. All of these contributions to Hong Kong are facilitated by the fact that the RHKYC has a PRL.

Please reconsider your position on RHKYC with respect to potential land use for residential and land premium.

Best Regards

Graham Tier

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Opinion on HK land supply , taking it from private clubs

Cc: [REDACTED] to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

28/06/2018 07:29

History:

This message has been replied to.

Sir, Madam,

Re: Getting the land from the private clubs

I understand that you are looking at options for increasing the supply of land in Hong Kong and hopefully lower housing prices.

My family and I live in a bad, small and extremely expensive flat. When it rains, it leaks from the roof and the windows. Concrete falls from the ceiling in the staircase. It's very shabby.

Whatever you do, do not take away land from the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club. We balance our poor quality of housing partly by having access to facilities such as those offered by RHKYC. Even if we had a larger flat, we would still have to deal with being in one of the most densely populated and noisiest cities in the world.

Although it's noisy and crowded, Hong Kong is a special place in Asia that has attracted people from all over the world. Many ingredients are needed to achieve this. It's partly the international schools, partly the rule of law, partly the English, but it's also the quality of life. By chipping at the ingredients, you will end up turning Hong Kong into just another Chinese city.

Yes, the quality of housing is not great. But we still manage to have a good life. Compared to my unfit friends who live in cities in China. I am a picture of health. This is largely because I have access to water sport facilities not far from where I live.

RHKYC is not exclusive. As you can tell from this letter, we are not a rich family. Club members are always encouraging people to join the club by organizing training programs open to all.

RHKYC is also contributing to HK economy. As mentioned, by improving HK's quality of life, the club encourages senior international managers to be based here (where they keep people in their jobs and pay taxes). Other than that, the club regularly organize international competitions that attract people from all over the world. One event I help organize attracts teams from Dubai, the U.S., Singapore and Australia. This is good for tourism.

I think there are many other places – sites with abandoned containers, etc- that would be better sites for new housing. Please look elsewhere.

JF Tremblay

To: STH, SDEV, SHA

For your reference and action deemed appropriate, please.

Yours sincerely,

██████████
for Private Secretary to Chief Executive

----- Forwarded by Enquiry CEO/CEO/HKSARG on 28/06/2018 04:09 PM -----

From: Enquiry CEO/CEO/HKSARG

To: ██████████

Date: 28/06/2018 12:05 PM

Subject: Re: 粉嶺高球場的最高出路

陳先生:

6月20日致行政長官的電郵，我獲授權認收，謝謝你的意見。我們亦已把你的意見轉交有關部門參閱。

行政長官私人秘書

██████████ 代行)

From: ██████████

To: ██████████

Date: 20/06/2018 04:07 PM

Subject: 粉嶺高球場的最高出路

致 香港特首林鄭月娥女士

尊敬的林太:

本人於1979年開始協助深圳蛇口的改革開放，專注於航運和基建系統。現希望獻上一策，幫助解決粉嶺高球場的難題。

我建議一個「上置方案」，既可提供大量住宅，亦能保留球場、會所、古樹與環境，多方共贏:-

1. 高球場有三條十八洞球道，總長度約一萬七千米。方案是分三期在這三條球道上建共約280棟住宅大廈; 大廈之間相隔30-60米。大廈層數則由最大可建樓宅面積決定(估計約四十層)。如比對面積相約的荃灣，這裏可住三十萬人。

2. 全部大廈的屋頂均設計為平台。屋頂平台與平台之間則以較輕型的天橋結構(因只有人和高球車等使用)按原有球道連接起來。經種樹，園藝和鋪草皮後，原來的球道將重現屋頂(大概五棟大廈就足以支撐由發球點至果嶺約三百米的球道)。這全球獨一無二的「高」球場更有一望無際的景觀。

星加坡的濱海灣金沙酒店(Marina Bay Sands)與及本港的啟德郵輪碼頭和西九高鐵站皆有類似的高層花園特色。

3. 除加建升降機上落會所與球道外，歷史性的球會會所應毋須改動。

4. 由於現有樹木都在球道兩旁，而大廈只建在球道上，故此全部古樹皆得以保存。如果把區來道路、停車場和商場都建在地下層，地面便成為古樹參天的綠化園區; 低層裙樓也合科技研究和創新產業之用。

陳潤鈞 (Y K Chan) 謹上



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Royal HK Yacht Club

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

29/06/2018 09:33

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Committee

The Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club occupies a very modest footprint of Government land, but leverages that footprint into outstanding scale with results in the sports it promotes. It is critical that the RHKYC maintain the current PRL status, which in turn allows the Club to support significant community engagement in sailing, rowing, outrigger & dragon boating.

Hong Kong has enjoyed immense local, regional & international success specifically as a result of the development programs the Club has in place. These programs allow anybody in the community to become involved, but they also absorb significant amounts of Club resources. These development programs are not available anywhere else in Hong Kong.

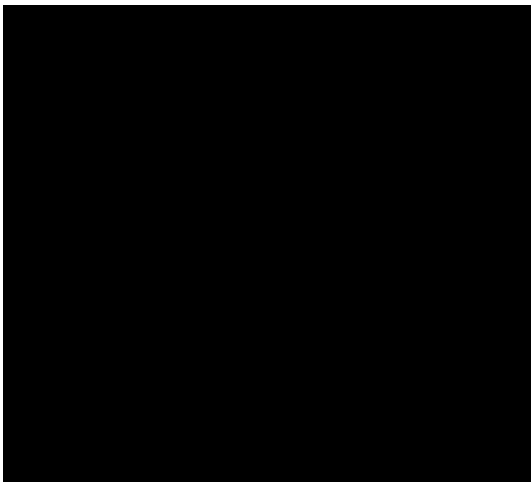
The development programs begin with youth, but also support & encourage people of any age to get involved. The programs are of a world class standard, & have produced world class athletes that represent Hong Kong on the world stage, including the Olympics, International and Regional events, as well as elite races with a global reach such as the Americas Cup & Volvo Ocean Race. Such outcomes are the result of many years of skill, commitment & investment (financial & group effort) by the RHKYC members & staff.

Forcing the RHKYC to pay huge fees to the Government would serve no benefit, on the contrary, such a change would essentially kill off these development programs, & dramatically change the Club in a way that 170 years of regional & world events have not.

I would urge the Committee to very carefully consider how the Hong Kong community would be really be served by financially strangling a successful sporting club through the removal of the PRL.

Sincerely

Colin Stewart



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**OBJECTION TO DO ANY THING THAT MAY ARM OR JEOPARDIZE
PRL's**

Cc: [REDACTED] to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

29/06/2018 15:05

History: This message has been replied to.

Dear sirs,

Having reviewed your document on your website, here are my answers to the questions asked in this document :

Your question about : **Whether all PRL sites should continue to be handled under the existing lease arrangement, or alternative lease arrangement should be adopted (pages 7-15 of your document)** : Yes all PRL sites should continue to be handled under the existing lease agreement and, even, leases should be longer than just 15 years to allow better development.

Your question about : **How to assess whether these sites should be retained or returned to the Government for other development purposes (pages 15-19 of your document)** : Promoting sport is essential for the well-being of people. PRL' sites should be able to demonstrate that they promote sports. Regular inspection should keep going maybe with a good point/bad point system to allow good PRL's to carry on.

Your question about : **Whether charging nil or nominal land premium for the use of these sites should continue (pages 19- 25 of your document)** : Of course it should continue at nil or nominal land premium for those who have over the years developed, improved and open the PRL's to members, sporting youth and the public. Those PRLs are doing their job, benefiting Hong Kong sporting reputation, offering quality environment, they should not be threaten to be bankrupted or closed down.

Your question about : **Whether the PRL lessees should be required to further open up their facilities so as to better complement and support sports development in Hong Kong (pages 25-30 of your document)** : yes definitively, PRL should be opening up their facilities to support sports development.

Your question about : **What types of facilities should be allowed on these sites including ancillary facilities (pages 30-31 of your document)** : Any kind of facilities as long as they are in line with the ethos and M&A of each clubs, provide sporting experience, and development are opened to all with a fee.

Your question about : **How to enhance the monitoring on the governance and transparency of the lessees (pages 31-33 of your document)** : as written above, continue the quarterly reporting and yearly inspection with good point bad point system to allow good PRL's to carry on and bad one to be terminated.

Your question about : **Whether and how to assess applications for new sites for sports and recreational use (pages 33-34 of your document)** : new sites for sports and recreational use should be able to apply as long as they are providing sporting experience and development are open to all with a fee.

As a member of Aberdeen Boat Club, I can tell that this Club has been contributing for many years to a better lifestyle for lots of people. The sailing courses and equipment are great and opened to general public.

Sailing Clubs in Hong Kong, such as Aberdeen Boat Club, Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club and Hebe Haven Yacht Club have been promoting youth sailing for several years and developed

some elite youth sailors who nowadays represent Hong Kong in International Competitions throughout the world. In order to maintain Hong Kong's good level of youth sailing worldwide, PRLs who are promoting sports should be able to not only remain under the existing or even longer lease agreement, but also to develop much more their facilities in order to welcome more general public and stimulate sailing with the youth people. Hong Kong being an island, it should be well-known for sailing. PRL's are here to help promoting Hong Kong's wonderful asset about sailing.

Thank you for your attention.

Best regards,

Cecile Martin



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**OBJECTION TO DO ANY THING THAT MAY ARM OR JEOPARDIZE
PRL's**

[REDACTED] to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk,

29/06/2018 19:07

History:

This message has been replied to.

I object to anything that may harm or jeopardize our club.

Douglas Chau



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OBJECTION TO DO ANYTHING THAT MAY ARM OR JEOPARDIZE PRL's

[REDACTED] to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

29/06/2018 20:06

History: This message has been replied to.

Dear sirs,

I reviewed your long document on your website, and I wish to answer some of the questions raised in this document :

Your question about : **Whether all PRL sites should continue to be handled under the existing lease arrangement, or alternative lease arrangement should be adopted (pages 7-15 of your document) :** Of course PRL's sites should continue to operate under the existing policy. PRL are essential for the life in Hong Kong and the image Hong Kong reflects throughout the world. People in the world should not see Hong Kong only as a concentration of buildings, but should be able to discover

Your question about : **How to assess whether these sites should be retained or returned to the Government for other development purposes (pages 15-19 of your document) :** The government should define a tool to see which sites are truly promoting sports. Those PRL who are supporting sports should be able to remain with their current lease agreement.

Your question about : **Whether charging nil or nominal land premium for the use of these sites should continue (pages 19- 25 of your document) :** The PRL who are promoting and encouraging sports should not be threaten to be closed down ; sports are essential for the Hong Kong people lifestyle.

Your question about : **Whether the PRL lessees should be required to further open up their facilities so as to better complement and support sports development in Hong Kong (pages 25-30 of your document) :** Yes of course and most of them already do anyway

Your question about : **What type of facilities should be allowed on these sites including ancillary facilities (pages 30-31 of your document) :** Any kind of facilities as long as they provide sporting experience, and are opened to all with a fee.

Your question about : **How to enhance the monitoring on the governance and transparency of the lessees (pages 31-33 of your document) :** by continuing the quarterly reporting and yearly inspection with good point bad point system to allow good PRL's to carry on and bad one to be terminated.

Your question about : **Whether and how to assess applications for new sites for sports and recreational use (pages 33-34 of your document) :** by checking if they develop elite sports and if they can host international events as more and more Hong Kong is becoming a key actor in International competitions (see Volvo Ocean Race this year, Asians Optimist Championship in 2017, etc)

I am a member of Aberdeen Boat Club, and I can assure that this Club not only has great sailing facilities which allows some sailors to improve their skills and represent Hong Kong in major International events throughout the world (I am one of them sailing in 29er in International Championships).

But also Aberdeen Boat Club encourages general public to discover sailing and is doing everything to encourage young kids to enjoy sailing.

Schools are proposing sailing lessons to their students through Aberdeen Boat Club.

Hong Kong is an exceptional venue for all water sports all year long because it benefits a climate which allows it. This is why PRL promoting water sports such as Aberdeen Boat Club should be able to keep their current lease and even should be allowed to develop more their facilities to welcome more sailors and people wishing to enjoy water sports.

Thank you for your attention.

Best regards,

Anatole Martin

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**OBJECTION TO DO ANY THING THAT MAY HARM OR JEOPARDIZE
PRL's**

Cc: [REDACTED] to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

29/06/2018 21:09

History:

This message has been replied to.

I am writing to give my views to the consultation regarding PRLs

1. **Whether all PRL sites should continue to be handled under the existing lease arrangement, or alternative lease arrangement should be adopted;**

Yes and leases should be longer than just 15 years to allow better development

2. **How to assess whether these sites should be retained or returned to the Government for other development purposes;**

Continue the quarterly reporting and yearly inspection with good point bad point system to allow good PRL's to carry on and bad ones to be terminated.

3. **Whether charging nil or nominal land premium for the use of these sites should continue;**

The government is constantly returning money back to tax payers via tax rebates. Why would the government then want to tax sports participation by charging clubs higher premium?

4. **Whether the PRL lessees should be required to further open up their facilities so as to better complement and support sports development in Hong Kong;**

Yes

5. **What types of facilities should be allowed on these sites (including ancillary facilities);**

Any as long as they are in line with the ethos and M&A of each clubs, provide sporting experience, and Development are opened to all with a fee.

6. **How to enhance the monitoring on the governance and transparency of the lessees;**

Continue the quarterly reporting and yearly inspection with good point bad point system to allow good PRL's to carry on and bad one to be terminated. Furthermore the government should review the clubs' membership admission policies to ascertain whether a member of the public can reasonably be expected to gain admission. If a club's admission involves a wait of several decades plus the supporting signatures of 10+ existing members it may be far too exclusive for the good of the public.

7. **Whether and how to assess applications for new sites for sports and recreational use;**

YES surely as long as they are providing sporting experience and development are open to all with a fee or if they are for the development of elite sports and international event support and hosting it should even be encouraged.

Additional comments:

HK prides itself as “Asia’s World City”. To maintain that status the city must continue to be an attractive place to live and work for talented people and their children. Globally, it is expected that sports and recreational facilities are plentiful and available at a reasonable cost to users. Clubs in HK supplement what the government provides and they have become the very fabric of family lives. To remove them is tantamount to lowering HK’s competitiveness and telling the world’s top talents to go elsewhere. If we do this HK will suffer and we will be handing the advantage to Singapore, Shanghai or Sydney.

Regards,

David Wong

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OBJECTION TO DO ANY THING THAT MAY ARM OR JEOPARDIZE PRL's

prl_consultation@hab.gov.

to: hk,

29/06/2018 23:04

History:

This message has been replied to.

Q1

- 1) Of course PRL's Site should continue to operate under the policy.
- 2) May be lease can be review in a way to better meet land use and sport development.
- 3) Yes and leases should be longer than just 15 years to allow better development
- 4) Over regulating such frail business model could jeopardize the survival of many.

Q2

- 1) Best sports promotion in the community assessment tool to be defined
- 2) Continue the quarterly reporting and yearly inspection with good point bad point system to allow good PRL's to carry on and bad ones to be terminated.
- 3) Best development of elite sports option and sponsorship to be demonstrated
- 4) Focus on international event preparation, support and hosting is to play a part in this assessment
- 5) How the PRL'S site are providing sufficient % of sport promotion against recreation activities and facilities
- 6) How the PRL's support their duty of opening to NSA and eligible outside bodies.
- 7) The quarterly report sent to HAB by all PRL for the last 6 or 7 years should give the answer to that.
- 8) If 1200 ha of land is needed rapidly and PRL's barely cover 350ha WHAT LAND SHORTFAL WOULD THE PRL SITES SOLVE? There are other land options to look for.

Q3

- 1) How can one comment without a proper definition of the premium charge mechanism, this is not ready to be commented upon.
- 2) By looking deeper in the contribution of PRL's over the year towards Hong Kong by developing unusable plots of land into prime sports area for Hong Kong shows that premium have already been paid in another way.
- 3) The definition of spots against ancillary facilities is necessary but inexistent so far how this can affect the premium no one knows yet.
- 4) Why charging a premium and then over controlling the debenture sales, (ISSUANCE, LENGTH, PRICE, SALABILITY AND TRANSFER) this is a terrible financial impact on the survival of the PRL'S and a double charge.
- 5) Of course it should continue at nil or nominal land premium for those who have over the years developed, improved and open the PRL's to members, sporting youth and the public. Those PRLs are doing their job, benefiting Hong Kong sporting reputation, offering quality environment, they should not be threaten to be bankrupted or closed down.
- 6) At least if an onerous land premium is to be paid by PRL's flexibility in payment should be considered and the amount calculated according affordability not according to developer's unrealistic and extortionate land values.

Q4

- 1) Yes surely they already do anyway

Q5

- 1) Any as long as they are in line with the ethos and M&A of each clubs, provide sporting experience,

and Development are opened to all with a fee.

Q6

1) Continue the quarterly reporting and yearly inspection with good point bad point system to allow good PRL's to carry on and bad one to be terminated.

Q7

1) YES surely as long as they are providing sporting experience and development are open to all with a fee and

2) Yes if they are for the development of elite sports and international event support and hosting it should even be encouraged.

Finally	please	note
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Club is open to the general public for sports actually 80% of the certification in the club or the sailing activity in general is for non-members.• The Club has developed the land over the last 50 years and has already paid its due why charging more again.• The Club is a peaceful haven in the Hong Kong jungle and bring peace, harmony and tranquility for the community.		

No name provided

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Submission on Review of Private Recreational Leases

[REDACTED] to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

29/06/2018 23:05

Cc: [REDACTED]

Please respond to [REDACTED]

History:

This message has been replied to.

To: Home Affairs Bureau,

I am pleased to provide my submission on the subject review for your consideration. The Submission Letter is enclosed as attachment below.

Professor Peter KC Yu



Submission on Review of Private Recreational Leases (by Prof. Peter KC YU) 2018-06-29 NO.1.pdf



Our Ref. 1001/26/03/15

29 June 2018

Dear Members of the Policy Review Team,

Submission on Review of Private Recreational Leases

I am a technologist and a business man operating in Hong Kong and in the Region. I am pleased to submit my submission on the subject and believe my views reflect the views of majority of SMEs in Hong Kong.

Macro View

First of all, I want to point out that the main concern of the general public in Hong Kong (HK) is lack of land for building public subsidized housing. This, in turn, prompts the Government to review the Private Recreational Leases trying to acquire land. In conducting this review, I urge the Review Team or Task Force not to forget the underlying key objective is to find more land. More importantly, I urge the Review Team not to take a “microscopic view” and lose sight of the “greater interest” of Hong Kong. Please remember Hong Kong claims to be the Asia’s World City. We face fierce competition in the region (e.g. Singapore) and other cities in south China. We need to attract and retain both local and international talents and capital investment. Recreational facilities of international standard are the key factor to meet this end.

Specific Views

Firstly:

I believe Hong Kong Yacht Club has been making valuable contribution in promoting maritime sports for local schools and general public in Hong Kong. At the same time, the Club helps to attract and retain foreign talents and their families which, in turn, bring in more investments to Hong Kong. Furthermore, the location and the area of the sites are not suitable for building public housing and certainly cannot address the concern of general public. Please also note that the Club is the only establishment in China that has over 170 Years of world-class maritime knowledge, connections, experience and reputation in maritime activities, education and skill training. This is an invaluable asset of Hong Kong. Hence, I strongly believe the Club is fully qualified for lease renewal upon expiry.

Secondly:

I object “requiring private sports clubs suitable for lease renewal to pay a concessionary premium to be set at one-third of the full market value land premium”. Hong Kong Government already has substantial budget surplus. This, in fact, contradicts with another Government’s initiative to promote sporting activities at affordable price.

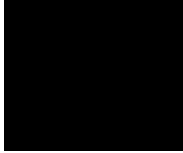
On the contrary, HK Government should consider selectively sponsoring some high-profile local and international maritime events which helps to place Hong Kong on the global stage. Please look at our key competitor in the region – Singapore. Their Government paid millions of dollars even absorbing all the accommodation costs of North Korea delegation in hosting the US-North Korea Summit Meeting. This firmly puts Singapore on the international business map!

Thirdly:

I object RIGIDLY “requiring private sports clubs to further open up their facilities to eligible outside bodies at up to 30 per cent of their total sports capacity and partner with sports organisations to organise sports programmes that can be open for enrolment by individual members of the public with a minimum of 240 sports programme hours per month”. Please kindly note that majority of maritime activities require proper knowledge, skills and licences. Otherwise it will bring serious threats to the individual as well as our international shipping lanes. This also leads to wastage of scarce maritime sporting resources in Hong Kong. Opening

up arrangements need proper consultation with the Club.

Thank you in advance for your consideration,



Professor Peter KC Yu



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HAB Policy Review of Private Recreation Lease

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk,

30/06/2018 09:59

History:

This message has been replied to.

1. **Whether all PRL sites should continue to be handled under the existing lease arrangement, or alternative lease arrangement should be adopted;
(Refer to pages 7-15).**
*Of course PRL's Site should continue to operate under the policy.
Yes and leases should be longer than just 15 years to allow better development*

2. **How to assess whether these sites should be retained or returned to the Government for other development purposes;
(Refer to pages 15-19).***Best sports promotion in the community assessment tool to be defined and focus on international event preparation, support and hosting is to play a part in this assessment*

3. **Whether charging nil or nominal land premium for the use of these sites should continue;
(Refer to pages 19- 25).***How can one comment without a proper definition of the premium charge mechanism, this is not ready to be commented upon.*

4. **Whether the PRL lessees should be required to further open up their facilities so as to better complement and support sports development in Hong Kong;
Yes surely they already do anyway**

(Refer to pages 25-30).

5. **What types of facilities should be allowed on these sites (including ancillary facilities);
(Refer to pages 30-31).**
Any as long as they are in line with the ethos and M&A of each clubs, provide sporting experience, and Development are opened to all with a fee.

6. **How to enhance the monitoring on the governance and transparency of the lessees;
(Refer to pages 31-33).**
Continue the quarterly reporting and yearly inspection with good point bad point system to allow good PRL's to carry on and bad one to be terminated.

7. **Whether and how to assess applications for new sites for sports and recreational**

use;

(Refer to pages 33-34).*Yes if they are for the development of elite sports and international event support and hosting it should even be encouraged*

Regards,

Jeroen Slot

Member of the Aberdeen Boat Club

[REDACTED]

Hong Kong

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**OBJECTION TO DO ANY THING THAT MAY ARM OR JEOPARDIZE
PRL's**

Cc: [REDACTED] to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

30/06/2018 17:01

History: This message has been replied to.

I believe that the outcome of the HAB Policy Review of Private Recreation Lease is to leave it all alone. The system works well and serves all.

1. **Whether all PRL sites should continue to be handled under the existing lease arrangement, or alternative lease arrangement should be adopted;**
Yes but leases should be longer than 15 years to allow better development
2. **How to assess whether these sites should be retained or returned to the Government for other development purposes;** Continue the quarterly reporting and yearly inspection with good point bad point system to allow good PRL's to carry on and bad ones to be terminated.
3. **Whether charging nil or nominal land premium for the use of these sites should continue;** By looking deeper in the contribution of PRL's over the year towards Hong Kong by developing unusable plots of land into prime sports area for Hong Kong shows that premium have already been paid in another way
4. **Whether the PRL lessees should be required to further open up their facilities so as to better complement and support sports development in Hong Kong;** They are already accessible to most of the public.
5. **What types of facilities should be allowed on these sites (including ancillary facilities);**
Facilities that service the purpose as described but the purpose of the club.
6. **How to enhance the monitoring on the governance and transparency of the lessees;**
Continue the quarterly reporting and yearly inspection with good point/bad point system to allow good PRL's to carry on and bad ones to be terminated.
7. **Whether and how to assess applications for new sites for sports and recreational use;**
YES surely as long as they are providing sporting experience and development are open to all with a fee

Please leave the PRL's alone so we can enjoy the wonders of Hong Kong.

Kind regards, Wayne Green



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**OBJECTION TO DO ANY THING THAT MAY HARM OR JEOPARDIZE
PRL (ABERDEEN BOAT CLUB)'S OPERATION**

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk,

30/06/2018 22:04

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Sir/ Madam,

I'd like to express my views on the following issues:-

Whether all PRL sites should continue to be handled under the existing lease arrangement, or alternative lease arrangement should be adopted:

Yes and leases should be longer than just 15 years to allow better development. Over regulating such frail business model could jeopardize the survival of many.

How to assess whether these sites should be retained or returned to the Government for other development purposes:

- Continue the quarterly reporting and yearly inspection with good point bad point system to allow good PRL's to carry on and bad ones to be terminated.
- Focus on international event preparation, support and hosting is to play a part in this assessment
- If 1200 ha of land is needed rapidly and PRL's barely cover 350ha, WHAT LAND SHORTFAL WOULD THE PRL SITES SOLVE? There are other land options to look for.

Whether charging nil or nominal land premium for the use of these sites should continue:

- By looking deeper in the contribution of PRL's over the year towards Hong Kong by developing unusable plots of land into prime sports area for Hong Kong shows that premium have already been paid in another way.
- Of course it should continue at nil or nominal land premium for those who have over the years developed, improved and open the PRL's to members, sporting youth and the public. Those PRLs are doing their job, benefiting Hong Kong sporting reputation, offering quality environment, they should not be threaten to be bankrupted or closed down.

Whether the PRL lessees should be required to further open up their facilities so as to better complement and support sports development in Hong Kong:

Yes surely they already do anyway

What types of facilities should be allowed on these sites (including ancillary facilities):

Any as long as they are in line with the ethos and M&A of each clubs, provide sporting experience, and Development are opened to all with a fee.

How to enhance the monitoring on the governance and transparency of the lessees:

Continue the quarterly reporting and yearly inspection with good point bad point system to allow good PRL's to carry on and bad one to be terminated.

Whether and how to assess applications for new sites for sports and recreational use:

Yes if they are for the development of elite sports and international event support and hosting it should even be encouraged.

Indeed, the Aberdeen Boat Club has developed the land over the last 50 years and has already paid its due why charging more again. It is certainly a peaceful haven in the Hong Kong jungle and brings peace, harmony and tranquility for the community.

Regards,

Cecelia Chu Yuen Ching

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**OBJECTION TO DO ANY THING THAT MAY ARM OR JEOPARDIZE
PRL's**

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk,
Cc: [REDACTED]

01/07/2018 12:51

History: This message has been replied to.

Dear Sir or Madam,

Please find below my comments in relation to your consultation. I believe PRLs enable Hong Kong to have a high quality of life and ensure it remains a great place to raise a family. Without PRLs Hong Kong would struggle to compete with its Asian neighbours as a desirable place to live.

1. Whether all PRL sites should continue to be handled under the existing lease arrangement, or alternative lease arrangement should be adopted;

- 1) Of course PRL's Site should continue to operate under the policy.
- 2) May be lease can be review in a way to better meet land use and sport development.
- 3) Yes and leases should be longer than just 15 years to allow better development
- 4) Over regulating such frail business model could jeopardize the survival of many.

2. How to assess whether these sites should be retained or returned to the Government for other development purposes;

- 1) Best sports promotion in the community assessment tool to be defined
- 2) Continue the quarterly reporting and yearly inspection with good point bad point system to allow good PRL's to carry on and bad ones to be terminated.
- 3) Best development of elite sports option and sponsorship to be demonstrated
- 4) Focus on international event preparation, support and hosting is to play a part in this assessment
- 5) How the PRL'S site are providing sufficient % of sport promotion against recreation activities and facilities
- 6) How the PRL's support their duty of opening to NSA and eligible outside bodies.
- 7) The quarterly report sent to HAB by all PRL for the last 6 or 7 years should give the answer to that.
- 8) If 1200 ha of land is needed rapidly and PRL's barely cover 350ha WHAT LAND SHORTFALL WOULD THE PRL SITES SOLVE? There are other land options to look for.

3. Whether charging nil or nominal land premium for the use of these sites should continue;

- 1) How can one comment without a proper definition of the premium charge mechanism, this is not ready to be commented upon.
- 2) By looking deeper in the contribution of PRL's over the year towards Hong Kong by developing unusable plots of land into prime sports area for Hong Kong shows that premium have already been paid in another way.
- 3) The definition of spots against ancillary facilities is necessary but inexistent so far how this can affect the premium no one knows yet.
- 4) Why charging a premium and then over controlling the debenture sales, (ISSUANCE, LENGTH, PRICE, SALABILITY AND TRANSFER) this is a terrible financial impact on the survival of the PRL'S and a double charge.
- 5) Of course it should continue at nil or nominal land premium for those who have over the years developed, improved and open the PRL's to members, sporting youth and the public. Those PRLs are doing their job, benefiting Hong Kong sporting reputation, offering quality environment, they should not be threaten to be bankrupted or closed down.
- 6) At least if an onerous land premium is to be paid by PRL's flexibility in payment should be considered and the amount calculated according affordability not according to developer's unrealistic and extortionate land values.

4. Whether the PRL lessees should be required to further open up their facilities so as to

better complement and support sports development in Hong Kong;

1) Yes surely they already do anyway

5. What types of facilities should be allowed on these sites (including ancillary facilities);

1) Any as long as they are in line with the ethos and M&A of each clubs, provide sporting experience, and Development are opened to all with a fee.

6. How to enhance the monitoring on the governance and transparency of the lessees;

1) Continue the quarterly reporting and yearly inspection with good point bad point system to allow good PRL's to carry on and bad one to be terminated.

7. Whether and how to assess applications for new sites for sports and recreational use;

1) YES surely as long as they are providing sporting experience and development are open to all with a fee and

2) Yes if they are for the development of elite sports and international event support and hosting it should even be encouraged.

Other Points To Raise:

Myself and family have been members of the club for almost four years. We joined primarily to learn to sail. We were frustrated by the lack of opportunities to learn to sail at the LCSD centres as their courses are ran on a ballot basis and would limit our opportunity to learn to sail together. Also the minimum age for learning with the LCSD outlets is 14 which doesn't work for us as our children are younger. Incidentally many non members learn to sail at the club (80% of those taking courses are non members) so clearly the club fulfils a need in the community that cannot be fulfilled elsewhere.

In addition we need to have somewhere in Hong Kong where we can relax and unwind on a regular basis - no-where else exists in Hong Kong for this purpose. Without this club we would not have such a quality of life. This quality of life ensures Hong Kong is a great place to live and raise a family.

No name provided

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**OBJECTION TO DO ANY THING THAT MAY ARM OR JEOPARDIZE
PRL's**

prl_consultation@hab.go

to: v.hk,

01/07/2018 14:31

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear whomever it may concern,

Here is my reply to the HAB Policy review of Private Recreation Lease:

Whether all PRL sites should continue to be handled under the existing lease arrangement, or alternative lease arrangement should be adopted;

(Refer to pages 7-15)

- 1) Of course PRL's Site should continue to operate under the policy.
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- 3) Yes and leases should be longer than just 15 years to allow better development
- 4) Over regulating such frail business model could jeopardize the survival of many.

How to assess whether these sites should be retained or returned to the Government for other development purposes;

(Refer to pages 15-19).

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(Refer to pages 25-30).**

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**How to enhance the monitoring on the governance and transparency of the lessees;
(Refer to pages 31-33).**

- 1) Continue the quarterly reporting and yearly inspection with good point bad point system to allow good PRL's to carry on and bad one to be terminated.

**Whether and how to assess applications for new sites for sports and recreational use;
(Refer to pages 33-34).**

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- 2) Yes if they are for the development of elite sports and international event support and hosting it should even be encouraged.

Additional comments:

- The Club is open to the general public for sports actually 80% of the certification in the club or the sailing activity in general is for non-members.
- The Club has developed the land over the last 50 years and has already paid its due why charging more again.
- The Club is a peaceful haven in the Hong Kong jungle and bring peace, harmony and tranquility for the community.

Yours sincerely,
Priyanka de Manny

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Review of policy of private recreational leases

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

01/07/2018 14:52

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Sirs,

Further to your review of the policy of private recreational leases, I would like to answer your questions asked as follows.

1. **Whether all PRL sites should continue to be handled under the existing lease arrangement, or alternative lease arrangement should be adopted;**
(Refer to pages 7-15) Answer: Yes, but the leases could be designed to better meet sports development in Hong Kong.
2. **How to assess whether these sites should be retained or returned to the Government for other development purposes;**
(Refer to pages 15-19) Answer: Whether or not the PRL lessees are contributing to society - e.g., sports promotion in the local community; development of elite athletes/sports, international exposure (for HK's reputation and tourism).
3. **Whether charging nil or nominal land premium for the use of these sites should continue;**
(Refer to pages 19- 25) Answer: a nominal land premium should be charged. PRL lessees have developed and improved the sites over the years at their own cost. They have contributed to Hong Kong's sports development without any government assistance.
4. **Whether the PRL lessees should be required to further open up their facilities so as to better complement and support sports development in Hong Kong;**
(Refer to pages 25-30) Answer: this is already happening and should be properly monitored by the HAB.
5. **What types of facilities should be allowed on these sites (including ancillary facilities);**
(Refer to pages 30-31) Answer: whatever is allowed for under their M&A. For sports clubs, this should be sports facilities (including changing facilities, F&B, repair and maintenance of equipment)
6. **How to enhance the monitoring on the governance and transparency of the lessees;**
(Refer to pages 31-33) Answer: the current quarterly reporting and annual inspection should be sufficient.
7. **Whether and how to assess applications for new sites for sports and recreational use;**
(Refer to pages 33-34) Answer: yes, of course new applications for sports and recreational use should be received. This is something society can do better than government. As long as membership/use is open to all regardless of gender, age, race, disability, etc, they should be encouraged and considered favourably

General comments:

Our club, the Aberdeen Boat Club, offers sailing courses and events to both members and non-members and is extremely active in developing and supporting sailing in Hong Kong. We have sponsored many sailors to represent Hong Kong in overseas events, something which the government is unable to do (except for the very elite, top HK sailors). We have developed the land which the club sits on for many years at our own cost. Members of the club support local businesses who provide many services – e.g. repair and maintenance services, insurance, food and beverage, employment. The jobs of the people who provide these services will either be lost or severely diminished. We also host visiting sailors and greatly enhance the reputation of Hong Kong as a vibrant and hard-working/hard-playing place to visit and live. Recreational clubs are common the

world over and if Hong Kong wishes to maintain its reputation as a world city, these facilities must be available.

Many thanks,
Diana Bruce
Hong Kong resident

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**OBJECTION TO DO ANY THING THAT MAY HARM OR JEPORDISE
PRL's**

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk,

01/07/2018 15:19

History:

This message has been replied to.

In regards to the future of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs) from the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) and the land supply options from the Task Force on Land Supply. We would like to make the following supporting comments for The Aberdeen Boat Club, which we have many members for over 25 years:-

1. Whether all PRL sites should continue to be handled under the existing lease arrangement, or alternative lease arrangement should be adopted; Refer to pages 7-15).

- * PRL's Site should continue to operate under the policy.
- * Consider the lease can be reviewed in a way to better meet land use and sport development.
- * Yes. Leases should be longer than just 15 years to allow better development
- *Over regulating such frail business model could jeopardize the survival of many.

2. How to assess whether these sites should be retained or returned to the Government for other development purposes;) .(Refer to pages 15-19).

- * The Best sports promotion in the community assessment tool to be defined.
- * Continue the quarterly reporting and yearly inspection with good point bad point system to allow good PRL's to carry on and bad ones to be terminated.
- * Best development of elite sports option and sponsorship to be demonstrated.
- * Focus on international event preparation, support and hosting is to play a part in this assessment
- * How the PRL'S site are providing sufficient % of sport promotion against recreation activities and facilities.
- * How the PRL's support their duty of opening to NSA and eligible outside bodies.
- * The quarterly report sent to HAB by all PRL for the last 6 or 7 years should give the answer to that. If 1200 ha of land is needed rapidly and PRL's barely cover 350ha
WHAT LAND SHORTFAL WOULD THE PRL SITES SOLVE? There are other land options to look for

3. Whether charging nil or nominal land premium for the use of these sites should continue; (Refer to pages 19- 25).

- * How can one comment without a proper definition of the premium charge mechanism, this is not ready to be commented upon.
- * By looking deeper in the contribution of PRL's over the year towards Hong Kong by developing unusable plots of land into prime sports area for Hong Kong shows that premium have already been paid in another way.
- * The definition of spots against ancillary facilities is necessary but inexistent so far how this can affect the premium no one knows yet.
- * Why charging a premium and then over controlling the debenture sales, (ISSUANCE, LENGTH, PRICE, SALABILITY AND TRANSFER) this is a terrible financial impact on the survival of the PRL'S and a double charge.
- * Of course it should continue at nil or nominal land premium for those who have over the years developed, improved and open the PRL's to members, sporting youth and the public. Those PRLs are doing their job, benefiting Hong Kong sporting reputation, offering quality environment, they should not be threaten to be bankrupted or closed down.
- * At least if an onerous land premium is to be paid by PRL's flexibility in payment should be considered and the amount calculated according affordability not according to developer's unrealistic and extortionate land values.

4. Whether the PRL lessees should be required to further open up their facilities so as to better complement and support sports development in Hong Kong; (Refer to pages 25-30).

- * Most PRL already do. Members pay a premium for the use of the facilities, and should be given consideration and are willing to support development in HK.

5. What types of facilities should be allowed on these sites (including ancillary facilities); (Refer to pages 30-31).

- * As long as they are in line with the ethos and M&A of each clubs, provide sporting experience, do not inconvenience members and Development are opened to all with a fee.

6. How to enhance the monitoring on the governance and transparency of the lessees; (Refer to pages 31-33).

- * Continue the bi annual or quarterly reporting and yearly inspection with good point bad point system to allow good PRL's to carry on and bad one to be terminated.

7. Whether and how to assess applications for new sites for sports and

**recreational use;
(Refer to pages 33-34).**

* YES if they are providing sporting experience and development are open to all with a fee.

* Yes if they are for the development of elite sports and international event support and hosting it should even be encouraged.

Additional comments you may use:

- We have been members of the ABC for over 25 years. It's an integral part of the Hong Kong Community - a sanctuary for family, friends and colleagues to meet socially and interact in a wide range of sporting and dining facilities. It has survived many difficulties, and enjoyed support from its loyal members. It is more than just a land option, peoples livelihoods and that of their families would be seriously affected if we were to lose the club, many of the staff have been with the club for their entire careers.

The Club is open to the general public for sports- actually 80% of the certification in the club or the sailing activity in general is for non-members.

- The Club has developed the land over the last 50 years and has already paid its due why charging more again.

- The Club is a peaceful haven in the Hong Kong jungle and bring peace, harmony and tranquillity for the community.

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OBJECTION TO DO ANY THING THAT MAY ARM OR JEOPARDIZE PRL's

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk,

01/07/2018 17:02

History:

This message has been replied to.

Q1 Whether all PRL sites should continue to be handled under the existing lease arrangement, or alternative lease arrangement should be adopted;

I think the PRL should continue to operate under the same basic policy, with longer leases of 20 years so any capital projects can be fully utilised.

Q2 How to assess whether these sites should be retained or returned to the Government for other development purposes;

Continue the quarterly reporting and yearly inspection with good point bad point system to allow good PRL's to carry on and bad ones to be terminated.

Q3 Whether charging nil or nominal land premium for the use of these sites should continue;

The HKSAR Government has such a big reserve already. Surely money is not the issue. Most of the PRL sites offer a friendly and healthy place for people to socialise and engage in sports. I think this is something HK needs more of.

Q4 Whether the PRL lessees should be required to further open up their facilities so as to better complement and support sports development in Hong Kong;

The PRL lessees have made tremendous efforts to open their facilities. However it seems the uptake from the community has been very slow in many cases. The PRL lessees may provide hours to the educational, social and sports organisation, but it is very haphazard and I don't think it really complements or supports sports development in any worthwhile way.

Q5 What types of facilities should be allowed on these sites (including ancillary facilities)

Any as long as they are in line with the ethos and M&A of each clubs, provide sporting experience, and Development are opened to all with a fee.

Q6 How to enhance the monitoring on the governance and transparency of the lessees;

Continue the quarterly reporting and yearly inspection with good point bad point system to allow good PRL's to carry on and bad one to be terminated.

Q7 Whether and how to assess applications for new sites for sports and recreational use;

As long as they are providing sporting and recreational experience and development with a fee and if they are for the development of elite sports and international event support and hosting it should even be encouraged.

Additional comments:

The Club is open to the general public for sports actually 80% of the certification in the club or the sailing activity in general is for non-members.

The Club has developed the land over the last 50 years and has already paid its due why charging more again.

The Club is a peaceful haven in the Hong Kong jungle and bring peace, harmony and tranquillity for the community.

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OBJECTION TO DO ANY THING THAT MAY ARM OR JEOPARDIZE PRL's

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk,

01/07/2018 17:07

History: This message has been replied to.

Dear whomever it may concern,

I am writing in objection to anything that may harm or jeopardize PRLs. The following is my response to the recommended questions:

1. **Whether all PRL sites should continue to be handled under the existing lease arrangement, or alternative lease arrangement should be adopted; (Refer to pages 7-15).**

I believe that PRL's Site should continue to operate under the policy. Perhaps the lease can be reviewed in a way to better meet land use and sport development. I also believe that leases should be longer than just 15 years to allow better development both socially, and economically, Clubs bring in a large economic advantage to many aspects of the local economy and should be given time to grow and branch like other businesses can in HK. Over regulating such frail business model could jeopardize the survival of many clubs and not to mention other businesses that will be severely affected by this apart from clubs. This is due to sponsorships and if the lease is not renewed, many companies will no longer want to risk investing in HK, leaving HK stranded in a mists of a lack of competition.

2. **How to assess whether these sites should be retained or returned to the Government for other development purposes; (Refer to pages 15-19).**

Best sports promotion in the community assessment tool to be defined. Many clubs are, for example I would argue that the Aberdeen Boat Club is the best recreational and professional sailing facility in the entirety of the Aberdeen and area, and I would argue in the entire southern district. What qualifies as the best facility should be clearly defined and polled by users and non-users alike.

To see progress and proper use of land and leases, the government can continue the quarterly reporting and yearly inspection with good point bad point system to allow good PRL's to carry on and bad ones to be terminated. Additionally, the best development of elite sports option and sponsorship to be demonstrated and presented to officials and/or a reporter to evaluate the efficiency and proficiency of businesses operating under the PRL.

Focus on international event preparation, support and hosting is to play a part in this assessment. May businesses under the PRL are hosts for large scale events like races, competitions and meet-and-greets which bring press, promotion and investment to Hong Kong, this makes them very useful sources of economic activity. Therefore, in the evaluation, the amount and type of these events should be considered thoroughly. PRL'S site are providing a sufficient percentage of sport promotion against recreation activities and facilities

Furthermore, the PRL's support their duty of opening to NSA and eligible outside bodies. PRLs do not seclude themselves or brand the selves as being exclusive, they are open and useable to all those who intend to use them.

The above points are mentioned in the quarterly report sent to HAB by all PRL for the last 6 or 7 years should give the answer to that. Every tenant to the PRL is obliged to submit said report and I feel that all reports should be thoroughly read through and considered.

My final point for this question is that if 1200 hectares of land is needed urgently and PRL's barely

cover 350 hectares WHAT LAND SHORTFALL WOULD THE PRL SITES SOLVE? There are other land options to look for. PRLs are hardly the best source for this land, I would argue that they are not even good and for the land needed, with many having strong and specific infrastructure, it could prove difficult and expensive to reuse the brownfield land from PRLs.

**3. Whether charging nil or nominal land premium for the use of these sites should continue;
(Refer to pages 19- 25).**

My biggest concern with this is how can one comment without a proper definition of the premium charge mechanism? This is not ready to be commented upon as it is not clearly defined, explained or specified.

Secondly, looking deeper into the contribution of PRL's over the year towards Hong Kong by developing unusable plots of land into prime sports area for Hong Kong shows that premium have already been paid in another way.

Furthermore, the definition of spots against ancillary facilities is necessary but inexistent so far how this can affect the premium no one knows yet.

Fourthly, why charging a premium and then over controlling the debenture sales, (ISSUANCE, LENGTH, PRICE, SALABILITY AND TRANSFER) this is a terrible financial impact on the survival of the PRL'S and a double charge.

Lastly, I believe that of course it should continue at nil or nominal land premium for those who have over the years developed, improved and open the PRL's to members, sporting youth and the public. Those PRLs are doing their job, benefiting Hong Kong sporting reputation, offering quality environment, they should not be threaten to be bankrupted or closed down. At least if an onerous land premium is to be paid by PRL's flexibility in payment should be considered and the amount calculated according affordability not according to developer's unrealistic and extortionate land values.

**4. Whether the PRL lessees should be required to further open up their facilities so as to better complement and support sports development in Hong Kong;
(Refer to pages 25-30).**

Yes, they do already, I do not see the concern here, I think that this is a very loaded question that attempts to paint PRLs in a bad light due to social misunderstandings of how they operate. Please read the reports that PRLs give in to see their openness to the public.

**5. What types of facilities should be allowed on these sites (including ancillary facilities);
(Refer to pages 30-31).**

Any facilities should be allowed, as long as they are in line with the ethos, laws and M&A of each clubs, provide sporting experience, and Development are opened to all with a fee.

**6. How to enhance the monitoring on the governance and transparency of the lessees;
(Refer to pages 31-33).**

To enhance the monitoring on the governance and transparency of the lessees, the government can continue the quarterly reporting and yearly inspection with good point bad point system to allow good PRL's to carry on and bad one to be terminated.

**7. Whether and how to assess applications for new sites for sports and recreational use;
(Refer to pages 33-34).**

YES, surely as long as they are providing sporting experience and development are open to all with a fee and, again, yes if they are for the development of elite sports and international event support and hosting it should even be encouraged.

Clubs are a part of Hong Kong history where some have histories dating back much before some of

use were born. As a member of the Aberdeen boat Club Community, I feel very strongly towards clubs and view this PRL as an infringement on their operation based on misunderstanding and miscarriages of justice. The Aberdeen Boat Club is open to the general public for sports actually 80% of the certification in the club or the sailing activity in general is for non-members. The Aberdeen Boat Club has developed the land over the last 50 years and has already paid its due why charging more again. The Aberdeen Boat Club is a peaceful haven in the Hong Kong jungle and bring peace, harmony and tranquillity for the community.

I hope you will take the voice of the Hong Kong people into serious consideration

Kind Regards

Philippe Hari de Manny

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私人遊樂場地契約政策檢討

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

02/07/2018 08:40

History:

This message has been replied to.

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OBJECTION TO DO ANY THING THAT MAY HARM OR JEOPARDIZE PRL's

[REDACTED] to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk,

02/07/2018 11:06

History: This message has been replied to.

Whether all PRL sites should continue to be handled under the existing lease arrangement, or alternative lease arrangement should be adopted; (Refer to pages 7-15).

Maybe lease can be reviewed in a way to meet land use *and* sport development.

How to assess whether these sites should be retained or returned to the Government for other development purposes;

1. **(Refer to pages 15-19).**

If 1200ha of land is needed rapidly and PRL's barely cover 350ha, *WHAT LAND SHORTFALL WOULD THE PRL SITES SOLVE ?* There are other land options to look for.

Whether charging nil or nominal land premium for the use of these sites should continue;

(Refer to pages 19- 25).

Of course it should continue at nil or nominal land premium for those who have over the years developed, improved and open the PRL's to members, sporting youth and the public. Those PRLs are doing their job, benefiting Hong Kong sporting reputation, offering quality environment, they should not be threatened to be bankrupted or closed down.

Whether the PRL leases should be required to further open up their facilities so as to better complement and support sports development in Hong Kong; (Refer to pages 25-30).

Yes. Surely, they already do anyway.

What types of facilities should be allowed on these sites (including ancillary facilities);

(Refer to pages 30-31).

1. Any as long as they are in line with the ethos and M&A of each clubs, provide sporting experience, and Development are opened to all with a fee.

How to enhance the monitoring on the governance and transparency of the lessees (Refer to pages 31-33).

1. Continue the quarterly reporting and yearly inspection with good point bad point system to allow good PRL's to carry on and bad one to be terminated.

Whether and how to assess applications for new sites for sports and recreational use; (Refer to pages 33-34).

Yes if they are for the development of elite sports and international event support and hosting it should even be encouraged.

Additionally, Aberdeen Boat Club has developed the land over 50 years and has already paid its due, so why charge more again?

In my opinion, The Club is a peaceful haven in the Hong Kong jungle and it brings peace, harmony and tranquility for our community. It's loved by many people; members or non-members. I hope you reconsider closing down Aberdeen Boat Club, as it is a great facility for members or non-members and this club has a history of over 50 years - many people are hoping it doesn't go to waste.

Ivana Wong

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**OBJECTION TO DO ANY THING THAT MAY ARM OR JEOPARDIZE
PRL's**

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk,

02/07/2018 11:28

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Sirs,

Please find hereafter my answers to the questions asked in your document:

Whether all PRL sites should continue to be handled under the existing lease arrangement, or alternative lease arrangement should be adopted

Yes and leases should be longer than just 15 years to allow better development and can be review in a way to better meet land use and sport development

How to assess whether these sites should be retained or returned to the Government for other development purposes

If 1200 ha of land is needed rapidly and PRL's barely cover 350ha WHAT LAND SHORTFAL WOULD THE PRL SITES SOLVE? There are other land options to look for.

Whether charging nil or nominal land premium for the use of these sites should continue

Of course it should continue at nil or nominal land premium for those who have over the years developed, improved and open the PRL's to members, sporting youth and the public. Those PRLs are doing their job, benefiting Hong Kong sporting reputation, offering quality environment, they should not be threaten to be bankrupted or closed down.

The Club has developed the land over the last 50 years and has already paid its due why charging more again.

Whether the PRL lessees should be required to further open up their facilities so as to better complement and support sports development in Hong Kong

Yes if they are for the development of elite sports and international event support and hosting it should even be encouraged.

What types of facilities should be allowed on these sites (including ancillary facilities)

As answered above, any facilities as long as they are in line with the ethos and M&A of each clubs, provide sporting experience, and Development are opened to all with a fee

How to enhance the monitoring on the governance and transparency of the lessees

Continue the quarterly reporting and yearly inspection with good point bad point system to allow good PRL's to carry on and bad one to be terminated.

Whether and how to assess applications for new sites for sports and recreational use

Yes, if they are for the development of elite sports and international event support, it should even be encouraged and opened to all with a fee

The Aberdeen Boat Club is contributing to a greater lifestyle for its members and invitees, it provides the adequate facilities for families to enjoy a peaceful and enjoyable time. The courses and equipment are great and opened to general public, which has become rare. The sailing clubs as Aberdeen Boat Club, Hebe Haven Yacht Club and Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club train the young sailors who represent Hong Kong locally and internationally, and thanks to the quality of their training, these sailors are also the pride of the schools they attend.

It would be a great loss for an island like Hong Kong not to be represented by some of the best sailing clubs.

Thank you for your attention,

Best regards

Virginie Zurcher

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OBJECTION TO DO ANY THING THAT MAY ARM OR JEOPARDIZE PRL's

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk,

02/07/2018 11:42

History: This message has been replied to.

1. **Whether all PRL sites should continue to be handled under the existing lease arrangement, or alternative lease arrangement should be adopted;**
Yes and leases should be longer than just 15 years to allow better development. Otherwise, the relevant club cannot have enough time to carry out longer project and investment for the sports development.
2. **How to assess whether these sites should be retained or returned to the Government for other development purposes;**
Best development of elite sports option and sponsorship to be demonstrated. Focus on international event preparation, support and hosting is to play a part in this assessment. This helps the public to recognize the global position in HK to have wide variety of lifestyle and culture.
3. **Whether charging nil or nominal land premium for the use of these sites should continue;**
The definition of spots against ancillary facilities is necessary but inexistent so far how this can affect the premium no one knows yet.
Why charging a premium and then over controlling the debenture sales, (ISSUANCE, LENGTH, PRICE, SALABILITY AND TRANSFER) this is a terrible financial impact on the survival of the PRL'S and a double charge.
Of course it should continue at nil or nominal land premium for those who have over the years developed, improved and open the PRL's to members, sporting youth and the public. Those PRLs are doing their job, benefiting Hong Kong sporting reputation, offering quality environment, they should not be threaten to be bankrupted or closed down.
At least if an onerous land premium is to be paid by PRL's flexibility in payment should be considered and the amount calculated according affordability not according to developer's unrealistic and extortionate land values.

If so, those premium should be judged and based on the contribution to public, youth sport activities etc. Moreover, The Club is open to the general public for sports actually 80% of the certification in the club or the sailing activity in general is for non-members. Even though the member cannot hire the equipment if it's occupied by public.
The Club has developed the land over the last 50 years and has already paid its due why charging more again. The Club's existing also benefit to the neighbourhood nearby in terms of scenery, properties value and sport activities.
4. **Whether the PRL lessees should be required to further open up their facilities so as to better complement and support sports development in Hong Kong;**
Yes surely they already do anyway.
5. **What types of facilities should be allowed on these sites (including ancillary facilities);**
Any as long as they are in line with the ethos and M&A of each clubs, provide sporting experience, and Development are opened to all with a fee.
6. **How to enhance the monitoring on the governance and transparency of the lessees;**
Continue the quarterly reporting and yearly inspection with good point bad point system to allow good PRL's to carry on and bad one to be terminated.

7. Whether and how to assess applications for new sites for sports and recreational use;

1. YES surely as long as they are providing sporting experience and development are open to all with a fee and
2. Yes if they are for the development of elite sports and international event support and hosting it should even be encouraged.

B Rgds

Wayne Sze

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OBJECTION TO DO ANY THING THAT MAY ARM OR JEOPARDIZE PRL's

██████████ to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk,

02/07/2018 11:44

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Sir, Mrs,

Having read the very long documentation from HAB on the policy review of private recreation lease, please see below my answers and opinions :

1. **Question: Whether all PRL sites should continue to be handled under the existing lease arrangement, or alternative lease arrangement should be adopted;** Yes I think so. Also leases should be longer than just 15 years to allow better long term development.
2. **Question : How to assess whether these sites should be retained or returned to the Government for other development purposes;**
At the moment the sites are doing a good job at promoting sports , no need to return to the Government. Not convinced about how it would be improved.
3. **Question: Whether charging nil or nominal land premium for the use of these sites should continue;**
Yes !!Of course it should continue at nil or nominal land premium for those who have over the years developed, improved and open the PRL's to members, sporting youth and the public. Those PRLs are doing their job, benefiting Hong Kong sporting reputation, offering quality environment, they should not be threaten to be bankrupted or closed down.
4. **Whether the PRL lessees should be required to further open up their facilities so as to better complement and support sports development in Hong Kong;** yes that is already the case. ABC for example already opens all classes and courses to non members.
5. **What types of facilities should be allowed on these sites (including ancillary facilities);**
Any type as long as they are in line with the ethos and M&A of each clubs, provide sporting experience, and Development are opened to all with a fee.
6. **How to enhance the monitoring on the governance and transparency of the lessees;**
Can continue the quarterly reporting and yearly inspection with good point bad point system to allow good PRL's to carry on and bad one to be terminated.
7. **Whether and how to assess applications for new sites for sports and recreational use;**
Yes surely as long as they are providing sporting experience and development are open to all with a fee.

I hope you will take good reading at my above answers.

Best regards
Edith Lin

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OBJECTION TO DO ANY THING THAT MAY ARM OR JEOPARDIZE PRL's

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk,

02/07/2018 12:21

History: This message has been replied to.

1. Whether all PRL sites should continue to be handled under the existing lease arrangement, or alternative lease arrangement should be adopted; (Refer to pages 7-15).

ANSWER: Yes and leases should be longer than just 15 years to allow better development

2. How to assess whether these sites should be retained or returned to the Government for other development purposes; (Refer to pages 15-19).

ANSWER: If 1200 ha of land is needed rapidly and PRL's barely cover 350ha WHAT LAND SHORTFAL WOULD THE PRL SITES SOLVE? There are other land options to look for

3. Whether charging nil or nominal land premium for the use of these sites should continue; (Refer to pages 19- 25).

ANSWER: How can one comment without a proper definition of the premium charge mechanism, this is not ready to be commented upon.

4. Whether the PRL lessees should be required to further open up their facilities so as to better complement and support sports development in Hong Kong; (Refer to pages 25-30).

ANSWER: Yes surely they already do anyway

5. What types of facilities should be allowed on these sites (including ancillary facilities); (Refer to pages 30-31).

ANSWER: Any as long as they are in line with the ethos and M&A of each clubs, provide sporting experience, and Development are opened to all with a fee.

6. How to enhance the monitoring on the governance and transparency of the lessees; (Refer to pages 31-33).

ANSWER: Continue the quarterly reporting and yearly inspection with good point bad point system to allow good PRL's to carry on and bad one to be terminated.

7. Whether and how to assess applications for new sites for sports and recreational use; (Refer to pages 33-34).

ANSWER: YES surely as long as they are providing sporting experience and development are open to all with a fee

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Review on Policy of Private Recreational Leases

[REDACTED] to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

02/07/2018 14:33

Cc: [REDACTED]

History:

This message has been replied to.

Ladies and gentlemen,

As a longstanding and active member of the Aberdeen Boat Club, located at 20 Shum Wan Road, Aberdeen ("ABC"), I wish to provide my views on the recommendations of the PRL policy review as follows. For your convenience, I am following the order of aspects as shown on page 2 of the Review document.

a) whether all PRL sites should continue to be handled under the existing lease arrangement, or alternative lease arrangement should be adopted;

PRL should be allowed to continue operating under the existing lease agreements. However, the HKSAR government should take an active role in assessing whether the PRLs still use the land in a way prescribed in the agreements, and abuses should be enforced against. Going forward, lease agreements or extension should allow for lease periods of 30 years or longer, to allow for the amortisation of development costs.

b) how to assess whether these sites should be retained or returned to the Government for other development purposes;

Facilities / operations of the PRLs must be assessed in terms of making Hong Kong a more liveable city, not just for the chosen few, but for the entire community. PRLs contributing to the development of sports teams competing in national, regional and global events must be recognised for their efforts. Abuses of lease conditions should be enforced against without delay.

c) whether charging nil or nominal land premium for the use of these sites should continue; A mechanism for charging a fair premium for PRL leases must be established. Infrastructure / capital costs incurred by the PRLs can be taken into account when assessing the premium. E.g. the ABC has developed two sites over its 50 year history, and such contribution should be taken into account. The land premium for a PRL use must not be measured against the extortionate accommodation value achieved by the HK SAR Government in private land auctions to a close circle of property developers.

d) whether the PRL lessees should be required to further open up their facilities so as to better complement and support sports development in Hong Kong;

Yes, absolutely - Facilities / operations of the PRLs must be assessed in terms of making Hong Kong a more liveable city, not just for the chosen few, but for the entire community. PRLs contributing to the development of sports teams competing in national, regional and global events must be recognised for their efforts. Abuses of lease conditions should be enforced against without delay. As a matter of record, the Aberdeen Boat Club is open to the general public for sports, and 80% of the certification in the club or the sailing activity in general is for non-members. Also, the ABC has an outstanding record of service to ethnic minorities and the under-privileged.

e) what types of facilities should be allowed on these sites (including ancillary facilities); In general, any type of facility should be allowed, provided they are in line with the ethos of

the lease agreement and the M&A of each club, in particular in providing a sports experience, and that the development is open to all stakeholders subject to appropriate fees. However, the HKSAR government should take an active role in assessing whether the PRLs use the land in a way prescribed in the agreements, and abuses should be enforced against

f) how to enhance the monitoring on the governance and transparency of the lessees;
A more active management, including an improved reporting and assessment of the performance of the clubs coupled with a control regime should be put in place

g) whether and how to assess applications for new sites for sports and recreational use.
New applications for PRLs must be assessed in terms of making Hong Kong a more liveable city, not just for the chosen few, but for the entire community.

The Aberdeen Boat Club is a peaceful haven in the Hong Kong jungle and brings peace, harmony and tranquility for the community. It contributes to Hong Kong's profile in national, regional and global sailing sports, and devotes substantial resources on the development of youth sports. These contributions to Hong Kong more than justify the limited amount of land use by the Club.

Thank you for taking my views into consideration for the review of the PRL policy.

With my best regards,

Eberhard Brodhage

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OBJECTION TO DO ANY THING THAT MAY ARM OR JEOPARDIZE PRL's

03/07/2018 07:14

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From: "

To: "prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk" <prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk>,

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1. Whether all PRL sites should continue to be handled under the existing lease arrangement, or alternative lease arrangement should be adopted;
(Refer to pages 7-15).
 - 1) Of course PRL's Site should continue to operate under the policy.
 - 2) Maybe lease can be review in a way to better meet land use and sport development.
 - 3) Yes and leases should be longer than just 15 years to allow better development
 - 4) Over regulating such frail business model could jeopardize the survival of many meet land use and sport development.
 - 3) Yes and leases should be longer than just 15 years to allow better development
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2. How to assess whether these sites should be retained or returned to the Government for other development purposes;
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 - 1) Best sports promotion in the community assessment tool to be defined
 - 2) Continue the quarterly reporting and yearly inspection with good point bad point system to allow good PRL's to carry on and bad ones to be terminated.
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 - 4) Focus on international event preparation, support and hosting is to play a part in this assessment
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 - 6) How the PRL's support their duty of opening to NSA and eligible outside bodies.
 - 7) The quarterly report sent to HAB by all PRL for the last 6 or 7 years should give the answer to that.
 - 8) If 1200 ha of land is needed rapidly and PRL's barely cover 350ha WHAT LAND SHORTFAL WOULD THE PRL SITES SOLVE? There are other land options to look for.
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(Refer to pages 19- 25).
 - 1) How can one comment without a proper definition of the premium charge mechanism, this is not ready to be commented upon.
 - 2) By looking deeper in the contribution of PRL's over the year towards Hong Kong by developing

unusable plots of land into prime sports area for Hong Kong shows that premium have already been paid in another way.

3) The definition of spots against ancillary facilities is necessary but inexistent so far how this can affect the premium no one knows yet.

4) Why charging a premium and then over controlling the debenture sales, (ISSUANCE, LENGTH, PRICE, SALABILITY AND TRANSFER) this is a terrible financial impact on the survival of the PRL'S and a double charge.

5) Of course it should continue at nil or nominal land premium for those who have over the years developed, improved and open the PRL's to members, sporting youth and the public. Those PRLs are doing their job, benefiting Hong Kong sporting reputation, offering quality environment, they should not be threaten to be bankrupted or closed down.

6) At least if an onerous land premium is to be paid by PRL's flexibility in payment should be considered and the amount calculated according affordability not according to developer's unrealistic and extortionate land values.

4. Whether the PRL lessees should be required to further open up their facilities so as to better complement and support sports development in Hong Kong;

(Refer to pages 25-30)

1) Yes surely they already do anyway

5. What types of facilities should be allowed on these sites (including ancillary facilities);

(Refer to pages 30-31).

1) Any as long as they are in line with the ethos and M&A of each clubs, provide sporting experience, and Development are opened to all with a fee.

6. **How to enhance the monitoring on the governance and transparency of the lessees;(Refer to pages 31-33)**

1) Continue the quarterly reporting and yearly inspection with good point bad point system to allow good PRL's to carry on and bad one to be terminated.

7. **Whether and how to assess applications for new sites for sports and recreational use (Refer to pages 33-34).**

1) YES surely as long as they are providing sporting experience and development are open to all with a fee and

1. 2) Yes if they are for the development of elite sports and international event support and hosting it should even be encouraged.

Additional comments:

- The Club is open to the general public for sports actually 80% of the certification in the club or the sailing activity in general is for non-members.
- The Club has developed the land over the last 50 years and has already paid its due why charging more again.
- The Club is a peaceful haven in the Hong Kong jungle and bring peace, harmony and tranquility for the community.

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**OBJECTION TO DO ANYTHING THAT MAY HARM OR JEOPARDISE
PRL's**

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

03/07/2018 09:58

Cc: [REDACTED]

History: This message has been replied to.

Dear HAB

To Whom it May Concern

REF: Public consultation on review of Private Recreational Leases

Please see below questions proposed in this new policy paper and my answers:

Q1. Whether all PRL sites should continue to be handled under the existing lease arrangement, or alternative lease arrangement should be adopted ;

(Refer to pages 7-15).

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(Refer to pages 19- 25).

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6. At least if an onerous land premium is to be paid by PRL's flexibility in payment should be considered and the amount calculated according affordability not according to developer's unrealistic and extortionate land values.

Q.4 Whether the PRL lessees should be required to further open up their facilities so as to better complement and support sports development in Hong Kong ;
(Refer to pages 25-30).

- 1) Yes surely they already do anyway

Q.5 What types of facilities should be allowed on these sites (including ancillary facilities);
(Refer to pages 30-31).

- 1) Any as long as they are in line with the ethos and M&A of each clubs, provide sporting experience, and Development are opened to all with a fee.

Q. 6 How to enhance the monitoring on the governance and transparency of the lessees;
(Refer to pages 31-33).

- 1) Continue the quarterly reporting and yearly inspection with good point bad point system to allow good PRL's to carry on and bad one to be terminated.

Q. 7 Whether and how to assess applications for new sites for sports and recreational use;
(Refer to pages 33-34).

1. YES surely as long as they are providing sporting experience and development are open to all with a fee and
2. 2) Yes if they are for the development of elite sports and international event support and hosting it should even be encouraged.

Aberdeen Boat Club continues to provide a haven for myself and my family from our busy work and school schedules contributing to our social and emotional wellbeing.

I strongly object to do anything that may harm or jeopardise the PRLs of Hong Kong .

Kind Regards

Jaime

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12 June 2018

Mrs Carrie Lam GBM GBS
Chief Executive of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
Office of the Chief Executive
Tamar
Hong Kong

Dear Mrs Lam

I am writing in support of the Hong Kong Golf Club at Fanling as it has been brought to our attention that the Club is facing possible closure of one of its courses due to potential land developments.

The Hong Kong Golf Club has a long and rich history in the sport of golf and is one of the iconic clubs in the Asian region. The first Hong Kong Open was played at Fanling in 1959 and the championship and venue became instrumental in the formation of the Asian Tour. The Hong Kong Open is also one of only two professional events in world golf, alongside The Masters in the USA, that has been played at the same venue for more than 50 years. It therefore holds a very special place in world golf.

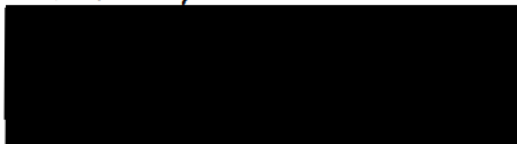
In addition to professional golf, Fanling has hosted many amateur tournaments including numerous Asia Pacific events and the World Amateur Teams Championship (WATC) in 1984. Fanling has also been selected as the host venue for the 2020 World Championships which is a significant achievement for both the Club and Hong Kong.

Golf participation and performance is on the rise in Hong Kong and the recent results of local golfer Tiffany Chan, a member at Fanling, in qualifying as an amateur for the 2016 Rio Olympics and recently earning her card for the LPGA Tour in USA highlight the tremendous progress in Hong Kong golf over recent years. Having access to all courses at Fanling is therefore essential to continue the growth in golf in Hong Kong.

The R&A is the International Governing body for Golf and we believe Fanling plays a vital role in the development of golf in Hong Kong, both to help promote the sport to the general population and to provide development opportunities and a pathway for talented young golfers from Hong Kong. We therefore hope the potential land developments at Fanling will not proceed.

We would appreciate your consideration on this matter and please do not hesitate to contact The R&A if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely



MARTIN SLUMBERS
Chief Executive



Hong Kong Seniors Golf Society

June 22, 2018

Dear Sir:

I write this letter as a Member of the Hong Kong Seniors Golf Society (HKSGS). The current undertaking by HAD and other Government Bodies to evaluate the possibility of taking part of the HKGC leased lands for Commercial and Social Development has caused great concern and sadness at the mere thought of such an action.

The diversity of our 150-person membership includes men and women over 50 years of age with local and international players encompassing a wide range of handicaps both low and high. Our goal is to foster a social atmosphere for senior golfers to play in a competitive environment. It has been our pleasure to work with the Hong Kong Golf Club members and management over the years. We hope that our Society and others have the continued opportunity to play the historic courses at Fanling and Deep Water Bay in a manner that furthers the goals of the Hong Kong Golf Club and those of our Society.

Our members are well known to the Hong Kong Golf Club and Hong Kong Golf Association as an active pool of volunteers available to lend their expertise and time to major events held at the Hong Kong Golf Club including the annual, UBS sponsored, Hong Kong Open, a major event on the international golf calendar.

Another example of where the Hong Kong Golf Club supports local events is The Hong Kong Open Seniors Tournament, Hong Kong Amateur, Hong Kong Junior and others that brings hundreds of players (and companions) from all over the world including China, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, USA, Singapore, Taiwan, and elsewhere. This event is facilitated and hosted by the Hong Kong Golf Club and provides a unique opportunity to showcase Hong Kong. As part of these events, media coverage present iconic views of the Hong Kong Golf Club, respected around the world and very much a part of the Hong Kong "Brand". Over the years these many events have brought considerable attention to Hong Kong and the business community, while at the same time boosting the "Asia's World City" motto, now so widely recognized.

The Open Days offered during the summer months are a unique opportunity for HKSGS members and all other HKGA members to play the course at extremely reasonable rates. Each event accommodating up to two hundred players is a special opportunity for HKSGS members and all other Hong Kong Golfers to experience the quality and the beauty of the historic courses.

The Hong Kong Golf Club, of course is well known for their management of the grounds and their environmental management and preservation principles. It is rewarding for us as golfers and residents to see school groups and other interested parties touring the property specifically for the purpose of surveying the natural beauty of the course and its surroundings. This community programme and numerous outreach programmes like it have opened the course and its property to numerous groups and associations whether or not that have a golfing affiliation.



Dozens of times over the past months I and Society Members have been engaged in conversations with both golfers and non-golfers regarding the current HAD considerations. Without exception, the view that the retention of the Hong Kong Golf Club in its current state is important for numerous reasons, but mostly because of its relevance to Hong Kong as a defacto Ambassador for Hong Kong locally and Internationally as well as being a Community Treasure.

The views of the HKGC are iconic, recognized throughout the world and very much a part of the Hong Kong "Brand". But, the views alone are not the HKGC, rather, the HKGC represents both the heritage, environmental sensitivity, community involvement with a world-class venue developed for over more than one hundred years, by the Hong Kong Golf Club as a leading promoter of Asia's World City.

Current discussions underway regarding the potential use of the HKGC or a portion thereof for Housing Development and Community Services is in the Society's may present a short-term solution to a very small part of a much bigger problem facing Hong Kong. A decision in favour of pursuing development at HKGC would not only harm Hong Kong's reputation as an Asian leader but portray Hong Kong as a City where creative thinking has given way to obvious choices which provide no lasting benefit and permanent damage to a Hong Kong landmark.

Yours sincerely



James Snelling

Representative, Hong Kong Seniors Golf Society

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OBJECTION TO DO ANY THING THAT MAY ARM OR JEOPARDIZE PRL's

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk,

03/07/2018 10:23

History: This message has been replied to.

Dear Sirs

I would like to object to any new legislation or policies that would jeopardise Private Recreational Leases.

Private recreational leases / private clubs provide a valuable service to Hong Kong in both promotion of sports activities and as a peaceful place to go. Many PRLs/Clubs provide great facilities for families and encourage youths to train and gain a passion in particular sports both as members and non-members. Youth training is generally open to the public and fairly specialised. In the case of sailing clubs like Aberdeen Boat Club, they provide an opportunity to learn a sport that at present, government leisure facilities only provide by limited ballot. As a Hong Kong citizen, I have applied numerous times for the sailing training in government leisure facilities and have failed to be approved for a space so there is obviously a limited supply of spaces vs the demand for this particular sport. It therefore falls to PRLs and specialised clubs to promote and offer alternative options.

In regard to the questions in your consultation paper, please see below for my views.

1. Whether all PRL sites should continue to be handled under the existing lease arrangement, or alternative lease arrangement should be adopted; (Refer to pages 7-15). Yes and leases should be longer than just 15 years to allow better development. Longer terms would enable better future planning.
2. How to assess whether these sites should be retained or returned to the Government for other development purposes; (Refer to pages 15-19). Continue the quarterly reporting and yearly inspection with good point bad point system to allow good PRL's to carry on and bad ones to be terminated.
3. Whether charging nil or nominal land premium for the use of these sites should continue; (Refer to pages 19- 25). The land premium should continue at nil or nominal land premium for those who have over the years developed, improved and open the PRL's to members, sporting youth and the public. Those PRLs are doing their job, benefiting Hong Kong sporting reputation, offering quality environment, they should not be threaten to be bankrupted or closed down. If the land premium should increase, this may mean only rich and wealthy people could join clubs and make it even more exclusive - reducing the options for public to take part in activities / classes provided by said PRLs.
4. Whether the PRL lessees should be required to further open up their facilities so as to better complement and support sports development in Hong Kong; (Refer to pages 25-30). I believe PRLs are already opening up their facilities to support sports development. In particular, the ABC offer classes to non-members and 80% of their courses and races are attended by non-members.
5. What types of facilities should be allowed on these sites (including ancillary facilities); (Refer to pages 30-31). Any as long as they are in line with the ethos and M&A of each clubs, provide sporting experience, and Development are opened to all with a fee.
6. How to enhance the monitoring on the governance and transparency of the lessees; (Refer to pages 31-33).

Continue the quarterly reporting and yearly inspection with good point bad point system to allow good PRL's to carry on and bad one to be terminated.

- 7. Whether and how to assess applications for new sites for sports and recreational use; (Refer to pages 33-34). Yes if they are for the development of elite sports and international event support and hosting it should even be encouraged.**

I believe PRLs help promote Hong Kong on an international basis, where government funding and departments may not be able to provide or offer such promotion. PRLs also have many reciprocal arrangements with other international organisations to bring sportsmen/sportswomen and international events to Hong Kong. A recent example of an major international sporting event is the Volvo Ocean Race that stopped in Hong Kong this year. This clearly promotes Hong Kong across the world and sailing clubs like Aberdeen Boat Club has helped bring this about, both by providing facilities but also by providing volunteers and skilled personnel.

I would be happy to be contacted for further discussion on these points.

Best regards

Irene Moore



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Fwd: : 私人遊樂場地契約政策檢討公眾諮詢

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

03/07/2018 11:20

History:

This message has been replied to.

致：民政事務局

私人遊樂場地契約政策檢討公眾諮詢

我對諮詢文件所徵求的意見如下：

贊成。(a)將由「社區組織」及「私人體育會」持有的契約分開處理，並以特殊用途契約(而非私人遊樂場地契約)處理由「社區組織」持有的體育及康樂用地；

贊成。但更要具公眾透明道，並讓公眾能容易知道甚麼的私人體育會場地能公開借用或租用。(b)繼續沿用私人遊樂場地契約安排處理私人體育會持有的契約用地，但須大幅修改契約條款以更切合支持體育發展和善用土地的雙重需要；

贊成。(c)按私人體育會對推動本港體育發展的貢獻，考慮會否在契約期滿後為它們續約；

贊成。(d)向適合續約的私人體育會徵收十足市值地價的三分之一；

贊成。並請捉請有關體育會的申請手續需簡易和具公眾透明道。(e)規定私人體育會須向合資格外界團體開放其體育及康樂設施總量的30%，並與體育團體合辦公眾人士可參與的體育活動每月最少240個活動時數；

贊成。(f)釐定私人遊樂場地契約可容許的體育配套設施及附屬設施清單；

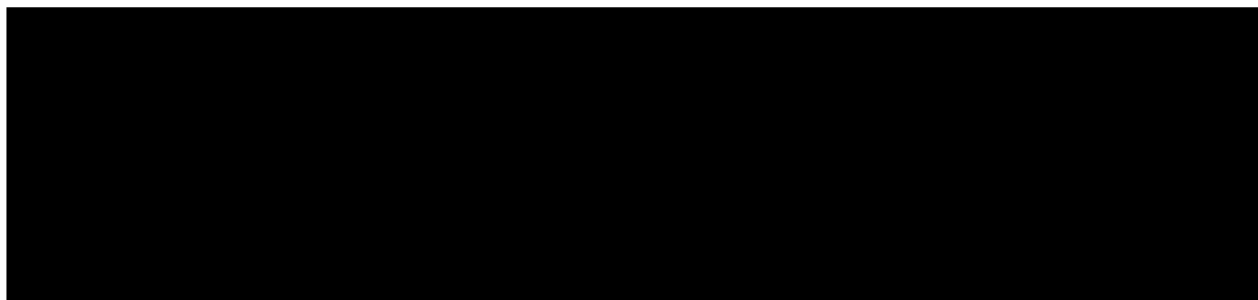
贊成。(g)加強對私人遊樂場地契約的監察及承租人的企業管治；

贊成。(h)釐定審批新康樂及體育用地申請的原則。

市民：[REDACTED]
日期：2018年7月3日

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In support of Aberdeen Boat club continued lease arrangement

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov
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03/07/2018 12:23

History:

This message has been replied to.

1. **Whether all PRL sites should continue to be handled under the existing lease arrangement, or alternative lease arrangement should be adopted;**
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Yes and leases should be longer than just 15 years to allow better development

2. **How to assess whether these sites should be retained or returned to the Government for other development purposes;**
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Better sports promotion in the community assessment tool to be defined

Continue the quarterly reporting and yearly inspection with good point bad point system to allow good PRL's to carry on and bad ones to be terminated.

Better development of elite sports option

Focus on international event preparation, support and hosting is to play a part in this assessment

3. **Whether charging nil or nominal land premium for the use of these sites should continue;**
(Refer to pages 19- 25).

If the use of the PRL is beneficial to the community as is clearly the case for Aberdeen Boat club, with development of sailing as a national sport, the govt should surely contribute and help these clubs as much as possible.

4. **Whether the PRL lessees should be required to further open up their facilities so as to better complement and support sports development in Hong Kong;**
(Refer to pages 25-30). Yes surely they already do anyway

5. **What types of facilities should be allowed on these sites (including ancillary facilities);**
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(Refer to pages 31-33). Continue the quarterly reporting and yearly inspection with good point bad point system to allow good PRL's to carry on and bad one to be terminated and better communication and follow-up.

**7. Whether and how to assess applications for new sites for sports and recreational use;
(Refer to pages 33-34).**

YES surely as long as they are providing sporting experience and development are open to all with a fee and

Yes if they are for the development of elite sports and international event support and hosting it should even be encouraged.

No name provided

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OBJECTION TO DO ANY THING THAT MAY ARM OR JEOPARDIZE PRL's

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk,

03/07/2018 12:57

History:

This message has been replied to.

1. **Whether all PRL sites should continue to be handled under the existing lease arrangement, or alternative lease arrangement should be adopted;**
(Refer to pages 7-15).

Of course PRL's Site should continue to operate under the policy.

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(Refer to pages 15-19).

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No name provided

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**OBJECTION TO DO ANY THING THAT MAY HARM OR JEOPARDIZE
PRLs**

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

03/07/2018 13:52

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Sirs,

The Aberdeen Boat Club (ABC) has done wonderful work for Hong Kong boating and sailing over the last 50 plus years – both for its own members and for the broader community.

In fact, some 80 percent of participants in ABC sailing races and boating related training and other club activities are non members. That is a staggering statistic that speaks to how well the club and its management have addressed the ABC's duty to serve the community.

The club should have its Private Recreational Lease (PRL) renewed under current terms or terms roughly equivalent thereto. Moreover, the life of the lease should be extended to 30 years from the current 15 in order to allow for better long range planning.

There is no good reason for the government to shut down the club or impose lease terms so onerous as to make the club less nimble and therefore less able to make future adjustments in order to thrive in the years and decades to come. As long as the ABC continues to contribute to Hong Kong boating and to Hong Kong's participation and strong showing in regional and global sailing events such as the recent Volvo Ocean Race stop over, which was supported by the ABC among other clubs and the Hong Kong community in general, and was highly commended by our Chief Executive Carrie Lam.

The ABC helps to improve both the quality of life here in Hong Kong and Hong Kong's attraction to international business, sporting and cultural interests.

The current PRL framework serves Hong Kong and its clubs well and should be extended rather than rebuilt.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Best,

Jay M. Shaw



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OBJECTION TO DO ANY THING THAT MAY ARM OR JEOPARDIZE PRL's

████████████████████ to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.
hk

03/07/2018 14:05

Cc: ████████████████████

History: This message has been replied to.

To the HK Government:-

1. Whether all PRL sites should continue to be handled under the existing lease arrangement, or alternative lease arrangement should be adopted;
(Refer to pages 7-15).

PRL's should be permitted to continue to operate under the current lease arrangement or similar. The leases should be longer than the current 15 years to facilitate better development. Over-regulation of PRL could jeopardize the survival of many as most work very close to break even.

2. How to assess whether these sites should be retained or returned to the Government for other development purposes;
(Refer to pages 15-19).

Best sports promotion in the community assessment tool needs to be drafted, reviewed and published. Without this this question is difficult

Recommend to continue the quarterly reporting and yearly inspection with good point/bad point system to allow good PRL's to carry on and bad ones to be terminated.

Best development of elite sports option and sponsorship should be demonstrated

Focus on international event preparation, support and hosting is to play a part in this assessment

Focus on how the PRL'S site are providing sufficient % of sport promotion against recreation activities and facilities

Focus on how the PRL's support their duty of opening to NSA and eligible outside bodies.

The quarterly report sent to HAB by all PRL for the last 6 or 7 years should give the answer to that.

If 1200 ha of land is needed rapidly and PRL's barely cover 350ha WHAT LAND SHORTFAL WOULD THE PRL SITES SOLVE? There are other land options to look for.

Many PRL's are in built up areas – the traffic infrastructure is already overloaded – redeveloping for residential use will further overload an already stressed service.

3. Whether charging nil or nominal land premium for the use of these sites should continue;
(Refer to pages 19- 25).

It is impossible toe comment without a proper definition of the premium charge mechanism.

This needs to be prepared, if appropriate, then published for comment

A proper review of the contribution of PRL's over the years towards Hong Kong in developing unusable plots of land into prime sports areas for Hong Kong shows that premiums have already been paid in another way.

The definition of spots against ancillary facilities is necessary but, so far, non-existent. It is not possible to comment on how this should be used to set any premium..

Charging a premium and then over controlling the debenture sales, (ISSUANCE, LENGTH, PRICE, SALABILITY AND TRANSFER) will both have a terrible financial impact on the survival of the PRL'S and constitutes a double charge.

Of course it should continue at nil or nominal land premium for those who have over the years developed, improved and open the PRL's to members, sporting youth and the public. Those PRLs are doing their job, benefiting Hong Kong sporting reputation, offering quality environment, they should not be threatened to be bankrupted or closed down.

If an onerous land premium is to be paid by PRL's, flexibility in payment should be considered and the amount calculated according to affordability - not according to developer's unrealistic and extortionate land values.

- 4. Whether the PRL lessees should be required to further open up their facilities so as to better complement and support sports development in Hong Kong;
(Refer to pages 25-30).**

Yes surely - they already do this.

- 5. What types of facilities should be allowed on these sites (including ancillary facilities);
(Refer to pages 30-31).**

Any as long as they are in line with the ethos and M&A of each club, provide sporting experience, and developments are opened to all with an appropriate fee

- 6. How to enhance the monitoring on the governance and transparency of the lessees;
(Refer to pages 31-33).**

Continue the quarterly reporting and yearly inspection with good point bad point system to allow good PRL's to carry on and bad one to be terminated.

- 1. Whether and how to assess applications for new sites for sports and recreational use;
(Refer to pages 33-34).**

YES surely as long as they are providing sporting experience and development are open to all with a fee and

Yes if they are for the development of elite sports and international event support and hosting it should even be encouraged.

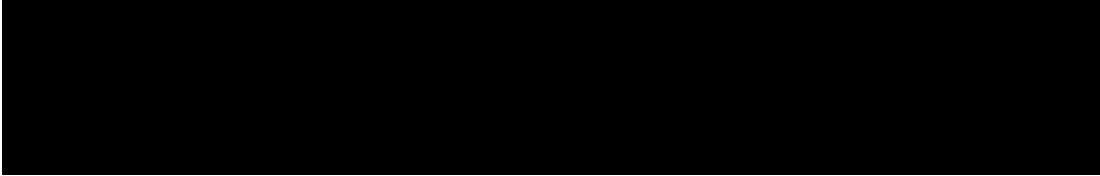
With respect to the Aberdeen Boat Club of which I am a long standing member please note the following points:-

- The Club is open to the general public for sports actually 80% of the certification in the club or the sailing activity in general is for non-members.
- The Club has developed the land over the last 50 years and has already paid its due why charging more again.

- The Club is a peaceful haven in the Hong Kong jungle and bring peace, harmony and tranquility for the community.

Thank you for your attention.

George Taylor



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RHKYC - Private Recreational Lease renewal

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

03/07/2018 19:23

Cc: [REDACTED]

History: This message has been replied to.

Dear Sir

I am writing in response to the proposals put forward for public comment regarding the review of Private Recreational Leases in Hong Kong. I write with particular regard to those held by the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club of which I am a member.

I have been a member of this Club since January 1974, having been at various times, a Family Member, a Child Member, a Cadet Member, a Junior Member, an Ordinary Member and now a Full Member. During that time I have been an enthusiastic user of its facilities and a strong supporter of the mission that the RHKYC has - that of promoting the sports of sailing and rowing, both in Hong Kong and internationally; while facilitating community support. All this because I can afford its low fees:

Over the last 44 years I have:

learned to row and sail through the Club;

acted as a voluntary rowing coach for crews from local organisations like the HK Fire Services and the Physically Handicapped and Able Bodied Sports Association at the RHKYC rowing centre at Middle Island;

rowed around HK Island in RHKYC boats to raise money for the HK Student Rowing Club, the precursor to the HK University Rowing Club;

represented Hong Kong at the Junior World Rowing Championships in 1982, financially supported by the RHKYC, with training hosted by the RHKYC;

organised and and with support from the RHKYC entered teams in the Round Table Pedal Kart Grand Prix for 18 years (helping to raise millions of dollars for charity in that time);

was a member of Round Table 3 (and several times Chairman) - the organiser of the Pedal Kart Grand Prix - for 22 years. During that time all of our meetings were hosted by the RHKYC;

acted as Start Judge for the Stanley Dragon Boat Championships, a huge community activity and the largest Dragon Boat competition in the world, for 20 years, as part of the RHKYC team who still run the on-water side of the event, as they have done for around 30 years;

taken numerous people sailing on my boat, moored and maintained at my cost from RHKYC premises, instilling in them, I hope, the same love of watersports that I have over the last 20 years;

served on numerous RHKYC committees;

acted as the main Safety Officer for the major sailing races of the RHKYC in the 1990s;

raced locally sailing and rowing since 1976;

sail raced offshore representing the RHKYC; won the very first sailing race from Hong Kong to China; won my division in the internationally

recognised China Sea Race organised by the RHKYC in 2010 and since acted as Race Officer for this event and others.

...

To me this is unremarkable: it is what we at the RHKYC expect our members to do. The above was possible ONLY because the RHKYC exists and continues to exist at a moderate cost of membership. Many other members of the Club have done far more - much much more than I have managed - and will do far more than my paltry list, and for them, like me, this is possible only because the RHKYC exists at reasonable cost.

The RHKYC can only act as the institution it does, namely:
the core of sports like sailing and rowing in Hong Kong,
actively involved in community events
active in international representation for Hong Kong (both in sending crews overseas and hosting international events in Hong Kong) if it has its members.

It cannot have such a range of members willing to commit so much time if the cost to be a member puts it out of the the range of those with time to commit to helping others. As all of the money the RHKYC has or has had is spent on rowing or sailing or facilities to support and encourage those sports, increasing the land premium means this money will be paid by members via increased fees.

I strongly suggest to the PRL review board that they need to understand what an institution like the RHKYC has done and will do for Hong Kong and encourage the Club to continue this fine history forward into the future.

By raising the costs of membership by imposition of additional lease fees the Government in fact encourages exactly the reverse and will limit the future success of the Club and prevent its support for its core sports and the community at large.

Yours Sincerely

Simon Boyde

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OBJECTION TO DO ANY THING THAT MAY ARM OR JEOPARDIZE PRL's

██████████ to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk,

04/07/2018 09:31

History: This message has been replied to.

Q1

3) Yes and leases should be longer than just 15 years to allow better development

Q2

3) Best development of elite sports option and sponsorship to be demonstrated

Q3

5) Of course it should continue at nil or nominal land premium for those who have over the years developed, improved and open the PRL's to members, sporting youth and the public. Those PRLs are doing their job, benefiting Hong Kong sporting reputation, offering quality environment, they should not be threaten to be bankrupted or closed down.

Q4

1) Yes surely they already do anyway

Q5

1) Any as long as they are in line with the ethos and M&A of each clubs, provide sporting experience, and Development are opened to all with a fee.

Q6

1) Continue the quarterly reporting and yearly inspection with good point bad point system to allow good PRL's to carry on and bad one to be terminated.

Q7

1) YES surely as long as they are providing sporting experience and development are open to all with a fee and



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OBJECTION TO DO ANY THING THAT MAY ARM OR JEOPARDIZE PRL's

prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk,

to:

04/07/2018 10:36

History:

This message has been replied to.

Q1

3) Yes and leases should be longer than just 15 years to allow better development

Q2

4) Focus on international event preparation, support and hosting is to play a part in this assessment

Q3

1) How can one comment without a proper definition of the premium charge mechanism, this is not ready to be commented upon.

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**Private Recreational Leases**

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

04/07/2018 12:07

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Home Affairs Bureau,

I am writing to express my opinions concerning the private recreational leases being considered by the bureau. In particular, I wish to comment on the importance of the Hong Kong Football Club ("HKFC") towards the development of Hong Kong's sports from a junior to the elite levels.

As a child (age 8-15) I had fond memories of enrolling in classes available to both members and the public. Even to this day, I encourage my colleagues and those I know to enroll their children in these classes as they present a great opportunity to encourage social interaction and nurture competitive behavior in a society where more people are confined to their computers and other technology.

Now, as a young adult (age 24) I understand the government's review the lands occupied by private recreational clubs such as HKFC. However, I find clubs that occupy city spaces as beneficial to all members of society who will take advantage of such space. However, I do agree that some clubs should have space made available to them reduced. This includes clubs that occupy excess space which does not contribute to developing youth sports. Furthermore, this includes clubs that occupies space which could be turned into low cost, high density housing. I do not believe that space occupied by clubs that would be more suitable to be converted to low density, high premium housing would be beneficial to Hong Kong's society.

Thanks and regards,

Brian Wong

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Hong Kong Football Club

[REDACTED] to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

04/07/2018 13:45

History:

This message has been replied to.

To Whom It May Concern:

The football club is an important club in Hong Kong for sporting development. As a child growing up in HK I played with their Rugby teams before joining the club as a member when I became an adult. My daughter and many of her friends play on the Junior sports development programs such as football.

Hong Kong already has a lacking in sporting facilities and I do not believe the land the club occupies would make sense to build housing on.

Please kindly resume the lease for the club.

Regards
Heinrich Grabner

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**Sports Club facilities**

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

04/07/2018 14:03

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to strongly object to the possible relocation of social and sporting clubs.

These clubs provide facilities that engage with local communities through out reach programs, provide facilities for the local communities sports development, contribute the the development of Hong Kong national sports men and women, and are and integral part of Hong Kong's past and future.

I for one coach at the HKFC Rugby section where both members and non members and children from social needs backgrounds come together for the good of sporting development and the wider Hong Kong community.

Yours,

Andrew Kidd

HK PR

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Objection of taking back Hong Kong Football Club land , a PRL for housing use

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

04/07/2018 14:04

History:

This message has been replied to.

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to object taking back Hong Kong Football Club (HKFC) land, a PRL for housing use. I have been using HKFC for 10 years as a place to play squash and other sports with over 1000 members and non-members. It is a great club to bring to gather people of different backgrounds. I also enjoyed the many international events held at the club including the PSA Squash Competitions and Ruby games. It will be a big loss if we had to convert it to housing in this special location.

Thanks for your time.

Ho Ming CHIU

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Private Recreational Leaseholder

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

04/07/2018 14:13

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Sir,

First of all, thank you for offering me the chance to express my opinion.

In my mind. The recreational land is severely in short but ironically some of those under the recreational lease is not serving the purpose at all. For example:

1. The HK Chinese Civil Servants Association in Wyllie Road, Ho Man Tin. It is not being used for the right purpose. Tennis court becomes a carpark, club house become a restaurant. It should really be taken back or redeploy to other management.
2. HAB should also consider consolidating some of the smaller clubs within neighbourhood to become a all rounded club and utilise the facility. For example, Philippine Club, HK Chinese Servants Association, YMCA, India Club etc.
2. Some of club's development has been haunted by club management, members etc. to protect their own interest but on Government land. Suggestion here is to appoint a board member from HAB to all clubs that are under the recreational lease.
3. Maybe offer clubs lease with conditions to open management bid etc. when their lease is up and revitalise and improve utilisation and public usage.
4. I understand many NSA and SFOC voiced out repeatedly, LCSD fields should be for multi purpose not just soccer or rugby. However, it's disappointing to know that the town planning up to 2030 are still all soccer field which soccer development is not the best model in HK sports development. When it's designed for soccer and yet managed under LCSD, the site manager has the right to refuse any other sports use even though it is suitable for other field sports.
5. I also believe recreational land are better managed by NSA rather than LCSD as it is proven by King's park etc.
6. LCSD should review their work as I see many recreational facilities are not being utilised even general public is anxious to book but with no success because of " booking policy". LCSD should implement a consultational panel to become more effective.

Regards

Raymond Fong



Hong Kong Football Club

04/07/2018 14:58

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From:

To: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk,

History: This message has been replied to.

Dear HAB,

I am writing in to express our concern in regards to Hong Kong Football Club.

My family has been a member of the club since I was 10 years old, and this is a place where I have learn swimming, played basketball, I got a gold medal in doubles badminton tournament because my partner John Leung is 40th best badminton player in the world. My brother also learnt swimming in the club with the classes they provide.

I would like to illustrate here that the club is extremely important to sports development in Hong Kong from the Junior's to Elite level, and I would like to make this known to HAB department.

thank you

Thank you

Best Regards

Nick Nandwani

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HAB Policy Review - HKABC

[REDACTED] to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk,

04/07/2018 15:02

History: This message has been replied to.

To whom it may concern.

1. Whether all PRL sites should continue to be handled under the existing lease arrangement, or alternative lease arrangement should be adopted;
 1. **Yes and leases should be longer than just 15 years to allow better development**
2. How to assess whether these sites should be retained or returned to the Government for other development purposes;
 1. **Continue the quarterly reporting and yearly inspection with good point bad point system to allow good PRL's to carry on and bad ones to be terminated.**
3. Whether charging nil or nominal land premium for the use of these sites should continue;
 1. **Of course it should continue at nil or nominal land premium for those who have over the years developed, improved and open the PRL's to members, sporting youth and the public. Those PRLs are doing their job, benefiting Hong Kong sporting reputation, offering quality environment, they should not be threaten to be bankrupted or closed down.**
4. Whether the PRL lessees should be required to further open up their facilities so as to better complement and support sports development in Hong Kong;
 1. **Yes, this is existing practise.**
5. What types of facilities should be allowed on these sites (including ancillary facilities);
 1. **Any as long as they are in line with the ethos and M&A of each clubs, provide sporting experience, and Development are opened to all with a fee.**
6. How to enhance the monitoring on the governance and transparency of the lessees;
 1. **Continue the quarterly reporting and yearly inspection with good point bad point system to allow good PRL's to carry on and bad one to be terminated.**
7. Whether and how to assess applications for new sites for sports and recreational use;
 1. **Yes if they are for the development of elite sports and international event support and hosting it should even be encouraged.**

In addition to these responses I'd like to add:

The Aberdeen Boat Club is open to the general public for sports. 80% of the certification in the club or the sailing activity is for non-members.

The Aberdeen Boat Club has remained a responsible, progressive and community focused steward of the allocated land over the last 50 years. In addition to providing a better quality of life to the Hong Kong community it supports and provides international options too.

The Aberdeen Boat Club is a peaceful haven in the Hong Kong jungle offering peace, harmony and tranquility for the community.

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Dean Lea

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**OBJECTION TO DO ANY THING THAT MAY ARM OR JEOPARDIZE
PRL's**

[REDACTED] to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

04/07/2018 15:31

Cc: **[REDACTED]**

History: This message has been replied to.

2. Whether all PRL sites should continue to be handled under the existing lease arrangement, or alternative lease arrangement should be adopted;

Yes and leases should be longer than just 15 years to allow better development

3. How to assess whether these sites should be retained or returned to the Government for other development purposes;

Continue the quarterly reporting and yearly inspection with good point bad point system to allow good PRL's to carry on and bad ones to be terminated.

Best development of elite sports option and sponsorship to be demonstrated

If 1200 ha of land is needed rapidly and PRL's barely cover 350ha WHAT LAND SHORTFALL WOULD THE PRL SITES SOLVE? There are other land options to look for.

4. Whether charging nil or nominal land premium for the use of these sites should continue;

How can one comment without a proper definition of the premium charge mechanism, this is not ready to be commented upon.

5. Whether the PRL lessees should be required to further open up their facilities so as to better complement and support sports development in Hong Kong;

Yes and as far as I know the ABC already do anyway

6. What types of facilities should be allowed on these sites (including ancillary facilities);
- Any as long as they are in line with the ethos and M&A of each clubs, provide sporting experience, and Development are opened to all with a fee

7. How to enhance the monitoring on the governance and transparency of the lessees;

Continue the quarterly reporting and yearly inspection with good point bad point system to allow good PRL's to carry on and bad one to be terminated.

8. Whether and how to assess applications for new sites for sports and recreational use;

1) YES surely as long as they are providing sporting experience and development are open to all with a fee and

2) Yes if they are for the development of elite sports and international event support and hosting it should even be encouraged.

Additional comments

- The Club is open to the general public for sports actually 80% of the certification in the club or the sailing activity in general is for non-members.

- The Club has developed the land over the last 50 years and has already paid its due why charging more again.

- The Club is a peaceful haven in the Hong Kong jungle and bring peace, harmony and tranquility for the community.

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**Fwd: Delivery Status Notification (Failure)****[REDACTED]** to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

04/07/2018 15:34

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Sir/Madam

I have read with interest the Task Force's comments on the land use issue facing Hong Kong at the moment. In particular, the short term fix by using PRL sites causes me and my family concern.

Firstly, as I understand most of the PRLs concerned provide a huge number of opportunities for the populace to undertake beneficial activities, mainly sporting, which are generally hard to find in Hong Kong. Diminishing the activities available to the population cannot be the right way to have a happier and healthier city, a stated objective of the Task Force. In particular, I understand that they provide excellent facilities to develop sporting excellence in a number of different disciplines.

Additionally, the amount of land available by using PRLs has been estimated and the estimation seems high. Even with this spurious calculation, the amount potentially available is such a small percentage of the amount needed in totality, it seems to me that the costs far outweigh any benefit, especially when the benefit is only to solve a short term short fall. What happens in the medium term when there's an oversupply of land? You give back the PRLs??

Please do not make a very short-sighted decision to use PRLs to solve this issue. Once they are gone they cannot be replaced and Hong Kong will be a diminished city for their absence.

Sincerely

Scott Lindsay

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HAB Policy Review of Private Recreation Lease

to: prl_consultation@h
ab.gov.hk

04/07/2018 17:55

History:

This message has been replied to.

1. **Whether all PRL sites should continue to be handled under the existing lease arrangement, or alternative lease arrangement should be adopted;**
2. **(Refer to pages 7-15).**
 - 1) Yes - PRL's Site should continue to operate under the policy.
 - 2) The lease can be reviewed in a way better suited to meet sports development as most of the Clubs with land are sports clubs.
 - 3) Ideally, leases should be longer than just 15 years to allow better long-term development
 - 4) Over-regulating is not a hallmark of Hong Kong. Let's not make this an exception as this could jeopardize the survival of many clubs which have limited cash flow and low reserves
3. **How to assess whether these sites should be retained or returned to the Government for other development purposes; (Refer to pages 15-19).**
 - 1) Rank based on best sports promotion in a specific sport for the community (i.e. best sailing, best football, best golf etc)
 - 2) Continue the quarterly reporting and yearly inspection with good point bad point system to allow good PRL's to carry on and bad ones to address issues and make good.
 - 3) Best development of elite sports option and sponsorship to be demonstrated
 - 4) Focus on international event preparation, support and hosting is to play a part in this assessment
 - 5) Which of the PRL'S sites are providing sufficient % of sports promotion against recreation activities and facilities for both members and non-members
 - 6) How the PRL's support their duty of opening to NSA and eligible outside bodies.
 - 7) The quarterly report sent to HAB by all PRL for the last 6 or 7 years should give the answer to that.
4. **Whether charging nil or nominal land premium for the use of these sites should continue; (Refer to pages 19-25).**
 - 1) Can a proper definition of the premium charge mechanism be publicised ? Without this, it is hard to comment on this point.
 - 2) The definition of spots against ancillary facilities is necessary.
 - 3) Charging a premium is unfair based on current value when there is already over control in debenture sales, (such as issuance, length, price, saleability and transfer rules) all of which already put a terrible financial impact on the survival of the PRL'S. Adding a land premium would put the viability of many clubs in question

4) A land premium could or maybe should continue at nil or nominal rates for those who have over the years developed, improved and opened the PRL's to members, sporting youth and the public (non-members) - providing a community benefit. If PRLs are doing their job, benefiting Hong Kong sporting reputation, offering a quality environment and growing local talent for international competition, they should be compensated by not having to pay a land premium or (at the least) receive government subsidy.

5. **Whether the PRL lessees should be required to further open up their facilities so as to better complement and support sports development in Hong Kong;**
(Refer to pages 25-30). 1) Yes - this should be encouraged and Clubs rewarded for doing so

6. **What types of facilities should be allowed on these sites (including ancillary facilities);**
(Refer to pages 30-31).

1) Anything as long as it's in line with the ethos and M&A of each clubs, provide sporting experience, facilities and the ability for members to grow in sporting excellence

7. **How to enhance the monitoring on the governance and transparency of the lessees;**
(Refer to pages 31-33).

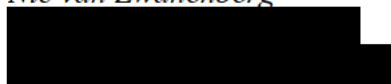
1) Continue the quarterly reporting and yearly inspection with good point bad point system to allow good PRL's to carry on and for others to make improvements or lose their 'license' .

8. **Whether and how to assess applications for new sites for sports and recreational use;**
(Refer to pages 33-34).

1) YES surely as long as they are providing sporting experience and development are open to all with a fee and

2) Yes if they are for the development of elite sports and international event support and hosting it should even be encouraged.

Nic van Zwanenberg



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Our Club lease renewal

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

04/07/2018 18:00

Please respond to [REDACTED]

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Sir,

I am writing in the capacity as Founder of Seal of Love Charitable Foundation, to inform you of the significant contribution our club has strive to support the local communities, in hope for a favorable review of our upcoming lease renewal.

Caring for the community is a core value that has long been and continues to be embraced by the Club, and in doing so, we provide access to our non-sporting facilities to social or charitable organisations, including use of the lawn, playground, playroom and dining facilities, despite such facilities not falling within HAB's Opening-up Scheme, and hours so offered not credited by HAB. We continue to support a range of NGOs and charities, and in selecting our Charity Partners, special emphasis is placed on those supporting children and the elderly.

Mother's Choice is one of the Club's two Charity Partners and has been since 2010. Their WEE Care Group and Baby Care Group visit the Club approx. 24 times a year, and we provide a safe open space for children without families to play in, such as our playroom, lawn and playground, before treating all the children and carers to lunch at the Poolside. From 2015 to date, we have provided more than 1,300 meals to Mother's Choice free of charge.

St. Mary's Home for the Aged (St. Mary's), just around the corner from the Club, is our other Charity Partner, and has been since 2012, when the Club generously donated \$840,000 to replace and repair windows and doors in the Men's Wing of the Home. We arrange regular monthly days of respite for groups of elderly residents, during which they may do some tai chi on the lawn, enjoy a game of bowling and have lunch in the Bayview Room with Members and staff volunteers before departing. The Clubs serves approx. 160 meals to St. Mary's residents free of charge per year, and management visits the Home each year at Thanksgiving to cook and serve 120 residents and carers a 3-course lunch and to entertain them with a sing-a-long. The Club also arranges ongoing festive donations such as mooncakes, rice dumplings and Chinese New Year puddings.

The Club fundraises for selected charities throughout the year through charity sales and holding charity sports tournaments. Since 2014, we have raised more than \$500,000 through events such as the Annual Christmas Charity Market and the Tennis Charity Social. These funds have benefited more than 7 charities, e.g. St. Mary's, The Home of Loving Faithfulness, Little Life Warrior Society, Hong Kong Dog Rescue.

Over the past three years, the Club has welcomed over 30 charities/NGOs and local Hong Kong schools on their outings, offering meals, sports, games, team-building and in-kind or venue support. Notable Organisations include: Just Volunteers English Language Learning program for disadvantaged children, Hong Kong Christian Services, St. James' Settlement, We Paint supporting children on the autism spectrum, HKU Space and HKAPA. More than 2,800 individuals have visited the Club since 2015 and we have served more than 2,300 meals free of charge.

The Club has partnered with Foodlink Foundation since 2012 to donate our surplus food to beneficiaries partners such as St. Barnabas Society and Chai Wan Baptist Church Social Service served onsite to those in need free of charge. Since 2015, we have donated more than 1,100 kg of food to Foodlink Foundation

Regards,
Lawrence Chan

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Hong Kong Country Club and Policy of Private Recreational Leases

[REDACTED] to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk 04/07/2018 18:31
Cc: [REDACTED]

History: This message has been replied to.

FOR THE ATTENTION OF:

Private Recreational Lease and Land Matters Section,
Home Affairs Bureau (Recreation and Sport Branch),
13/F, West Wing, Central Government Offices,
2 Tim Mei Avenue,
Tamar, Hong Kong

Dear Sir/Madam

Of all the private clubs in Hong Kong, the Hong Kong Country Club is the only one that, by its own rules and regulations, seeks to *fairly* represent the diversity of nationalities that make Hong Kong unique and the envy of many cities around the world. It is also a family oriented club providing children a safe haven to play and learn sports such as swimming and tennis while learning to grow up with friends of many different races - an education that is difficult to replicate and one that exemplifies racial equality.

It is also a club with a high sensitivity to the local community's needs and the surrounding environment. It encourages members and their families to join together with its employees to clean up the adjacent foreshore at Deepwater Bay, something that I did with my own family that encouraged me personally to establish an NGO to clean up Hong Kong's beaches across the SAR.

It opens up its facilities on a regular basis to schools, charities, sporting bodies etc as it embraces its aim to work with and share its grounds and facilities with the local community. The club also maintains, to a very high standard, the grounds upon which the club is situated and in particular its waterfront lawn that is not only unique to clubs in Hong Kong but also to public lands and recreational facilities. All this is done at no cost to the Government while the "give back" to the community is huge.

It has been brought to my attention that the Home Affairs Bureau will soon be reviewing their policy in regard to any future renewal of the club's lease. I hope that my brief email will assist the HAB in their assessment.

yours sincerely

Graeme J Reading

Hong Kong Permanent Resident since 1989

Member of the HK Country Club since 1998



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OBJECTION TO DO ANY THING THAT MAY ARM OR JEOPARDIZE PRL's

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk
k, [REDACTED]

04/07/2018 18:32

History: This message has been replied to.

Dear Sir/Madam

Q1

- 1) Of course PRL's Site should continue to operate under the policy.
- 2) May be lease can be review in a way to better meet land use and sport development.
- 3) Yes and leases should be longer than just 15 years to allow better development
- 4) Over regulating such frail business model could jeopardize the survival of many.

Q2

- 1) Best sports promotion in the community assessment tool to be defined
- 2) Continue the quarterly reporting and yearly inspection with good point bad point system to allow good PRL's to carry on and bad ones to be terminated.
- 3) Best development of elite sports option and sponsorship to be demonstrated
- 4) Focus on international event preparation, support and hosting is to play a part in this assessment
- 5) How the PRL'S site are providing sufficient % of sport promotion against recreation activities and facilities
- 6) How the PRL's support their duty of opening to NSA and eligible outside bodies.
- 7) The quarterly report sent to HAB by all PRL for the last 6 or 7 years should give the answer to that.
- 8) If 1200 ha of land is needed rapidly and PRL's barely cover 350ha WHAT LAND SHORTFAL WOULD THE PRL SITES SOLVE? There are other land options to look for.

Q3

- 1) How can one comment without a proper definition of the premium charge mechanism, this is not ready to be commented upon.
- 2) By looking deeper in the contribution of PRL's over the year towards Hong Kong by developing unusable plots of land into prime sports area for Hong Kong shows that premium have already been paid in another way.
- 3) The definition of spots against ancillary facilities is necessary but inexistent so far how this can affect the premium no one knows yet.
- 4) Why charging a premium and then over controlling the debenture sales, (ISSUANCE, LENGTH, PRICE, SALABILITY AND TRANSFER) this is a terrible financial impact on the survival of the PRL'S and a double charge.
- 5) Of course it should continue at nil or nominal land premium for those who have over the years developed, improved and open the PRL's to members, sporting youth and the public. Those PRLs are doing their job, benefiting Hong Kong sporting reputation, offering quality environment, they should not be threaten to be bankrupted or closed down.
- 6) At least if an onerous land premium is to be paid by PRL's flexibility in payment should be considered and the amount calculated according affordability not according to developer's unrealistic and extortionate land values.

Q4

- 1) Yes surely they already do anyway

Q5

- 1) Any as long as they are in line with the ethos and M&A of each clubs, provide sporting experience, and Development are opened to all with a fee.

Q6

1) Continue the quarterly reporting and yearly inspection with good point bad point system to allow good PRL's to carry on and bad one to be terminated.

Q7

1) YES surely as long as they are providing sporting experience and development are open to all with a fee and
2) Yes if they are for the development of elite sports and international event support and hosting it should even be encouraged.

More comment

- The Club is open to the general public for sports actually 80% of the certification in the club or the sailing activity in general is for non-members.
- The Club has developed the land over the last 50 years and has already paid its due why charging more again.
- The Club is a peaceful haven in the Hong Kong jungle and bring peace, harmony and tranquility for the community.

Thank You for your attention!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Chang

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**OBJECTION TO DO ANY THING THAT MAY ARM OR JEOPARDIZE
PRL's**

Cc: [REDACTED] to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

04/07/2018 18:38

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Sir, Mrs,

Having read the very long documentation from HAB on the policy review of private recreation lease, please see below my answers and opinions :

1.

Question: Whether all PRL sites should continue to be handled under the existing lease arrangement, or alternative lease arrangement should be adopted; Yes I think so. Also leases should be longer than just 15 years to allow better long term development.

1. **Question : How to assess whether these sites should be retained or returned to the Government for other development purposes;**

At the moment the sites are doing a good job at promoting sports , no need to return to the Government. Not convinced about how it would be improved.

2. **Question: Whether charging nil or nominal land premium for the use of these sites should continue;**

Yes !!Of course it should continue at nil or nominal land premium for those who have over the years developed, improved and open the PRL's to members, sporting youth and the public. Those PRLs are doing their job, benefiting Hong Kong sporting reputation, offering quality environment, they should not be threaten to be bankrupted or closed down.

3. **Whether the PRL lessees should be required to further open up their facilities so as to better complement and support sports development in Hong Kong;** yes that is already the case. ABC for example already opens all classes and courses to non members.

4. **What types of facilities should be allowed on these sites (including ancillary facilities);**

Any type as long as they are in line with the ethos and M&A of each clubs, provide sporting experience, and Development are opened to all with a fee.

5. **How to enhance the monitoring on the governance and transparency of the lessees;**

Can continue the quarterly reporting and yearly inspection with good point bad point system to allow good PRL's to carry on and bad one to be terminated.

6. **Whether and how to assess applications for new sites for sports and recreational use;**Yes surely as long as they are providing sporting experience and development are open to all with a fee.

I hope you will take good reading at my above answers.

Best regards

Raphaël Chabrolle

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HAB Policy Review of Private Recreation Lease

pri_consultation@hab.g

to: ov.hk,

04/07/2018 18:42

History:

This message has been replied to.

1. **Whether all PRL sites should continue to be handled under the existing lease arrangement, or alternative lease arrangement should be adopted; (Refer to pages 7-15).**

Yes and leases should be longer than just 15 years to allow better development

2. **How to assess whether these sites should be retained or returned to the Government for other development purposes; (Refer to pages 15-19).**

Continue the quarterly reporting and yearly inspection with good point bad point system to allow good PRL's to carry on and bad ones to be terminated.

3. **Whether charging nil or nominal land premium for the use of these sites should continue; (Refer to pages 19- 25).**

Of course it should continue at nil or nominal land premium for those who have over the years developed, improved and open the PRL's to members, sporting youth and the public. Those PRLs are doing their job, benefiting Hong Kong sporting reputation, offering quality environment, they should not be threaten to be bankrupted or closed down.

4. **Whether the PRL lessees should be required to further open up their facilities so as to better complement and support sports development in Hong Kong; (Refer to pages 25-30).**

Yes surely they already do anyway

5. **What types of facilities should be allowed on these sites (including ancillary facilities); (Refer to pages 30-31).**

Any as long as they are in line with the ethos and M&A of each clubs, provide sporting experience, and Development are opened to all with a fee.

6. **How to enhance the monitoring on the governance and transparency of**

**the lessees;
(Refer to pages 31-33).**

Continue the quarterly reporting and yearly inspection with good point bad point system to allow good PRL's to carry on and bad one to be terminated.

- 7. Whether and how to assess applications for new sites for sports and recreational use;
(Refer to pages 33-34).**

Yes if they are for the development of elite sports and international event support and hosting it should even be encouraged

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Document in support of the RHKYC for continuation of its PRL at the current level

Introduction

By way of introduction, I should state that I am a member of the RHKYC. I joined in 1997 and have been an active sailing member and have also served on one of the committees for several years

For further introduction, I am a HK permanent resident having lived in HK for over 30 years. I am in full support of the government's efforts to find more land for public housing and in support of the various home ownership schemes. I sold all of my HK property some years back believing property prices could not continue to rise and I have therefore been renting for over 5 years now. This has given me the opportunity to see the HK housing issue from different perspectives. I want the HK government to solve the housing issue of in order ordinary citizens can afford to own their own home, and for those who cannot own they can expect the HK government to make available decent and livable accommodation at prices people can afford and in the right timescale

My view is that revoking or charging extra for the PRL for the RHKYC is detrimental to the HK Gov. goals of sport for all, supporting elite sports and bringing business to HK thru international sporting events

Surely better for the Gov to undertake more land reclamation, come to agreements with the PLA for land plus various NT agreements on land availability

By way of support for the RHKYC and continuation of the PRL lease at the same level, I share my experiences and observations of the club

- 1 Sailing and rowing are not luxury sports only for wealthy people. Sailing and rowing are highly suitable sports for HK people where skills are more important than physical attributes alone. I sail a type of boat that is modest in purchase price and most maintenance can be undertaken by the owner and running costs are not too expensive
- 2 The RHKYC is a non-profit organization and there are zero shareholder dividends issued. The club is run by the members and operates in an open, transparent and accountable manner with elections and audited accounts. All funds are used to run the club and invest in equipment and events to support the future of sailing and rowing
- 3 Today, I note there are some 40%+ of the people taking part in sailing at the club's locations each weekend are non-members and regular HK citizens I first visited the club as a non-member and sailed as a non-member before deciding to join
- 4 Training courses are open to the public and you don't need to be a member to learn sailing or rowing at the club. It has been my great pleasure in the past to volunteer as a trainer for the courses working alongside the club coaches and this keeps the costs down for participants. The courses are open to everyone

- 5 The school's participation in sailing at the club is awesome and HK's future elite sailors will surely come from the school participation in sailing and rowing
- 6 Since my joining of the club in 1997, I've witnessed the club reaching out gradually to the sailing community in China and today this is a great success. This surely matches both the HK and China government goals of further integration generally and specifically for the greater bay area
- 7 I always feel proud when the club hosts international events and we welcome peoples for all walks of life from around the world to attend events organized by the club. I've met multi-millionaires and modest couples who combine their once per year holiday with sailing to join one of our events. Such events are good for the HK economy and bolster HK's image as Asia's world city
- 8 We are certainly a multi-cultural lot at the club, with HK people at its core. I don't know if the club was superior and foreigner-elitist prior to my joining in 1997 but my own experience since joining has been positive and amongst my closest life-friends and sailing friends are HK people and peoples of several different nationalities, just as we would want in HK
- 9 HK should have an active harbor being used for water sports each weekend to show the world we are a healthy, happy and active community that will attract talent to HK in the knowledge there are a great variety of sporting and recreational facilities available once they get here
- 10 The club integrates well with the other water-sports based organizations in HK and I've seen at first hand the inter-organization cooperation. This is great for harmony in HK to be benefit of the whole community loving water sports and "sport for all"

In conclusion, with the focus I would use in my management consultancy work I offer the following formula

Higher PRL fees = Higher club prices = fewer members = less facilities = less sailing = less sport for the HK community

Less sailing = less international events = less visitors = less business = less relationship with China and the world

Submitted by Clive Bunyard

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HongKong Country Club (HKCC)

[REDACTED] to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

04/07/2018 18:59

Cc: [REDACTED]

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Sir,

just a short notice to tell you how much I love the CountryClub and how important it is that HongKong has a Sportclub like our Club is. Originally I am from Austria in Europe, but I am resident since nearly 40 years in HongKong and are spending more or less each free minute in our Club. You could say it is a kind living-room for me, where I feel at home. I am a member since many, many years.

The Club is really trying to be nice to all members and visitors and can offer in all directions something for everyone. Not only swimming, tennis, yoga and all other sports, there is a library, a computer-room, a DVD room, there are all kind of different, simple but also high class excellent restaurants, there is a winecellar and so on. I would say the HongKong Country Club became a LANDMARK in HongKong and this Club should be here for ever. I am quite sure nearly everybody will think like me, but I wanted to tell you my feelings and are hoping it will help.

With kind regards,

Lothar H. Wesemann

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**Protect the Hong Kong Football Club**

[REDACTED] to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

04/07/2018 19:22

History:

This message has been replied to.

The Hong Kong Football Club plays a huge role in the development of sport at all levels in Hong Kong. It is also the birth place of the greatest sports event in Asia – the Hong Kong 7s, an event that put Hong Kong on the international map and paved the way for 7s rugby to enter the Olympics games.

The Club supports a huge number of sports and promotes healthy living, activity and sports development to locals and expats of all ages. The mini rugby community at the HKFC is almost 100 kids who play every weekend. Football, swimming, tennis, squash, hockey and many other sports also benefits from the Club facilities.

The Club is utterly unsuited to development for public housing and it's critical role in the development of sport, and a healthy population of Hong Kong means it should be protected from development

Yours sincerely
Daniel Parr

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prl_consultation@hab.g

to: ov.hk,

05/07/2018 07:49

History: This message has been replied to.

1. **Whether all PRL sites should continue to be handled under the existing lease arrangement, or alternative lease arrangement should be adopted;**
Yes and leases should be longer than just 15 years to allow better development
2. **How to assess whether these sites should be retained or returned to the Government for other development purposes;**
Continue the quarterly reporting and yearly inspection with good point bad point system to allow good PRL's to carry on and bad ones to be terminated.
3. **Whether charging nil or nominal land premium for the use of these sites should continue;**
Of course it should continue at nil or nominal land premium for those who have over the years developed, improved and open the PRL's to members, sporting youth and the public. Those PRLs are doing their job, benefiting Hong Kong sporting reputation, offering quality environment, they should not be threaten to be bankrupted or closed down.
4. **Whether the PRL lessees should be required to further open up their facilities so as to better complement and support sports development in Hong Kong;**
Yes surely they already do anyway
5. **What types of facilities should be allowed on these sites (including ancillary facilities);**
Any as long as they are in line with the ethos and M&A of each clubs, provide sporting experience, and Development are opened to all with a fee.
6. **How to enhance the monitoring on the governance and transparency of the lessees;**
Continue the quarterly reporting and yearly inspection with good point bad point system to allow good PRL's to carry on and bad one to be terminated.
7. **Whether and how to assess applications for new sites for sports and recreational use;**
Yes if they are for the development of elite sports and international event support and hosting it should even be encouraged.

From a young age, Aberdeen Boat Club was like a second home to me – providing a safe environment to families with good water sport activities and a friendly crew, just like family. My parents have been members for 30 years and now I too have become a member to support the Club that I grew up in. Along with the affiliated Hebe Haven Yacht Club, I have witnessed many well organised sailing competitions for all ages along with serving the community of HK – seeing children and those with disability take to the waters and enjoy a fun day out, that's community spirit! It is about time HK should be preserving some glorious history rather than destroying them.

Betsy Haynes

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prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk,

to:

05/07/2018 09:41

History:

This message has been replied to.

Whether all PRL sites should continue to be handled under the existing lease arrangement, or alternative lease arrangement should be adopted;
(Refer to pages 7-15).

[Yes and leases should be longer than just 15 years to allow better development](#)

How to assess whether these sites should be retained or returned to the Government for other development purposes;
(Refer to pages 15-19).

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(Refer to pages 25-30).

[yes](#)

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(Refer to pages 33-34).

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Hong Kong Country Club

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

05/07/2018 10:25

Cc:

History:

This message has been replied to.

Private Recreational Lease and Land Matters Section,
Home Affairs Bureau (Recreation and Sport Branch),
13/F, West Wing, Central Government Offices,
2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar, Hong Kong

Dear Sirs,

Re: Hong Kong Country Club ("HKCC" or "Club")

I am writing to make you aware of the HKCC's strong commitment to sports development and community service in Hong Kong. I am supportive of the HKCC's lease being renewed in 2027 and consider the preservation of our sporting and recreational facilities to be an extremely vital part of building a balanced society in Hong Kong.

I would like to highlight the ways that HKCC is a valuable resource for sports development and the community:

HKCC's Sports Development Activities

- Since 2013, HKCC has written to 800+ schools every year to invite them to the club and make use of our facilities for their sports lessons and training. Around 20 schools, including St. Stephen's Primary and Secondary Schools, Pun U Wah Yan Primary and Wah Yan Secondary Schools, Lau Wong Fat Secondary School etc., regularly make use the tennis, squash, basketball courts, and bowling alley. The use of the facilities by schools have increased by more than 150% from 2016 to 2017 alone, from 491 hours in 2016 to 1228 hours in 2017. With the club's continued commitment to further opening up, it is projected this will continue to increase to 1500 hours in 2018.
- The Junior Tennis Scholarship Program began in 2016, under which the Club provides annual coaching subsidies totaling \$120,000 to promising sportspersons aged 8 to 17. Thus far, there have been 26 recipients who between them have received 3,000 hours of coaching free of charge.
- Since 2016, we have run Summer and Christmas Camps for local school children, first for Tennis and then Bowling as well starting 2017, with the aim of making it possible for all young people, no matter their background, to take up sport. By end of 2018, more than 340 children from the age of 8 to 17 will have received 3660 hours of coaching free of charge.
- The Club has participated in LCSD's "Sport For All Day" for 5 years, from 1 single day in 2014 to 10 days and 560 hours in 2016 and 2017, and a projected 19 days and

1,102 hours in 2018. This year, the Club's sports facilities will be open to the public every Tuesday and Thursday from 3 July to 30 August.

- The Club has hosted both international and local tennis tournaments, including The Wheelchair Tennis Exhibition Match in 2011, an invitation match with local and participants from overseas, The Asian International Schools Championships in 2016, and The Hong Kong National Junior Tennis Championships (U18 categories) since 2015, which will again be taking place at the Club this year from 1-9 July and 4-17 August.
- HKCC also host the Hong Kong Tennis Association (HKTA) Leagues, a Summer League and a Winter League every year, which occupy the Club's tennis courts for 480 hours per year.
- The Club is currently planning to host an International Tennis Federation (ITF) sanctioned tournament in November 2018 in conjunction with the Hong Kong Veterans Tennis Association (HKVTA), The International Super Senior Tennis Open; the proposed tournament will have 12 events and attract players from all over the world.
- Since records started to be kept in 2015, the Club has opened up over 5,000 hours of our sports facilities to Eligible Outside Bodies such as schools and sports associations. There was a 65% increase in number of hours opened from 2016 to 2017 alone. The Club remains committed to further opening up our facilities and to allocate even more resources to accommodate the needs of outside bodies.

HKCC Community Contribution

Caring for the community is a core value that has long been and continues to be embraced by the Club, and in doing so, HKCC provides access to its non-sporting facilities to social or charitable organizations, including use of the lawn, playground, playroom and dining facilities, despite such facilities not falling within HAB's Opening-up Scheme, and hours so offered not credited by HAB.

The Club continue to support a range of NGOs and charities, and in selecting its Charity Partners, special emphasis is placed on those supporting children and the elderly, including Mother's Choice and St. Mary's Home for the Aged. The Club fundraises for selected charities throughout the year through charity sales and holding charity sports tournaments. Since 2014, we have raised more than \$500,000 through events such as the Annual Christmas Charity Market and the Tennis Charity Social. These funds have benefited more than 7 charities, e.g. St. Mary's, The Home of Loving Faithfulness, Little Life Warrior Society, Hong Kong Dog Rescue.

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2,800 individuals have visited the Club since 2015 and we have served more than 2,300 meals free of charge.

The Club has partnered with Foodlink Foundation since 2012 to donate surplus food to beneficiaries partners such as St. Barnabas Society and Chai Wan Baptist Church Social Service served onsite to those in need free of charge. Since 2015, we have donated more than 1,100 kg of food to Foodlink Foundation.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Sincerely,

Alfredo Lobo

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**Importance of the contribution of HK Football Club****[REDACTED]** to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

05/07/2018 12:40

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear sir,

I write to express my views on the importance of the contributions of the Hong Kong Football Club towards the promotion of youth rugby and other sports. They definitely deserved to continue to use the premises for the best interest of Hong Hong.

Best regards

Samuel Ho

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



Home Affairs Bureau
12/F West Wing,
Central Government Offices,
2 Time Mei Avenue, Tamar,
Hong Kong

Via email to prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

Thursday, 5 July 2018

Re: Policy review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs)

Dear Sir/Madam,

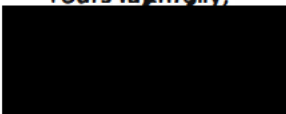
I am writing as a young member of the local sailing community, as well as a member of the city that has become my home, with regards to the current policy review of PRLs.

I am concerned with the impact the proposed modifications would have on sports clubs such as the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club (RHKYC) and, in turn, in the development of sailing in Hong Kong. My interest in sailing began in Hong Kong and I owe my progress in the sport to the RHKYC. Of the many facilities and services provided by the RHKYC, the regular racing competitions and training courses organised by the RHKYC have been key to my development. Further, the RHKYC has been able to promote sailing, and all the benefits it has to offer, to younger members of the local community through initiatives run by the RHKYC Young Members Sub-Committee (YMSC). This includes the sail racing training days which are open to non-RHKYC members free of charge and I have personally introduced many non-RHKYC member friends to such events.

The proposed increased financial burdens on the RHKYC would not only stifle Hong Kong's advancement in the sport but also have a disproportionate impact on younger members of the sailing community. It would not have been practically possible for me to make use of all the RHKYC has to offer to nurture my sailing skills if I were not offered the financial concessions currently available to young members of the RHKYC. The activities of the YMSC to foster an active young community of sailors and other water based sports, which is mainly possible through the RHKYC's financial status quo, would also be similarly impeded.

As such, I strongly appeal to the Home Affairs Bureau to reconsider its proposals on PRLs.

Yours faithfully,



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HAB Policy Review of Private Recreation Lease

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

05/07/2018 12:56

Cc: [REDACTED]

History: This message has been replied to.

1. Whether all PRL sites should continue to be handled under the existing lease arrangement, or alternative lease arrangement should be adopted; (Refer to pages 7-15).

Over regulating such frail business model could jeopardize the survival of many.

2. How to assess whether these sites should be retained or returned to the Government for other development purposes; (Refer to pages 15-19).

If 1200 ha of land is needed rapidly and PRL's barely cover 350ha WHAT LAND SHORTFAL WOULD THE PRL SITES SOLVE? There are other land options to look for.

3. Whether charging nil or nominal land premium for the use of these sites should continue; (Refer to pages 19- 25).

Of course it should continue at nil or nominal land premium for those who have over the years developed, improved and open the PRL's to members, sporting youth and the public. Those PRLs are doing their job, benefiting Hong Kong sporting reputation, offering quality environment, they should not be threaten to be bankrupted or closed down.

4. Whether the PRL lessees should be required to further open up their facilities so as to better complement and support sports development in Hong Kong; (Refer to pages 25-30).

Yes surely they already do anyway

5. What types of facilities should be allowed on these sites (including ancillary facilities); (Refer to pages 30-31).

Any as long as they are in line with the ethos and M&A of each clubs, provide sporting experience, and Development are opened to all with a fee.

6. How to enhance the monitoring on the governance and transparency of the lessees; (Refer to pages 31-33).

Continue the quarterly reporting and yearly inspection with good point bad point system to allow good PRL's to carry on and bad one to be terminated.

7. Whether and how to assess applications for new sites for sports and recreational use; (Refer to pages 33-34).

Yes if they are for the development of elite sports and international event support and hosting it should even be encouraged.

Additional comments:

- The Club is open to the general public for sports actually 80% of the certification in the club or the sailing activity in general is for non-members.

- The Club has developed the land over the last 50 years and has already paid its due why charging more again.

- The Club is a peaceful haven in the Hong Kong jungle and bring peace, harmony and tranquility for the community.

Thank you and regards,
Agnès Caër-Piras

The sender requested to keep his/her name and submission
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5 July 2018

Re: Submission on Consultation on Private Recreational Leases

I am writing in support of the continuation of long standing government policies of issuing land leases to private recreational clubs.

The availability of private recreational leases over the years has created a system whereby many sports, and the clubs that promote these sports, have grown dependent upon government support for their existence in Hong Kong. I would suspect that if the situation overseas were to be investigated, one would find that similar clubs generally own land, likely purchased a century or more ago. Had government support of our clubs in Hong Kong via land leases not existed so many years ago, then it is likely that our clubs would have long ago purchased real estate as per global norms, and be independent.

Instead we have this unique situation, where our clubs, after having been weaned into a state of dependency on government support and stable policy over so many years, now see their existence threatened by potential change in government policy. If the recreational clubs were denied access to recreational land leases, then Hong Kong would find itself as the sole international city lacking such facilities.

Our recreational clubs form an important part of the social fabric of Hong Kong by facilitating the development of sport, and by providing venues for these sports to be played. Sports are an important part of society, and play the role in the development of well-rounded individuals. The existence of these venues plays a key role in providing some minimum quality of life for many Hong Kong residents who would otherwise be unsatisfied with the quality of life in Hong Kong. Are our sporting residents supposed to recreate in their spare time by aimlessly walking through shopping malls? To me this sounds like a joyless existence, with little or no purpose in life.

I believe that private recreational clubs have an obligation to support development of their associated sports within the general community, and I understand that most of our clubs do this. At the same time, I believe that it is in the community's broader interest for these clubs to retain a private status. Our society is comprised of people from all economic status and walks of life. Members of private clubs are typically very successful and economically active members of the community. They are the types of citizens that many countries and cities are keen to attract, and which Hong Kong should be keen to retain. Yet these same people have certain expectations and standards which inform their choice of where they live. For example, many sailing enthusiasts are interested in a sailing experience that the Leisure & Cultural Services Department (LCSD) is incapable of providing, but which the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club has been providing well for a great many years. The government should be aware of the need to provide a suitable living environment and quality of life for all inhabitants, and this means the continued support of private clubs through renewal of recreational leases.

Thank you,



Fredson Bowers

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HKFC

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

05/07/2018 15:23

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Sir / Madam,

Concerning the proposals by Government to change the lease conditions of Private Recreational Leaseholders (PRL's), which includes HKFC, the sports club in Happy Valley, I am writing for my family, residents of Happy Valley, to express our strong demand for the sports club and the green!

I am a non-member of HKFC. My boy is playing rugby at HKFC on a weekly basis since age 4. Our family and I, being local residents, understand HK has an issue on the land supply but we actually have an issue on the green too. The resumption of PRL sites should NOT be an option for building housing on. It is very important the HKFC is to sports development in Hong Kong, especially the Rugby development as this is the only place on the Island offering structural rugby bilingual programs. The club contributes to the Hong Kong Sevens every year and my kid is one of the juniors joining the March Past in the stadium. Their rugby program is not only offered to members but also non-members.

I sincerely hope that your department can help our kids to renew HKFC lease as a sports club. We need the green and a good living environment for our kids. Not only housing and the TSA....

Thank you.

Best regards,

Joanna Kong



HKFC - Presentation to Legco's HA Panel.ppt

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HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB

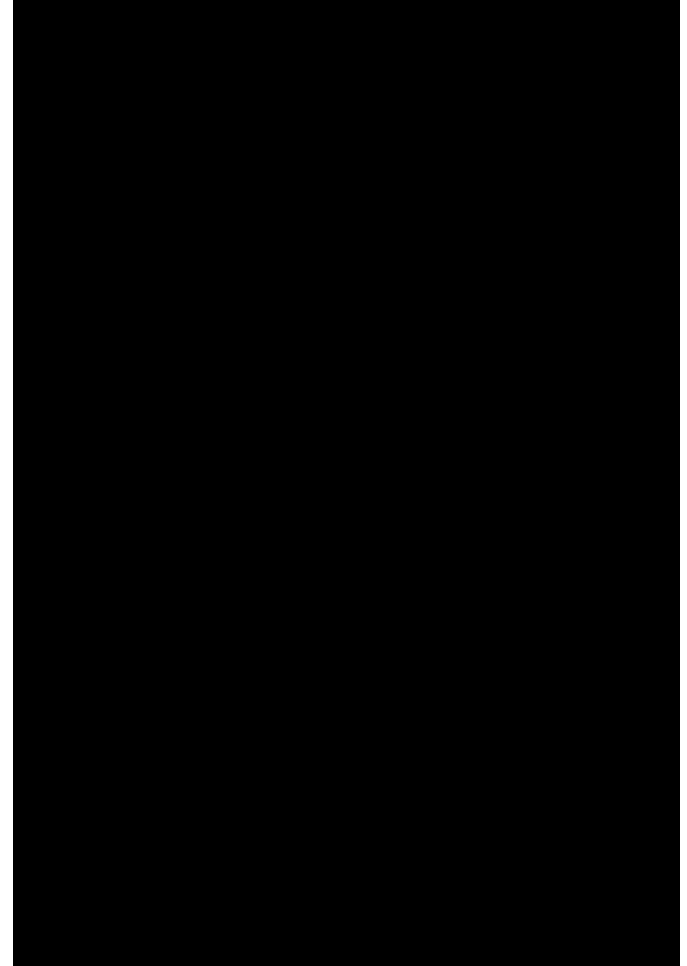


13 June 2018

Our vision is to be recognised as one of the leading sports clubs in the world.

We are a not-for-profit club.

Club initiated the Hong Kong Rugby 7s, which is today a “M” Mark event and an Olympic sport.



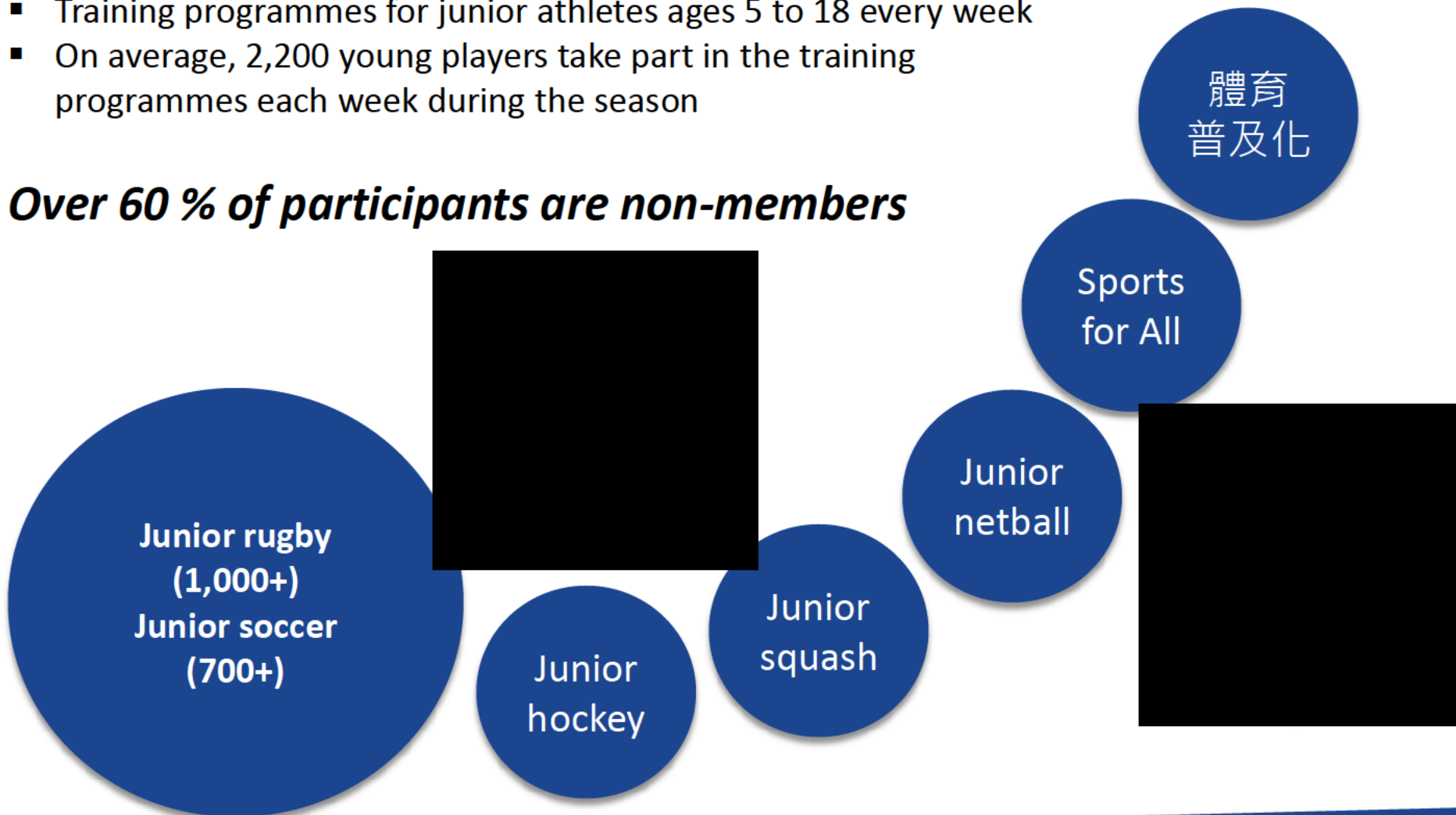
涵蓋11種體育項目 The Club has 11 sports



We contribute to sports for the community

- Training programmes for junior athletes ages 5 to 18 every week
- On average, 2,200 young players take part in the training programmes each week during the season

Over 60 % of participants are non-members



籌備及管理不同本地賽事



We host and manage many local tournaments

Including:

Rugby

- Mini Rugby Tournaments
- Mini Rugby Festivals

Soccer

- Junior Soccer Sevens Tournament
- Yau Yee League Cup Finals

Squash

- Summer Squash League
- Wing Ding Charity Squash

Hockey

- Junior Hockey Festival

Lawn Bowls

- National Mixed Pairs
- Championship Finals
- The Champion of Champions Round Robin matches
- National Novice Singles
- Bowls Grand Prix

選手如雲 為本地體壇注入動力



We actively participate in the Hong Kong sports scene

HKFC league teams:

<i>Rugby</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 7 men's and 2 ladies
<i>Soccer</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5 men's and 1 ladies
<i>Squash</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 19 men's and 7 ladies• 6 masters
<i>Tennis</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Winter League - 4 men's and 2 ladies• Summer League - 4 men's and 2 ladies
<i>Hockey</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8 men's and 8 ladies
<i>Netball</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6 ladies
<i>Lawn Bowls</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Summer League - 6 men's and 3 ladies• Winter League - 7 men's and 4 ladies
<i>Badminton</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 men's doubles and 1 ladies' doubles• 1 mixed doubles

支援總會培訓 提供設施及場地

We support NSA trainings and usage of our facilities



We hosted the hockey teams from Canada, Japan and New Zealand prior to their participation in the Beijing Olympics 2008



International tournaments and matches

- HKFC International Rugby Tens
- HKRU Asia Rugby Championship
- HKRU Rugby World Club qualifiers
- HKFC International Soccer Sevens
- HKFC International Hockey 6's
- FIH International Hockey Master Tournament
- FIH International Grand Masters Hockey Tournament
- FIH World Masters Indoor Hockey Tournament (Feb 2019)
- Inaugural World Doubles Squash Tournament
- HKFC International Squash PSA 25
- HKFC International Squash 3's
- Hong Kong Squash Open
- World Masters Squash Championships
- HKBLA International Bowls Classic
- International Tiger Bowls tournament (sanctioned by the HKBLA)

體育
盛事化
國際化

Iconic/
International
Sports

充份利用體育設施

We fully utilise our facilities for sports



- Opening up sports facilities for public use
(普及化)
- Providing essential training facilities for NSAs
and promoting sports in the community
(精英化)
- Hosting local and major international sports
events (國際化、盛事化)

歡迎非會員參與



Many activities are open to non-members

- On average, **over 1,000 hours** of actual use per month are by outside bodies like schools, National Sports Associations and charities
- 9 Club facilities are open to outside bodies
 - Rugby pitch/ turf soccer
 - Basketball court
 - Hockey pitch
 - Squash courts
 - Tennis courts
 - Badminton courts
 - Indoor lawn bowls green
 - Outdoor lawn bowls green
 - Netball courts

We care for the community

Community work includes:

- For over 10 years, the Club has played host to football coaching sessions for players with special needs
 - HKFC Crusaders: a dedicated football coaching program for players with special needs – "enriching their lives through football"
- Club supports Po Leung Kuk activities
- Donations to Breakthrough and Operation Santa Claus

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THANK YOU

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**Do not develop PRL sites**

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

05/07/2018 17:02

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Sirs,

I would like to share my opinion on the PRL topic. I am a member of the Hong Kong Football Club, my children attend rugby and football at the club. Taking away this oasis in the middle of the concrete jungle would be a huge mistake. These facilities are essential for our children's development and the development of the Hong Kong national sports teams. Before even thinking about taking these spaces away, please consider moving the financial district out off the island and converting the office and shopping spaces into housing/flats. The banks and the rich can afford to move off the island. Put them all on Lantau or near Tung Chung. Don't hurt the simple people of Hong Kong, force the rich to support the poor!!

Best regards

Tony Cooper

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OBJECTION TO DO ANY THING THAT MAY ARM OR JEOPARDIZE PRL's

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk,

05/07/2018 17:10

History: This message has been replied to.

Dear Sir or Madam,

In relation to the HAB briefing, we would like to address the following questions as members of the Aberdeen Boat Club

1. Whether all PRL sites should continue to be handled under the existing lease arrangement, or alternative lease arrangement should be adopted; (Refer to pages 7-15).
2. How to assess whether these sites should be retained or returned to the Government for other development purposes; (Refer to pages 15-19).
3. Whether charging nil or nominal land premium for the use of these sites should continue; (Refer to pages 19-25).
4. Whether the PRL lessees should be required to further open up their facilities so as to better complement and support sports development in Hong Kong; (Refer to pages 25-30).
5. What types of facilities should be allowed on these sites (including ancillary facilities); (Refer to pages 30-31).
6. How to enhance the monitoring on the governance and transparency of the lessees; (Refer to pages 31-33).
7. Whether and how to assess applications for new sites for sports and recreational use; (Refer to pages 33-34).

Answers as follows:

Q1. We believe that of course PRL sites should continue to operate under policy, the same policy which they have operated under for many decades.

That being said, we do believe that leases may be reviewed to better meet land use and sport development, in that way making leases longer for everyone and ensuring better development.

Q2. If 1200 ha of land is needed to cover the shortfall, and PRL's barely cover 350 ha, what land shortfall would the PRL sites solve? There are other land options to look for, which would not take away the sporting promotion that PRL's offer.

PRL's allow for elite sports development in ways that recreational facilities do not because of the superior facilities that the PRL's offer. The ABC's facilities are open to all, over 80% of our sailing courses are attended by non-members. PRL's also aid international events, the ABC was highly involved during the Volvo Ocean Race's Hong Kong leg with many members volunteering and supporting the event.

Q3. How can one comment without a proper definition of the premium charge mechanism? We feel that this is not ready to be commented upon.

We also believe that the Premium has already been paid in an alternative manner over the years through the contribution of PRL's towards Hong Kong, by developing unusable plots of land into prime sports areas.

We also believe that the definition of spots against ancillary facilities is definitely necessary; but it is also inexistent as no one knows how far it can affect the premiums.

Finally, why would you charge a premium, but then over control debenture sales such as issuance, length, price, saleability and transfer? This double charge creates a terrible financial impact upon the survival of the PRL's.

If a premium is to be charged, then flexibility of payment must be an option and the amount should be calculated according to affordability; not according to the developer's unrealistic and highly extortionate land values.

Of course the existence of PRL's should continue at nil or nominal land premium for those that have developed or improved sport in Hong Kong and have opened the PRL's to members, sporting youth and most importantly the public. PRL's which are doing these things are doing their job by benefitting Hong Kong's sporting reputation and offering a quality environment. They should certainly not be threatened with bankruptcy or closure.

Q4. Yes, we believe that they should definitely open up their facilities to better compliment and support sports development in Hong Kong. They do so anyway.

Q5. We believe that any facility should be allowed on PRL sites; as long as they respect the ethos and M&A of each club, provide sporting experience/development and are opened to all with a fee.

Q6. We believe that quarterly reporting and yearly inspections should be continued. They should use good point bad point systems to allow good PRL's making a positive impact in the community to stay open and the bad ones to be closed down.

Q7. Yes, definitely, as long as they are open to all and are providing sporting experience and development with a fee and Yes, if they are for the development of elite sports and international event support and hosting (such as the Volvo Ocean Race). International event support and hosting among PRL's should be encouraged.

In conclusion, the Aberdeen Boat Club is a wonderful facility that is open to the general public for sport. Over 80% of the certification and sailing facilities of the club are open to non-members. The club has developed the land as a PRL for over 50 years and has already paid its due, why should you be charging more again?

The government in general should be aiming to improve the quality of life of its citizens. Sport is an excellent way to do this and sailing is a wonderful sport to enjoy. As mentioned above, the Aberdeen Boat club provides excellent sailing facilities which are open to the public and improve the quality of life of all that use it.

If the Aberdeen Boat Club, and indeed all other clubs around Hong Kong, are forced to close down by this government action, what do you propose to replace them with to encourage people to participate in sport? What will replace these excellent, tried and tested facilities?

Yours,

The Lane family.

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**OBJECTION TO DO ANY THING THAT MAY ARM OR JEOPARDIZE
PRL's**

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk,

05/07/2018 19:32

History:

This message has been replied to.

Whether all PRL sites should continue to be handled under the existing lease arrangement, or alternative lease arrangement should be adopted;

Yes and leases should be longer than just 15 years to allow better development

How to assess whether these sites should be retained or returned to the Government for other development purposes;

1. Best sports promotion in the community assessment tool to be defined
- 2.

Whether charging nil or nominal land premium for the use of these sites should continue;

1. How can one comment without a proper definition of the premium charge mechanism, this is not ready to be commented upon.
- 2.

Whether the PRL lessees should be required to further open up their facilities so as to better complement and support sports development in Hong Kong;

1. Yes surely they already do anyway
- 2.

What types of facilities should be allowed on these sites (including ancillary facilities);

1. Any as long as they are in line with the ethos and M&A of each clubs, provide sporting experience, and Development are opened to all with a fee.
- 2.

How to enhance the monitoring on the governance and transparency of the lessees;

1. Continue the quarterly reporting and yearly inspection with good point bad point system to allow good PRL's to carry on and bad one to be terminated.

Whether and how to assess applications for new sites for sports and recreational use;

Yes if they are for the development of elite sports and international event support and hosting it should even be encouraged.

No name provided

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**Task force on land supply**

[REDACTED] to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

05/07/2018 19:55

History:

This message has been replied to and forwarded.

I would like to express my view on this subject.

It is fundamental wrong to re-develop private recreational clubs in the city for housing for the following reasons:

- 1) the land cost is so high that general public cannot afford after re-development
- 2) to impose additional land premium to non-commercial organisation for promoting sport activities is totally unsuitable
- 3) it destroys the hard works of the private recreational clubs on promoting sports and training up the younger generation to represent HK
- 4) it changes the value of the HK people towards sports I.e. fixed asset is more important than health

My suggestion to the Task Force:

A) all lands for development of housing for the general public should come from the low land cost zones e.g. New Territories that people can afford to buy after completion of development

B) reclamation of land should be the long term solution e.g. water front near Tuen mun

Hope this helps!

LamChi Hung



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**Private Recreational Leases .**

[REDACTED] to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

05/07/2018 20:16

History:

This message has been replied to.

I am a member of the Hong Kong Football Club, have been a member since 1981. I am a HK permanent resident. I object in principle to the land occupied by the Club being used for housing given the Government's failure to address brownfield sites and the misuse of agricultural land in the New Territories. These sites and misused land should be used for housing before land used in accordance with PRLs is taken for housing. Taking the easy option namely attacking " private " clubs instead of addressing fundamental problems with use of land in Hong Kong is an indication of a weak Government as is the trimming of country parks, enjoyed by every Hong Kong resident, to provide land for housing.

Alison Cabrelli

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Private Recreational Leases - Hong Kong Football Club

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

05/07/2018 20:27

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Sirs,

I wish to emphasize how important the Hong Kong Football Club is to sports development in Hong Kong from the Junior's to Elite level, including for Non-Members. For example, at the Mini Rugby level, I estimate that approximately 80% of the approximately 1,000 children playing mini rugby are children of Non-Members. I have been a coach for many years. HKFC is a great club and an inclusive one, which allows both Members and Non-Members and their children to play all types of sports and even buy food and beverage using Octopus Cards.

I contrast the approach taken by the Hong Kong Football Club with the elitist attitude of the HK Cricket Club which recently effectively kicked out its Rugby Section because the HK Cricket Club insisted that all players must be members even though the Rugby Section did not use the facilities and instead trained at Aberdeen Stadium and even though HK Cricket Club would not allow a sufficient number of rugby players to become members. My experience is that Hong Kong Football Club is a true sports club that benefits the community as a whole. Whereas and I am sorry to say but I speak from personal experience, the HK Cricket Club is a private members dining club run by a very small circle of people, which only has a limited number of sporting members, and does not allow anyone to use its grounds besides a few cricketers.

Hong Kong Football Club's PowerPoint presentation dated 13 June 2018 vividly outlines what Hong Kong Football Club does for sports development in Hong Kong. [Please download the Powerpoint here.](#)

Hong Kong needs the Hong Kong Football Club!

Thank you.

Regards,
James Wood

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PRL's**

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk,

05/07/2018 20:53

History:

This message has been replied to.

Francois Najeau

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**OBJECTION TO DO ANY THING THAT MAY ARM OR JEOPARDIZE
PRL's**

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

05/07/2018 20:54

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Sir, Madam

I am responding to the HAB review with my views.

1. Whether all PRL sites should continue to be handled under the existing lease arrangement, or alternative lease arrangement should be adopted;
(Refer to pages 7-15). - May be lease can be review in a way to better meet land use and sport development.
2. How to assess whether these sites should be retained or returned to the Government for other development purposes (Refer to pages 15-19) 1200 ha of land is needed rapidly and PRL's barely cover 350ha WHAT LAND SHORTFALL WOULD THE PRL SITES SOLVE?
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(Refer to pages 33-34) Yes if they are for the development of elite sports and international event support and hosting it should even be encouraged.

Thank you

Michael Openshaw

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to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

05/07/2018 21:32

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Sirs,

I was born in Hong Kong, and now make it my home. I love this place, and now I am disturbed by what might happen to it.

The politicians are trying to do a "Robin Hood" approach where they say they are trying to hit the rich and help the poor.....good platform to get elected, but grossly incorrect.

- 1) first question, has the SAR Government exhausted all options for land use? I see plenty of WASTE LANDS in the New Territory that is not used except for container junk yards and other useless storing of garbage.
- 2). There is a huge amount of green land reserved for the public, far more than is needed. Sai Kung and the New Territory has vast amounts of green land that with proper planning can be used for housing WITHOUT depriving Hong Kong with green spaces for the enjoyment of the public.
- 3). The SAR instead should re-examine their outdated policy of giving a plot of land to indigenous people born in the New Territories. I was born in Kowloon, should I also expect a piece of land? This practice has been, and will always be, TOTALLY ABUSED. They do not use this land for what it was intended, hence depriving the people of Hong Kong land that is needed for housing.
- 4). Hong Kong claims to be "an international City". What international City can it be if it does not offer the benefits of private clubs and world class sporting facilities? These clubs are vital to attract expatriates. Hong Kong has to realize that it is extremely successful in part due to the help of foreign expatriates who bring in skills that is needed.

If Hong Kong does not have world class private clubs and golf clubs, they will not be able to compete with Cities like Singapore, Bangkok, China etc. to attract the talent of expatriates.

- 5). Hong Kong needs to have more private clubs and golf clubs, not less. Golf has grown so much that the public cannot find enough golf courses to play on.

- 6). The SAR government has done a good job of building world class swimming pools and other public sporting facilities, so why do they feel they need to encroach into the Private Clubs to make these Clubs available to the general public?

Again, it is my view the the SAR Government is being pressured by the politicians who are using this important issue of Private Clubs and golf courses a platform to get elected.

Sincerely,

John Monteiro

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Hong Kong Football Club

[REDACTED]

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

05/07/2018 21:38

History:

This message has been replied to.

I strongly OBJECT to the options concerning PRLs and relocation of recreational facilities.

The club is very important for providing sports facilities to my boys age 7 and 6 by providing football and rugby training professionally.

The club also attracted and run a number of international events by hosting overseas visitors for sports event.

Regards

Stephen

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**Opinion on PRL**

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

06/07/2018 05:54

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing to express my objection to any suggestion of redevelopment of private sports clubs for housing development.

I have lived in Hong Kong since 1989 and fully understand the need that the city has for more housing at prices that can be afforded by the people. However I also believe that it is imperative to maintain Hong Kong as a place where people want to live. Hong Kong is an international city in competition with other cities both in China and in the region. If we do not maintain recreational facilities, then people and businesses would not want to be located in Hong Kong and this would affect the wealth and livelihoods of everybody. Hong Kong needs to maintain its edge. Private clubs are vital for keeping businesses here.

From a practical point of view, I also do not believe that many of the private clubs could be redeveloped anyway. If the government were to pursue this concept, it is quite possible that recreational facilities could be taken away yet it would make no impact at all on the housing supply. That would be a total own-goal.

We need more housing, but that must be balanced with keeping Hong Kong an attractive city for people to live in and therefore for business.

Yours faithfully,

Julian Ragless

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Lease Renewal for Private Recreational Leaseholders

[REDACTED] to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

06/07/2018 10:58

Cc: **[REDACTED]**

History:

This message has been replied to.

Home Affairs Bureau

The idea changing the lease of these clubs to me is irresponsible for the future of Hong Kong.

Hong Kong needs to encourage the existence of as many sports and recreational clubs as possible. Known for its "Work Hard - Play Hard" workforce it needs environments where people from all steps of life can relax and engage in sports to unwind and stay healthy.

Hong Kong needs sports and recreation facilities across the income spectrum and an emphasis should be on creating more not less. **One might argue that the Private Clubs are only for the rich but if you close these clubs down to create land or raise rents making them so expensive that the middle classes are pushed out, then you create a sector of the population looking elsewhere for their recreation needs putting pressure on the already over used Government facilities.**

I think it is short sighted and will only make life for Hong Kong citizens less enjoyable and will reduce Hong Kong's (already waning) attraction to outside talent. I know firsthand that the first piece of advice to new recruits from overseas is to join a club and play a sport to get to meet friends in a positive and healthy environment.

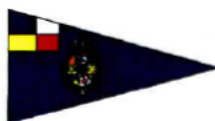
Most clubs offer cheaper membership fees for young playing members to give them a step in the door and to attract quality players to create worthwhile local competition. Large International sporting events are also created, organized and run by the clubs themselves attracting players from overseas which gives Hong Kong players valuable unknown competition so they can improve their skills. Forcing Clubs to close or making them lose their young talent through high fees will reduce the number of meaningful sports events for everyone including the spectators.

A lot of these clubs also allow their facilities to be used by outside schools, smaller sports clubs as well as charities and also for promoting sports by various Hong Kong Sports Associations.

As such I urge the Government to reconsider its intention of increasing rent on land leases for private clubs and/or reclaim their land for housing

Regards

Fiona Overton



REAL CLUB NÁUTICO DE BARCELONA

Home Affairs Bureau
(Recreation & Sport Branch)
13/F, West Wing, Central Government Offices
2 Tim Mei Avenue
Tamar
Hong Kong

Barcelona, 4th July 2018

Dear Sir / Madam,

May this letter serve to give our full support to the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club (RHKYC) in reference of the Private Recreational Leases that your government has recently released.

Here at Real Club Náutico de Barcelona we believe that the practice of sailing is beneficial in many ways and we aim to promote and develop this sport and also to organise events and activities (sporting and cultural) as well as non-profit teaching the sport of sailing.

We are having a correspondence agreement with RHKYC since 2011. During this period of time we have been able to confirm that this club has contributed to the development of sailing and rowing with many activities and so has promoted Hong Kong as a centre for major international sports events such as the China Coast Regatta. RHKYC also nurtures and supports elite athletes and they are proud that many sailors and rowers began their sporting career as non-members, taking part in their training courses, and then moving on as members and competing in their races. Hence, a number of athletes selected to represent Hong Kong at the upcoming Asian Games have come through programs organised by RHKYC.

For all these reasons we kindly ask to let them be the same way as until now.

Yours faithfully,

Félix Escalas

July 4, 2018

Home Affairs Bureau
West Wing, Central Government Offices
2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar
Hong Kong

Gentlemen/Ladies,

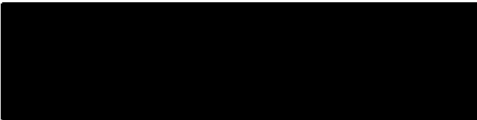
I am writing to you to express my support for the unrestricted renewal of the HKFC's lease as a sports club.

I had been a coach in the mini rugby program (and "Colts" program) between 2004 and 2009. I am now and have been sponsoring a non HKFC member's son, Max Wong, in the Under-10s mini rugby program.



The club offers a great deal to non-members with respect to facility usage. The club's maintenance and fairness in allocating "pitch time" and "facility time" to the many users of the club's sports facilities is easily verifiable.

I do hope you will renew their lease.

Kind regards,



Stuart R. McCarthy //

Home Affairs Bureau,
West Wing, Central Government Offices,
2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar,
Hong Kong

05 July 2018

Dear Sir or Madam,

I have been a member of the Hong Kong Football Club for over 11 years and actively use the club facilities along with my family (wife and 2 children). I have been an active member of the Hockey Club playing in the Premier League level in Hong Kong. My children participate at the pre-school provided on the premises. In addition, when age appropriate, they will look to participate in the Junior Sports programs provided.

In summary, we highly value the provision of facilities and programs on offer and contributions made to sports development in Hong Kong from junior to Elite Level.

Kind regards,



James Piachaud



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Private Recreational Lease and Land Matters Section
Home Affairs Bureau (Recreation and Sport Branch)
13/F, West Wing, Central Government Offices
2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar, Hong Kong

5 July 2018

Sub: Significance of Hong Kong Country Club to the community and its ongoing commitment to Hong Kong's sports development

Dear Sir,

In view of the recent public consultation regarding the Policy of Private Recreational Leases. I am writing in support of renewing the license granted to the Hong Kong Country Club. The reason for this is twofold:

Contribution to Sports Development

- Since 2013, the Club writes to 800+ schools every year to invite them to the Club and make use of the club's facilities for their sports lessons and training. Around 20 schools, including St. Stephen's Primary and Secondary Schools, Pun U Wah Yan Primary and Wah Yan Secondary Schools, Lau Wong Fat Secondary School etc., regularly make use their tennis, squash, basketball courts, and bowling alley. The use of their facilities by schools have increased by more than 150% from 2016 to 2017 alone, from 491 hours in 2016 to 1228 hours in 2017. With the Club's continued commitment to further opening up, it is projected this will continue to increase to 1500 hours in 2018.
- The Junior Tennis Scholarship Program began in 2016, under which the Club provides annual coaching subsidies totaling \$120,000 to promising sportspersons aged 8 to 17. Thus far, there have been 26 recipients who between them have received 3,000 hours of coaching free of charge.
- Since 2016, the Club has run Summer and Christmas Camps for local school children, first for Tennis and then Bowling as well starting 2017, with the aim of making it possible for all young people, no matter their background, to take up sport. By end of 2018, more than 340 children from the age of 8 to 17 will have received 3660 hours of coaching free of charge.
- The Club has participated in LCSD's "Sport For All Day" for 5 years, from 1 single day in 2014 to 10 days and 560 hours in 2016 and 2017, and a projected 19 days and 1,102 hours in 2018. This year, the Club's sports facilities will be open to the public every Tuesday and Thursday from 3 July to 30 August.
- The Club has hosted both international and local tennis tournaments, including The Wheelchair Tennis Exhibition Match in 2011, an invitation match with local and participants

from overseas, The Asian International Schools Championships in 2016, and The Hong Kong National Junior Tennis Championships (U18 categories) since 2015, which will again be taking place at the Club this year from 1-9 July and 4-17 August.

- The Club also host the Hong Kong Tennis Association (HKTA) Leagues, a Summer League and a Winter League every year, which occupy the Club's tennis courts for 480 hours per year.
- The Club is currently planning to host an International Tennis Federation (ITF) sanctioned tournament in November 2018 in conjunction with the Hong Kong Veterans Tennis Association (HKVTA), The International Super Senior Tennis Open; the proposed tournament will have 12 events and attract players from all over the world.
- Since records started to be kept in 2015, the Club has opened up over 5,000 hours of their sports facilities to Eligible Outside Bodies such as schools and sports associations. There was a 65% increase in number of hours opened from 2016 to 2017 alone. The Club remains committed to further opening up our facilities and to allocate even more resources to accommodate the needs of outside bodies.

Contribution to the Community

- Caring for the community is a core value that has long been and continues to be embraced by the Club, and in doing so, they provide access to their non-sporting facilities to social or charitable organizations, including use of the lawn, playground, playroom and dining facilities, despite such facilities not falling within HAB's Opening-up Scheme, and hours so offered not credited by HAB. The Club continues to support a range of NGOs and charities, and in selecting our Charity Partners, special emphasis is placed on those supporting children and the elderly.
- Mother's Choice is one of the Club's two Charity Partners, and has been since 2010. Their WEE Care Group and BABY Care Group visit the Club approx. 24 times a year, and the Club provides a safe open space for children without families to play in, such as their playroom, lawn and playground, before treating all the children and carers to lunch at the Poolside. From 2015 to date, the Club has provided more than 1,300 meals to Mother's Choice free of charge.
- St. Mary's Home for the Aged (St. Mary's), just around the corner from the Club, is their other Charity Partner, and has been since 2012, when the Club generously donated \$840,000 to replace and repair windows and doors in the Men's Wing of the Home. The Club arranges regular monthly days of respite for groups of elderly residents, during which they may do some tai chi on the lawn, enjoy a game of bowling and have lunch in the Bayview Room with Members and staff volunteers before departing. The Club serves approx. 160 meals to St. Mary's residents free of charge per year, and management visits the Home each year at Thanksgiving to cook and serve 120 residents and carers a 3-course lunch and to entertain them with a sing-a-long. The Club also arranges ongoing festive donations such as mooncakes, rice dumplings and Chinese New Year puddings.
- The Club fundraises for selected charities throughout the year through charity sales and holding charity sports tournaments. Since 2014, they have raised more than \$500,000 through

events such as the Annual Christmas Charity Market and the Tennis Charity Social. These funds have benefited more than 7 charities, e.g. St. Mary's, The Home of Loving Faithfulness, Little Life Warrior Society, Hong Kong Dog Rescue.

- Over the past three years, the Club has welcomed over 30 charities/NGOs and local Hong Kong schools on their outings, offering meals, sports, games, team-building and in-kind or venue support. Notable Organizations include: Just Volunteers English Language Learning program for disadvantaged children, Hong Kong Christian Services, St. James' Settlement, We Paint supporting children on the autism spectrum, HKU Space and HKAPA. More than 2,800 individuals have visited the Club since 2015 and they have served more than 2,300 meals free of charge.
- The Club has partnered with Foodlink Foundation since 2012 to donate our surplus food to beneficiaries partners such as St. Barnabas Society and Chai Wan Baptist Church Social Service served onsite to those in need free of charge. Since 2015, they have donated more than 1,100 kg of food to Foodlink Foundation.

I trust the above shows that the Hong Kong Country Club is a valuable resource for Hong Kong's sports development and community contribution.

Yours sincerely,



Allan Zeman



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HK Country Club - Public Consultation on Private Recreational Club Leases

[REDACTED] to: prl_consultatio
n@hab.gov.hk

06/07/2018 18:28

Cc: [REDACTED]
Please respond to [REDACTED]

History: This message has been replied to.

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing regarding our relationship with HK Country Club (HKCC).

Since the summer of 2015 HKCC has hosted outings for disadvantaged 10 - 12 year old children from Tin Shui Wai and Kwai Ching who joined our Summer Programme for Immersion in Communicative English ('SPICE'). SPICE aims to provide a fun, confidence building experience for some of the most disadvantaged children in HK. The programme is organized using undergraduate English majors from City University of HK and volunteers from two British universities, our programme partner is Chinese YMCA of HK.

The programme is run 3 times each summer at three host schools for a total of 240 children who come from a total of 9 or 10 different schools. In our first year we asked HKCC to host an outing for half the children but since 2016 HKCC has hosted the children in every programme for a full day's outing. The day includes bowling, archery, table football and table tennis as well as team building games both inside and on the lawn. In addition we are hosted to a full, child friendly buffet lunch.

As director of the programme what I find particularly attractive is the way the club staff run the activities and treat the children. They are made to feel very welcome and completely at home. They have plenty of time to enjoy each activity and they are provided with excellent food. On the return coach journey the atmosphere is always electric!

Each year the children provide feedback at the end of the programme and the single most popular event is their outing to HKCC. So we have come to consider the HKCC outings as one of the key elements of the SPICE programme, providing a stimulating and fun experience that we could not duplicate. Our team are looking forward to the days at the club again this summer.

If you have any questions or would like more information on our programme or the children we serve please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Best regards,
Josephine Chesterton

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Private recreational leases

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

06/07/2018 18:17

History:

This message has been replied to.

To Whom It May Concern

I am a Hong Kong Permanent Resident and wish to express my views on the the resumption of PRLs.

I object in principle to the land occupied by the Hong Kong Football Club (of which I am a member) being used for housing. The resumption of PRL sites should not be an option for building housing on.

There are several reasons for this.

First, given that the land which straddles the Happy Valley racecourse is entirely unsuitable for housing of any description.

Secondly, the Government has failed to address the use of brownfield sites and the misuse of agricultural land in the New Territories. These sites clearly should be used for housing before land subject to Private Recreational Leases.

Thirdly, the Government has clearly caved to pressure from lobbying groups to attack "private clubs" rather than address the fundamental problems with use of land in Hong Kong.

Fourthly, Clubs such as Hong Kong Football Club play a vital role in sports development in Hong Kong from junior to elite level for a multitude of sports, Hockey, football, rugby, netball, swimming, tennis and squash to name a few. I am a hockey player and have played for the Hong Kong National team both as an adult and as a junior. My skills were honed by HKFC and given serious lack of funding that the Government is prepared to provide for Hockey in Hong Kong, private clubs are crucial for the development of hockey players in Hong Kong. HKFC has a Hockey pitch of international standard which cannot be compared to the national ground of Kings Park. The Hong Kong National women's team frequently train on the HKFC pitch which enables them to practice for matches on international standard pitches.

Further, you may wish to look for yourself into how many HKFC players play for the national teams for all sports which clearly highlights the fundamental role HKFC plays in sports development.

The HKFC rugby pitch is often used for international rugby games. For example the Rugby 10s, a world renowned tournament. You will no doubt be aware of the 2018 Asian Rugby Championship which was played on the HKFC pitch, and the upcoming game on 7th July in which Hong Kong will play the Cook Islands for a spot in the Rugby World Cup.

The soccer/football section is also crucial for development of sport and hosts the world renowned soccer 7s tournament in which clubs such as Liverpool send their junior teams to compete.

I further express the strong view that country parks should not be trimmed to private housing.

I trust my views will be taken into account.

Yours faithfully

Alice Cabrelli

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**OBJECTION TO DO ANY THING THAT MAY ARM OR JEOPARDIZE
PRL's**

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk,

07/07/2018 18:31

History:

This message has been replied to.

Kind regards
Sunil Beri



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Task Force on Land Supply - Use of PRL

[REDACTED] to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

07/07/2018 14:39

History:

This message has been replied to.

Sir,

I object the proposals being put forward to make use of existing recreational facilities to increase the supply of Land.

We currently suffer from a dearth of good recreational facilities in this city. These are vital for any population in order to have a balanced lifestyle.

Kind regards,

Ross Mitchell

[REDACTED]

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Objection to proposed changes in terms of PRLs

[REDACTED] to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk,

07/07/2018 14:20

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Sir,

I write to lodge an objection to the proposed changes to the PRLs in Hong Kong. Regarding their continued existence, private recreational clubs provide a valuable resource for public benefit without the need for expenditure of public funds.

With regards to the questions outlined in the proposal document, I put to you as follows:

Whether all PRL sites should continue to be handled under the existing lease arrangement, or alternative lease arrangement should be adopted

A continuation of the existing arrangement is essential for the demonstrable public benefit derived from organizations holding public recreational leases.

How to assess whether these sites should be retained or returned to the Government for other development purposes;

A quantitative assessment of the number of community-benefit hours is essential. Private recreational leased land must be ensured to provide an agreed reasonable amount of public benefit.

Charging nil or nominal land premium for the use of these sites should continue

Yes, nil or nominal land premium is essential for the continued existence of such bodies.

Whether the PRL lessees should be required to further open up their facilities so as to better complement and support sports development in Hong Kong;

Absolutely -- they already do and should continue their sterling work in this.

What types of facilities should be allowed on these sites (including ancillary facilities);

Any facilities which enhance the recreational nature of the property.

How to enhance the monitoring of the governance and transparency of the lessees

Perhaps a collaborative self-regulating body with representatives of government and all PRLs management to monitor expected levels of transparency and reporting.

Whether and how to assess applications for new sites for sports and recreational use;

If they are to contribute to the development of sport and elite athletes in Hong Kong then the development of new sites should be encouraged .

I write this objection as a proud member of the Aberdeen Boat Club -- which provides training to the public in sailing and watersports. Indeed, 80% of the certification and training that the Club provides is to non-members.

Yours faithfully,

Jerome Barty-Taylor

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PRL consultation

Cc: [REDACTED]

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

07/07/2018 10:27

History:

This message has been replied to.

I am writing concerning the consultation on the policy of Private Recreational Leases, and in particular the Hong Kong Country Club.

The Hong Kong Country Club and its membership plays a significant and positive part in supporting the local community and has a strong ongoing commitment to Hong Kong's sports development. The club has for several years made its facilities available to outside bodies to an increasing and significant extent, and should continue to be a valuable and integral resource to serve the local community and the sports development of Hong Kong.

The Hong Kong Country Club invites 800 schools each year to make use of our sports facilities, and about 20 local schools regularly use our tennis, squash, basketball and bowling facilities. The number of hours of such use has increased from 491 in 2016 to 1228 in 2017, and is expected to reach 1500 hours in 2018.

The club provides annual tennis coaching subsidies totalling \$120,000 to promising sportspersons aged 8 to 17 under our Junior Tennis Sports Programme, and to date 26 recipients have received 3000 hours of coaching free of charge.

Since 2016 we have run summer and Christmas camps for local school children which have proved very popular, and to date more than 340 children have received 3660 hours of coaching free of charge.

The club has participated in the LCSD's Sport for All day for the past 5 years, and projects involvement this year for 19 days and 1102 hours, with the club's sports facilities open to the public every Tuesday and Thursday from 3 July to 30 August.

The club has hosted several international and local tennis tournaments in recent years, and also hosts the HKTA summer and winter tennis leagues, which occupy the clubs tennis courts for 480 hours per annum.

The club is planning to host an International Tennis Federation tournament in November 2018 that will attract players from all over the world.

The Hong Kong Country Club has a strong connection with the local community and caring for the community has for many years been at the heart of the club's ethos.

Club facilities such as the lawn, playground, dining facilities, playroom are regularly made available to social and charitable organisations. In particular the Club supports a number of organisations that support local children and the elderly.

These include providing Mother's Choice with space for their children who do not have families to play and enjoy free meals. To date we have provided over 1300 free meals. In addition we provide regular monthly visit days for elderly residents of our neighbour St Marys Home for the Aged, plus free meals and entertainment. The club donated \$840,000 to St Mary's for essential building repairs.

The Club holds several regular events for members to participate in helping our local charities and community, and since 2014 we have raised more than \$500,000 through fund raising events.

Over the past three years the Club has welcomed over 30 charities, NGOs and local schools to our premises to enjoy meals, team building activities, learning and games. More than 2800 individuals have visited our Club and we have served over 2300 meals free of charge.

Since 2012 the club has donated surplus food to beneficiary partners such as St Barnabas Society, Chai Wan Baptist Church Social Service and foodlink.

Yours sincerely

Hugh Pye

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**Sports facilities**

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

08/07/2018 21:31

History:

This message has been replied to.

dear Sir

I am a member of the HKFC and would like to voice my opinion on the idea of reviewing the PRL s for such Clubs.

I am strongly against the changes proposed for the Club lease as I believe the HKFC is a great asset to not just the members but HK as a community. the Club has hosted many international events which contribute to HK tourist number and revenue. On a local front the HKFC is dedicated to making it's facilities available to local residents and non members for the advancement of many sports.

the proposed changes are not acceptable nor in the interest of the broader HK community. there are other options that should be looked at first.

Craig Murdoch

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Private Recreational Leases

to: prl_consultation@ha
b.gov.hk

08/07/2018 18:04

History: This message has been replied to.

Dear Sirs,

I refer to the consultation exercise that is being carried out on Private Recreation Leases that is being carried out on behalf of the Home Affairs Bureau and wish to respond to the key points for which consultation is being carried out. I am a member of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club and have been such a member for more than 25 years.

As such I feel qualified to note that the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club does use its sites to provide sports facilities that are rare or not currently provided by the Government, namely sailing, rowing, paddling and dragon boating. Our sports facilities are open to and are actively used by eligible outside bodies thus alleviating pressure on public sports facilities. Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club does use its sites to provide training facilities for NSAs and promote sports in the community and has also used its sites to provide facilities for hosting local and major international sports events

The Club is Green in its attitude, behaviours and credentials, The Club engages with Schools in Hong Kong to provide an introduction to the joys of various water sports and training for those who wish to progress further. The club is a strong and international high-performance centre for sailing and rowing, thereby helping to raise the profile of Hong Kong internationally in sports. In addition, we teach, develop and nurture our young sports players who sometimes grow up and grow into international sports men and women. Finally, the club has an active social side to it, including supporting NGO's such as BCGA, Sailability Hong Kong, Hong Kong Scout Association amongst others to give back to the local communities

**Whether all PRL sites should continue to be handled under the existing lease arrangement, or alternative lease arrangement should be adopted;
(Refer to pages 7-15).**

In my opinion I have no doubt that PRL's Site(s) should continue to operate under the policy. it may be that leases can be reviewed in a way that better achieves land-use and sport development objectives. I also consider that leases should be considered for longer than just 15 years, in order to allow for better development and longer term planning of development and sport development objectives. I would also note that over regulating PRL's could in fact backfire and potentially jeopardise the survival of a number of the organisations involved.

**How to assess whether these sites should be retained or returned to the Government for other development purposes;
(Refer to pages 15-19).**

As a professional who has considerable experience in land use and land use matters, it is patently obvious to me that a proper community assessment tool needs to be defined. Without such a tool, the government once again will be wasting the taxpayers money. Paragraph 3.3.5 of the HAB review notes the important factors for consideration at paragraph 3.3.4, but then completely refuses to address the issue of how to evaluate the contribution that these important factors make.

**Whether charging nil or nominal land premium for the use of these sites should continue;
(Refer to pages 19- 25).**

In paragraph 3.3.7 the HAB review states "...the Working Group considers that there are justifications for changing the current policy by requiring private sports clubs to pay a land premium above the nominal level upon the renewal of their leases.". Unfortunately the working group has failed to provide those justifications. in paragraph 3.3.8 the working group proposes "...Hence, the Working Group proposes that land premium for the concerned private sports clubs should be charged at one-third of the full market value (FMV)..." but why did they propose one third, why not one half, one quarter, 1/8. This is clearly an arbitrary assessment with no justification behind it. As such it is almost an insult to a professionals intelligence.

If there is going to be a premium charge, then there must be a proper definition of the premium charge mechanism together with an assessment of its affordability upon the organisation to which the charge is to be applied. if the premium is of such a level that the concerned organisation can no

longer continue, then instead of receiving a dividend from an organisation which requires no direct financial support, the government will then find itself facing the costs of providing, maintaining and training the general public in the sport/activity/occupation which the concerned organisation had previously provided. Unfortunately in my experience, the civil service mentality does not lend itself to undertaking such work and it would almost certainly mean that the government would then have to outsource this at considerable expense to the taxpayer!!!!. I have noted with concern the contents of paragraphs 3.3.10 and 3.3.11 and consider that the contents of 3.3.10 would equally apply to a premium of one third of FMV, let alone the figures of 50% or two thirds. In short I consider that the whole idea of a significant premium related to FMV to be misguided, wholly inappropriate and a major mistake on the part of government.

**Whether the PRL lessees should be required to further open up their facilities so as to better complement and support sports development in Hong Kong;
(Refer to pages 25-30).**

I consider that this matter should be part of an overall sports development policy, developed jointly between the government, interested organisations and private sports clubs. It may well be that private sports clubs would be happy to further open up their facilities if they understood and could see what the government's intentions are in respect of sports development which are relevant to that particular private sports club.

**What types of facilities should be allowed on these sites (including ancillary facilities);
(Refer to pages 30-31).**

I consider that any facility should be allowed, as long as they are in line with the ethos and M&A of each club, providing that the sporting experience in development are open to all, with a fee.

**How to enhance the monitoring on the governance and transparency of the lessees;
(Refer to pages 31-33).**

The government may continue the quarterly reporting and yearly inspection regime which is currently in place. They should, in my opinion, have a carrot and stick arrangement, by which PRL's can be rewarded for good governance and transparency as well as demerited in the case of poor governance and transparency, with the ultimate sanction being that PRL's can be terminated.

**Whether and how to assess applications for new sites for sports and recreational use;
(Refer to pages 33-34).**

I note with considerable concern that the working group considers that as a matter of policy they should not preclude any new PRL application for a private sports club. Surely the working group should consider that as a matter of policy, the government encourages new PRL applications, in order to meet the demands of society. If not then the government itself will have to take on board such provision to satisfy the demands of society. It is my view that government should be encouraging new PRL applications for private sports clubs, provided that they are providing sporting experience and development to all, provided that they are willing to pay a fee. Search applications should be encouraged, not just for standard sporting development, but also for elite sports and international events sports, particularly for those who have some form of physical or mental handicap. I have in mind the development of the Paralympics, which have their origins as recently as 1948 in the Stoke Mandeville games, which eventually became the Paralympic games which were first held in Rome Italy in 1960. Hong Kong, as Asia's world city, should in my opinion become a world leader in the development of sports facilities for disabled persons.

Regards,

Steve Tennant

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OBJECTION TO DO ANY THING THAT MAY HARM OR JEOPARDIZE PRL's

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk,

08/07/2018 16:01

Please respond to

History: This message has been replied to.

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find below for my opinions in the matter. In general, I am opposed to any action or policy that harm existing PRL's

1. Whether all PRL sites should continue to be handled under the existing lease arrangement, or alternative lease arrangement should be adopted

Reply: The leases should be longer than just 15 years to allow better development. This may especially apply to those clubs who play an important role in developing sports activities.

2. How to assess whether these sites should be retained or returned to the Government for other development purposes

Reply: The Government should consider if PRL'S site are providing sufficient ratio of sport promotion against recreation activities and facilities. Also, the government should consider that if the club acts as an important role to promote that particular type of sports in the community. That can be measured by the number of attendants of the courses provided by the club throughout the years.

3. Whether charging nil or nominal land premium for the use of these sites should continue

Reply: At least if an onerous land premium is to be paid by PRL's flexibility in payment should be considered and the amount calculated according affordability not according to developer's unrealistic and extortionate land values.

4. Whether the PRL lessees should be required to further open up their facilities so as to better complement and support sports development in Hong Kong

Reply: Yes, totally agree that.

5. What types of facilities should be allowed on these sites (including ancillary facilities)

Reply: Any as long as they are in line with the ethos and M&A of each clubs, provide sporting experience, and Development are opened to all with a fee.

6. How to enhance the monitoring on the governance and transparency of the lessees

Reply: Continuing the quarterly reporting and yearly inspection is good enough for that purpose.

7. Whether and how to assess applications for new sites for sports and recreational use

Reply: Yes if they are for the development of elite sports and international event support and hosting it should even be encouraged. Public consultation could be carried out or any new sites application.

In addition, some clubs are existing more than 50 years, they become the landmarks of the district. I believe the government should also consider this point as Hong Kong people are now more preferring to conserve such kind of buildings or relevant organizations. Thank you.

Best regards,
Matthew Tsui

Hong Kong, July 8, 2018

Private Recreational Lease and Land Matters Section,
Home Affairs Bureau (Recreation and Sport Branch),
13/F, West Wing, Central Government Offices,
2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar, Hong Kong
By E-mail

Re. Hong Kong Country Club Private Recreational Lease

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am a member of the Hong Kong Country Club, where we also host our Monday dinners for our Rotary Club of Shouson Hill. At our meeting we frequently have speakers of the many local charities and organizations we support (including government organizations such as the EDB). The Club is very helpful in arranging these meetings at their venues, as well as supporting our charity initiatives.

As a member I am very happy to see that the Club supports and opens its facilities to the general public. This serves the interest of our local communities and brings all walks of life closer to one another. The Club is therewith able to enhance the overall offerings Southern Hong Kong complimentary to the government facilities in the area.

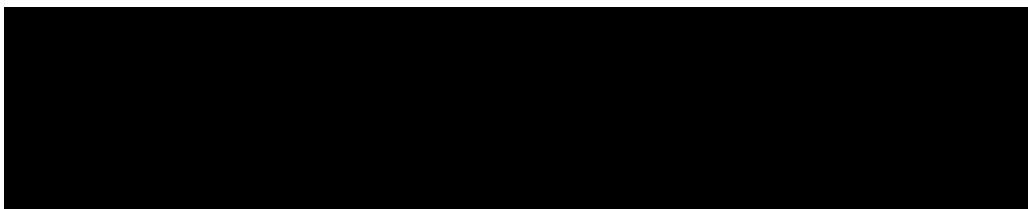
Many members of the club are involved in major charitable initiatives in Hong Kong, respectively openly supporting the use of our facilities for the public. We are privileged to be a member of this club and respectively use this membership as a further way to serve Hong Kong society.

In my view the private clubs in Hong Kong are part of the attraction for young talent to consider working and contributing to Hong Kong society. They are available for everyone to join that has worked hard to become successful in our 'can do spirit' city and respectively are something to aspire to. There is high competition on the top end of the scale and I personally hope that Hong Kong can hold onto aspects of the city that make it more interesting to attract local talent back to Hong Kong and new talent to Asia's World City, which is spoilt for choice in other world cities. Private Recreation and respectively Clubs are high on the list in their consideration process.

Sincerely yours,



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hong kong football club

[REDACTED]

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.
hk

08/07/2018 13:54

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing concerning proposals by government to change the lease conditions of Private Recreational Leaseholders (PRL's), which includes Hong Kong Football Club (HKFC), and the imposition of a land premium on our site.

I would like to expressly state that resumption of PRL sites should not be an option for building housing on. The role that facilities such as HKFC play in developing sport in Hong Kong from junior to elite level cannot be understated. These clubs play a central role in community life, developing social cohesion, promoting health and well being, driving the economy by attracting skilled workers to hong kong and providing first class facilities for athletes to develop and perform shining a light on the city.

Please consider this letter as opposition to considering Hong Kong Football Club as land to potentially build upon.

Best regards

Matthew Dance-Shuker

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Consideration for Land Use

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

09/07/2018 11:49

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am responding to the PRL Public Consultation in my capacity of Member of the Hong Kong Country Club.

My late father joined the Hong Kong Country Club as a Foundation Member in the 60's as this Club was the first Club where Chinese and non-Chinese could join a Club on an equal status. The Hong Kong Country Club was very much avant-garde then and the cosmopolitan foundation of the Club has remained up to today.

I am proud of my Chinese heritage but growing up at the Club and through the international nature of the Club I was able to interact with people from all over the World and this gave me, and now my children, a unique opportunity to understand other customs, traditions, manners and ways of thinking. Taking the Hong Kong Country Club away, will be a bit like closing Hong Kong to the rest of the world, taking a step backward in the development of Hong Kong and our people.

While the public may think that Clubs are for the elite only, we are opening our facilities to about 20 schools who can enjoy our tennis courts, bowling alleys, squash court, basket ball court free of charge. The Club is currently open to the general public on Tuesdays and Thursdays through the Sports For All programme and we hope to continue integrating our Club with the Community.

I know the General Committee is very keen to open more and we hope to continue being an important facility for all Hong-Kongers in the future.

Yours faithfully,

Jane Tam,

Member of the Hong Kong Country Club

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OBJECTION TO DO ANY THING THAT MAY HARM OR JEOPARDIZE PRL's

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk,

09/07/2018 10:52

History: This message has been replied to.

1. **Whether all PRL sites should continue to be handled under the existing lease arrangement, or alternative lease arrangement should be adopted;**
(Refer to pages 7-15).

Of course PRL's Site should continue to operate under the policy. Over regulating such frail business model could jeopardize the survival of many.

2. **How to assess whether these sites should be retained or returned to the Government for other development purposes;**
(Refer to pages 15-19).

Focus on international event preparation, support and hosting is to play a part in this assessment. The quarterly report sent to HAB by all PRL for the last 6 or 7 years should give the answer to that. Continue the quarterly reporting and yearly inspection with good point/ bad point system to allow good PRL's to carry on and bad ones to be terminated.

3. **Whether charging nil or nominal land premium for the use of these sites should continue;**
(Refer to pages 19- 25).

By looking deeper in the contribution of PRL's over the year towards Hong Kong by developing unusable plots of land into prime sports area for Hong Kong shows that premium have already been paid in another way.

Of course it should continue at nil or nominal land premium for those who have over the years developed, improved and open the PRL's to members, sporting youth and the public. Those PRLs are doing their job, benefiting Hong Kong sporting reputation, offering quality environment, they should not be threaten to be bankrupted or closed down.

4. **Whether the PRL lessees should be required to further open up their facilities so as to better complement and support sports development in Hong Kong;**
(Refer to pages 25-30).

Yes surely they already do anyway

5. **What types of facilities should be allowed on these sites (including ancillary facilities);**
(Refer to pages 30-31).

Any as long as they are in line with the ethos and M&A of each clubs, provide sporting experience, and Development are opened to all with a fee.

6. **How to enhance the monitoring on the governance and transparency of the lessees;**
(Refer to pages 31-33).

Continue the quarterly reporting and yearly inspection with good point bad point system to allow good PRL's to carry on and bad one to be terminated

7. **Whether and how to assess applications for new sites for sports and recreational use;**
(Refer to pages 33-34).

YES surely as long as they are providing sporting experience and development are open to all with a fee and Yes if they are for the development of elite sports and international event support

and hosting it should even be encouraged.

Additional Comments

The Club is open to the general public for sports actually 80% of the certification in the club or the sailing activity in general is for non-members. The Club has developed the land over the last 50 years and has already paid its due so why charge more again.

No name provided

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**OBJECTION TO DO ANY THING THAT MAY ARM OR JEOPARDIZE
PRL's**

Cc: [REDACTED] to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

09/07/2018 10:35

Dear Sir,

I would like to respond to the captioned generally and particularly for Aberdeen Boat Club.
Responding to your questions one by one.

1. Whether all PRL sites should continue to be handled under the existing lease arrangement, or alternative lease arrangement should be adopted;

Of course PRL's Site should continue to operate under the policy. Over regulation of such frail business models would jeopardise the survival of many.

2. How to assess whether these sites should be retained or returned to the Government for other development purposes;

Focus on international event preparation. Support and hosting is to play a part in this assessment

The quarterly report sent to HAB by all PRL's for the last 6 or 7 years should give the answer to this. Continue the quarterly reporting and yearly inspection with good point/ bad point system to allow good PRL's to carry on and bad ones to be terminated

3. Whether charging nil or nominal land premium for the use of these sites should continue;

By looking deeper into the contribution of PRL's over the years benefiting Hong Kong by developing unusable plots of land into prime sports areas for Hong Kong shows that a premium has already been paid in other ways.

Of course it should continue at nil or nominal land premium for those who have over the years developed, improved and opened the PRL's to members, sporting youth and the public. Those PRLs are doing a great job, raising and expanding Hong Kong's sporting reputation, offering a quality environment, they should not be threatened to be bankrupted or closed down.

4. Whether the PRL lessees should be required to further open up their facilities so as to better complement and support sports development in Hong Kong;

Yes surely they already do anyway

5. What types of facilities should be allowed on these sites (including ancillary facilities);

Any as long as they are in line with the ethos and M&A of each club, providing sporting experience and development.

6. How to enhance the monitoring on the governance and transparency of the lessees;

Continue the quarterly reporting and yearly inspection with good point bad point system to allow good PRL's to carry on and bad ones to be terminated

7. Whether and how to assess applications for new sites for sports and recreational use;

YES surely as long as they are providing sporting experience and development are open to all with a fee and Yes if they are for the development of elite sports and international event support. Hosting such should be encouraged.

Additional Comments

Aberdeen Boat Club is open to the general public for sports. Actually 80% of the Certification in the Club under sailing activities in general is for non-members.

Imagine the cost to the HK people if the Government had to replace all these sports facilities for the public?

In summary, The Club has developed the land over the last 50 years and has thus undoubtedly already paid its debt to HK and society, so why the need to charge more again?

Graeme Brechin.
Member Aberdeen Boat Club

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Private Recreational Leases - my view

[REDACTED] to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

09/07/2018 10:03

History: This message has been replied to.

To whom it may concern,

The Hong Kong Football Club is part of the legacy of Hong Kong. Many Hong Kong people (both members and non-members) and overseas visitors enjoy to play there and to visit the many international tournaments that are organized. For example, the Rugby 10's. Football tournaments, Hockey 6's etc. I think it is ridiculous that you propose to change the rules for the private recreational leases which could result in the end of our club.

You should take logical steps like, for example taxing the land banks of the developers when they don't develop these lands within reasonable time.

If you end our club, I will move my company to Singapore. Hong Kong without the ability to sport in a club atmosphere is not attractive to me anymore. I will take key employees and fire the rest.

Maarten

Maarten Kwik



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Contribution to Sports Development of the Hong Kong Country Club

[REDACTED] to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

09/07/2018 21:48

Cc: **[REDACTED]**

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Sirs,

I write to show my appreciation to the Hong Kong Country Club (“Country Club”) for running the Summer Camp and providing Scholarship Program to my son.

The Summer Camp, which runs by Country Club, enables young persons, no matter their background, to take up sport. My son, Samuel CHAN Ho Lam, joined the tennis summer camp held by Country Club in 2017. During the summer camp, Country Club provided high quality of facilities and coaches free of charge for my son to practice tennis. After the summer camp, my son’s tennis skills improved a lot.

After the summer camp, Country Club also granted the Junior Tennis Scholarship to my son. Under the Junior Tennis Scholarship Program, my son could attend the tennis courses every Saturday free of charge. The courses not only let my son have more exposure to tennis, but also further developed his interest in tennis. Because of the excellent facilities and coaches provided by Country Club, my son won the Champion of Sai Kung District Age Group Tennis Competition in January 2018.

My son’s experience confirmed that both the summer camp and the Junior Tennis Scholarship Program of Country Club are valuable resources for sports development.

Ms. TSANG Yun-kwan
Mother of Samuel CHAN Ho Lam

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re: Proposals of PRL on Hong Kong Football Club , Sports Road, Happy Valley HK

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

09/07/2018 17:37

History:

This message has been replied to.

9th July, 2018

Home Affairs Bureau,

West Wing, Central Government Offices,

2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar,
Hong Kong

Dear Staff of Home Affair Bureau,

I refer to the proposals by Government to change the lease conditions of Private Recreational Leaseholders (PRL's), which includes Hong Kong Foot Ball Club, Sports Road, Happy Valley, Hong Kong, and the imposition of a land premium on the said site. Also, I understand that the Government has also formed a Task Force on Land Supply to address 18 different options to increase land supply for housing in Hong Kong, including taking back PRL sites to build on. As you may well aware, the site of Hong Kong Football Club, straddling the Happy Valley Racecourse, is totally unsuitable for housing of any description and is not an option that should be considered by the Government.

Just an example I can illustrate, either the members of the club, league players, training or to the public, no players are allowed to play tennis in the courts nor holding football matches in the pitch during the horse racing days. The walkway or doors towards the those areas are locked. The reasons are obvious, should there be any balls that come out accidentally from the courts or pitch that might hit into the running horses or land on the tracks could have serious consequences on the results of the racing. Besides, Hong Kong Football Club is the key place for the Rugby Players of various teams to have their warm-up and training prior to the major annual events of the Rugby Seven that attract thousands of Rugby watchers all over the world into Hong Kong, the hidden economic benefit is huge.

As a member of the Club for more than twenty years, I noticed that the club had been actively in promoting various kinds of sport activities in the territories, among which including holding, engaging and arranging various kinds of sports competition and provide sport training to the youth in Hong Kong. Also, from time to time, it is opened to the public for playing sports. The efforts and the contributions of the Club should be appreciated and cannot be ignored.

Hope the above information can assist you in ways of thinking into the above issues.

Yours truly,

Sam Chan



The sender requested to keep his/her name and submission
confidential

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Address: Home Affairs Bureau,
13/F, West Wing, Central Government Offices,
2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar
(Subject: Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases)

E-mail address: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

Public Consultation on Policy Review of the Private Recreation Leases

Thanks for the invitation to comment on the Private Recreation Lease review.

As a member of Hong Kong Cricket Club I have taken a natural interest in the Private Recreation Lease review.

There is a general wisdom in requiring the Clubs to increase facility and services utilisation, community access, and optimise use of space occupied, given that public and organisations do so at a fair price based on full costs, and some assurance exists for members, who are paying for the benefit, to retain rights of access and use.

Continuing, as the question of land availability and use optimisation is being raised and taken into consideration by the review, it is fair to acknowledge that HKCC has previously addressed such a question positively in the past with government support. The review should also recognise that the DEVB Taskforce on Land Supply is undertaking a separate and fuller review of this problematic issue and is considering a range of options for land release and town planning which may ease or remove pressures.

It would be fair to recognise that the list of Clubs in question is limited due to the property lease arrangement, other clubs having different forms of title/lease; and the Clubs in question are financially self-supporting organisations that have developed, maintained and enhanced the venues and facilities for the respective hosted sports thereby making these facilities and related services available to the overall Hong Kong community. Some have done this throughout Hong Kong's modern history coming on two centuries.

These purpose built sports facilities and related services funded by Club members fees, subscriptions and other contributions, are made available and used by the overall Hong Kong community as well as those participating in hosted sports and the general community both directly and through members. This ensures that quality facilities are open to individuals and organisations including but not limited to the respective NSAs and for Hong Kong competitive sports schedules. Further, the Clubs enable Hong Kong to be an attractive city for global corporate placements thus supporting our economy and peoples earnings and lifestyles directly or indirectly.

The following responds to question (d) regarding an additional premium being charged –

(d) "requiring private sports clubs suitable for lease renewal to pay a concessionary premium to be set at one-third of the FMV land premium;"

This proposition is perverse.

The following considers, first, the proposition of the premium; second, the basis of the charge; and third a formula for an offset.

First, a premium would reasonably be expected to negatively impact membership composition and public/community access, as the implied increase in Club costs will need to be covered by:

1. raising membership fees and usage charges for members and their guests;
2. increasing charges on persons and organisations using the facilities, given a reasonable application of a fair price based on full cost recovery, less any government subsidy available
3. reducing use by NSAs and other organisations supported by the Clubs due to the increase in charges unless government is willing to cover/subsidise the increased charges;
4. diminishing investment and facility enhancement and maintenance due to reduced funds availability;
5. reducing the ability of the Clubs to employ and engage specialist ground, coach and other general staff impacting the quality and nature of related services; and/or
6. increasing debenture issuance to make up for declining net revenue.

We could expect such charges to narrow the breadth of community represented by Club membership. There seems to be an unfair presumption that Club members are economically or socially privileged. An individual's choice to join and maintain membership in a particular Club often relates to their enjoyment, involvement and support for the sports hosted by those Clubs. In effect, this is a part of their personal contribution to the Hong Kong sports and general community.

The Policy Review would appreciate members represent more than a single statistic. Members are for instance their families and guests, competitive visiting and local sporting teams, plus persons visiting Hong Kong as guests or involved in the respective sports. The last being a social and business network other business, government in general and agencies in Hong Kong benefits from.

The second matter on item (d), relates to the term of the lease and nature of the premium. A 15 year term is not wholly unreasonable however given the proposed premium should be revised. A premium of one third of the FMV as reviewed each 15 years period, implies that in 30 years the clubs will have in essence committed to paying the full FMV with a limited term of use. Should such a formula with a 15 year term be considered, a reasonable portion would be set in the range of one tenth ($1/10^{\text{th}}$) to one sixth ($1/6^{\text{th}}$).

Further, the Policy Review may wish to consider whether the FMV is a flawed pricing concept for this purpose as the terms of lease affect the Fair Market Value determination. Fair Market Value determination is impacted by lease terms such as Clubs being 'not for profit', lease term – i.e. a short term will impact to reduce value, defined community utilisation without full fair cost recovery, restrictions on repurposing the facilities to alternate sports, moratorium on site resale and/or redevelopment,.

The third matter, is to look at a positive alternate where the premium set along FMV lines or other could be offset by Club costs or contributions to or through funding support for (1) NSA operations and related charitable and community activity; (2) development of new, or improvement of existing

sports facilities and services at non-Club locations to the benefit of Hong Kong. On point (2) this would assist government and NSAs to deliver international standard facilities, and provide facilities and supporting services to the broader communities, as defined by the government, through various programmes hosted on sites leased from the government or hosted by the respective government department(s) possibly applying an open membership approach to such facilities and grounds. That is, to facilitate the Clubs to turn their expertise in management and conduct of sports facility, ground management and services plus sports development (e.g. coaching) and other to the broader benefit of the Hong Kong community.

Ian Thomson

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Chapter 4 Invitation of Views

4.1 The Working Group wishes to hear the views from the public and stakeholders on various recommendations of the PRL policy review. The major recommendations are extracted as follows:

- (a) different handling of the leases held by “community organisations” and “private sports clubs” and granting new special purpose leases (instead of PRLs) to sports and recreational sites held by “community organisations”;
- (b) continuing to handle the sites held by private sports clubs under PRL policy but the lease conditions should be significantly modified to better meet the dual needs of supporting sports development and optimising land use;
- (c) taking into account the contribution of private sports clubs in promoting sports development in Hong Kong when considering the renewal of their leases upon expiry;
- (d) requiring private sports clubs suitable for lease renewal to pay a concessionary premium to be set at one-third of the FMV land premium;
- (e) requiring private sports clubs to further open up their facilities to eligible outside bodies up to 30% of their total sports capacity and partner with sports organisations to organize sports programmes that can be open for enrolment by individual members of the public with a minimum sports programme hours of 240 per month;
- (f) drawing up the list of allowable sports supporting facilities and ancillary facilities for PRLs;
- (g) enhancing the monitoring of PRLs and the corporate governance of the lessees; and
- (h) defining the principles in approving applications for new sites for sports and recreational use.

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10 July 2018

Home Affairs Bureau
13/F. West Wing
Central Government Offices
2 Tim Mei Avenue
Tamar, Hong Kong

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases ("PRLs")

I respectfully present my views, specific to the Hong Kong Country Club, of which I am a long standing member.

The Club was established as a 'family club' whose membership should comprise all nationalities. It is still very much a family club and does indeed comprise a wide range of nationalities. I understand the Club is now categorised as a 'sports club'.

In reviewing the PRL of the Hong Kong Country Club I would urge the Home Affairs Bureau to consider the following points:

- 1 The Club is in no way 'elitist'. Over the 20+ years that I have been a member I have met many members, indeed like myself, who can best be described as ordinary hard working folk who are fortunate enough to be able to afford to join a Club which gives them some relief from the hustle and bustle of Hong Kong life, a place to socialise and meet other like-minded people.
- 2 Most cities around the Far East have private clubs: Bangkok, Manila, Singapore, Tokyo to name but a few. Hong Kong is not alone in this. They serve a valuable purpose.
- 3 The availability of private Clubs is a consideration to expatriates when considering a job opportunity overseas. They are therefore valuable in attracting skilled professionals to the City, directly contributing positively to Hong Kong's economy and diversity.
- 4 Over the past few years I have noticed a real and heartfelt effort by the management of the Club to invite more outsiders e.g. schools, old aged homes, charities and sports teams to come and enjoy

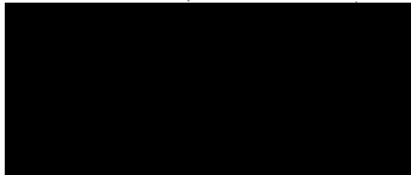
the Club sporting facilities. The Club has made very real and genuine efforts to advertise its facilities. To pro-actively attract sporting bodies advertisements have been placed in publications, letters sent, phone calls made, a banner is displayed at the Club entrance. Scholarships have been awarded, coaching undertaken. The Club's tennis courts are made available for matches and coaching sessions, the mahjong rooms are used giving enjoyment to many more senior citizens. The bowling alleys are frequently used as are the ping pong tables and basket ball court. Social and charitable organisations frequently use the Club as a place to relax on a lawn, in a playroom and to have meals in the dining rooms. Much has already been achieved in attracting non-members to use the Club – as the HAB will know – but the Club recognises more needs to be done. And more will be done as a matter of priority.

5 If the Club was to close not only would the above efforts and initiatives have been wasted but future opportunities to provide enjoyment, relaxation, and the coaching of new skill sets to budding athletes would no longer exist.

5 If a review of the PRL ultimately results in the closure of the Club the staff will become unemployed. Some staff may be nearing retirement and be unable to obtain new employment, their families will suffer financially. Valuable skill sets and experience will be lost.

Your consideration to the above points in support of a favourable review of the PRL of the Hong Kong Country Club would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely



Graeme J. Still (UK citizen and permanent HK resident)

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OBJECTION TO DO ANY THING THAT MAY HARM OR JEOPARDIZE PRL's

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk,

10/07/2018 21:30

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have read the Private Recreation Lease document and would like to offer my view below:

(1) Whether all PRL sites should continue to be handled under the existing lease arrangement, or alternative lease arrangement should be adopted;

(Refer to pages 7-15)

Yes and leases should be longer than just 15 years to allow better development.

(2) How to assess whether these sites should be retained or returned to the Government for other development purposes;

(Refer to pages 15-19).

Continue the quarterly reporting and yearly inspection with good point bad point system to allow good PRL's to carry on and bad ones to be terminated.

(3) Whether charging nil or nominal land premium for the use of these sites should continue;

(Refer to pages 19- 25)

By looking deeper in the contribution of PRL's over the year towards Hong Kong by developing unusable plots of land into prime sports area for Hong Kong shows that premium have already been paid in another way

(4) Whether the PRL lessees should be required to further open up their facilities so as to better complement and support sports development in Hong Kong;

(Refer to pages 25-30).

Yes surely they already do anyway

(5) What types of facilities should be allowed on these sites (including ancillary facilities);

(Refer to pages 30-31).

Any as long as they are in line with the ethos and M&A of each clubs, provide sporting experience, and Development are opened to all with a fee.

(6) How to enhance the monitoring on the governance and transparency of the lessees;

(Refer to pages 31-33).

Continue the quarterly reporting and yearly inspection with good point bad point system to allow good PRL's to carry on and bad one to be terminated.

(7) Whether and how to assess applications for new sites for sports and recreational use;

(Refer to pages 33-34).

Yes if they are for the development of elite sports and international event support and hosting it should even be encouraged.

Best regards

Simon Koo

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OBJECTION TO DO ANY THING THAT MAY ARM OR JEOPARDIZE PRL's

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk,

10/07/2018 17:34

History: This message has been replied to.

Sir,

Please find my comments regarding the consultation

Whether all PRL sites should continue to be handled under the existing lease arrangement, or alternative lease arrangement should be adopted;

PRLs' sites should continue to operate under the policy.

How to assess whether these sites should be retained or returned to the Government for other development purposes;

If 1200 ha of land is needed rapidly and PRLs barely cover 350ha. There are other sites and options to look for especially brownfield sites which the government should not shirk from owing only to belligerent current occupiers.

Whether charging nil or nominal land premium for the use of these sites should continue;

It should continue at nil or nominal land premium for those who have over the years developed, improved and opened the PRLs to members, sporting youth and the public. Those PRLs are doing their job, benefiting Hong Kong's sporting reputation, offering a quality environment; they should not be threatened to be bankrupted or closed down. The government does not need to grasp at revenue from this source.

Whether the PRL lessees should be required to further open up their facilities so as to better complement and support sports development in Hong Kong;

Yes surely they already do anyway

What types of facilities should be allowed on these sites (including ancillary facilities);

Any as long as they are in line with the ethos and M&A of each clubs, provide sporting experience, and development and are opened to all with a fee.

How to enhance the monitoring on the governance and transparency of the lessees;

Continue the quarterly reporting and yearly inspection with the good point bad point system to allow good PRLs to carry on and bad ones to be terminated.

Whether and how to assess applications for new sites for sports and recreational use;

Yes as long as they are providing sporting experience and development and are open to all with a fee

Neil Thomason



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RESPONSE TO HAB PRL CONSULTATION

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

10/07/2018 13:56

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Sirs,

I am writing in regards to the consultation being carried out on Private Recreation Leases on behalf of the HAB. I am a member of the Aberdeen Boat Club (a place I first went to aged 6 and dreamed of becoming a member myself) and the Hong Kong Football Club. In all the times that I have done lessons or learned new sports at both of these facilities, the people I shared my lessons with were majority non-member, and everyone shared the complaint that it was hard to find these sports elsewhere. Changing the PRL conditions for these clubs will have an incalculable impact on Hong Kong's sporting scene.

Whether all PRL sites should continue to be handled under the existing lease arrangement, or alternative lease arrangement should be adopted.

PRL should absolutely continue to be handled under the existing lease arrangement. In fact, leases should be extended beyond 15 years to allow the clubs to better plan their development, which in turn serves Hong Kong and its people. These clubs are heavily dependent on memberships to survive, and changes that raise the cost of membership could drive them out of business. If that happens? Who will take over sports provisions? Who will manage the land and facilities? Where will all the employees go? All of this will fall to the government or government funded entities who will then have to spend taxpayer money on facilities that the clubs were funding on their own.

How to assess whether these sites should be retained or returned to the Government for other development purposes

The current system of quarterly reporting and yearly inspections to ensure that good clubs are not affected while bad ones can be terminated. The land of terminated clubs can contribute to the shortfall.

Whether charging nil or nominal land premium for the use of these sites should continue

What exactly is the definition of the premium charge mechanism? How will it work? Until a reasonable definition is available, it should absolutely continue at nil or nominal land premiums, provided that the club plays an active role in developing sports for the youth and the people of Hong Kong.

Whether the PRL lessees should be required to further open up their facilities so as to better complement and support sports development in Hong Kong

The clubs are already very open to non-members, both the many guests of members and the many sporting events and activities that are open to the public. Whether or not they need to further open is simply a matter of discussion with the clubs.

What types of facilities should be allowed on these sites (including ancillary facilities)

Any club should be allowed to have any facility they require, provided that the facilities match the ethos and M&A of the club and that these facilities provide and develop sporting experiences to all with a fee.

How to enhance the monitoring on the governance and transparency of the lessees

Current quarterly monitoring and yearly inspection should be continued and a scoring system implemented to identify good and bad PRLs respectively.

Whether and how to assess applications for new sites for sports and recreational use


If new clubs are created to develop sports that are not yet widely present in Hong Kong they should absolutely be assessed fairly, and even encouraged.

Regards

Andy

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D. Andy Knight

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**OBJECTION TO DO ANY THING THAT MAY HARM OR JEOPARDIZE
PRL's**

prl_consultation@hab.gov

to: .hk,

10/07/2018 12:49

History: This message has been replied to.

Hong Kong, 10th July, 2018

To Whom It May Concern.

I would like to express my personal view concerning the public consultation on reviewing the private recreation lease.

In my opinion:

1. PRL sites should continue to operate under the current policy.
2. HAB is welcome to continue the quarterly reporting and yearly inspection with good point bad point system to allow good PRL's to carry on and bad ones to be terminated.
3. The nil or nominal land premium should continue for those who have over the years developed, improved and open the PRL's to members, sporting youth and the public. Those PRLs are doing their job, benefiting Hong Kong sporting reputation, offering quality environment, they should not be threaten to be bankrupted or closed down.
4. Any PRL should be willing to further open up their facilities so as to better complement and support sports development in Hong Kong.
5. Sport facilities may be opened to all, with a fee, as long as they are in line with the ethos and M&A of each clubs.
6. The good governance of each PRL is guaranteed by the quarterly reporting and yearly inspection with good point bad point system.
7. Actually, Hong Kong needs even more PRL sites and new applications should be encouraged, as long as they provide sporting facilities to more people.

Thanks for your attention,
Massimo Sfriso

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Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, Private Recreational Leases Consultation

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

10/07/2018 00:50

Cc: [REDACTED]

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to you to let you have my representation on behalf of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club ("RHKYC") in relation to the Consultation the Hong Kong Government is conducting into Private Recreational Leases.

I am making this representation in my personal capacity. I became a cadet member of RHKYC in the 1960s, and a Full Member in 1979. As I now live in the UK, I am an Absentee Member, but I still follow the affairs of the Club. I am also the current Commodore of Itchenor Sailing Club, based in the UK, and which shares reciprocal arrangements with RHKYC. Many of our members are either current or past members of RHKYC.

I believe that it is paramount importance to Hong Kong and its sporting community that the facilities of RHKYC are preserved. RHKYC is a premier sailing and rowing club of international standing, and largely due the efforts of the Club and its members, Hong Kong has gained a reputation as a centre of sailing and rowing excellence in Asia. Over many years it has organised and continues to organise many international sailing and rowing regattas, at which Hong Kong talent is given the opportunity of competing at an international level. Equally important is the training and support RHKYC gives to young people in Hong Kong who wish to try out and get established in sailing and rowing. The training programmes for children and students, largely funded out of the Club's own resources, are of the highest quality, and far beyond what other similar Clubs are achieving elsewhere.

It is significant that the winner of the Firefly UK Schools Regatta sailed last month at Itchenor Sailing Club, was won by a boy from Hong Kong, J. Fung of Rugby School, who first learnt to sail in an Optimist at RHKYC.

The sports of sailing and rowing in Hong Kong would in my view be seriously diminished, if the facilities RHKYC needs to support sailing and rowing in Hong Kong are requisitioned following this consultation exercise.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss my representations.

Regards

Neil Hart, DL

[REDACTED]

Michael J Wood,

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Dear Sir,

Re: Private Recreational Leases.

I refer to the proposals by Government to change the lease conditions of Private Recreational Leaseholders (PRL), and the proposed imposition of a land premium on such sites. Also, I understand that the Government has formed a Task Force on Land Supply to address different options to increase land supply for housing in Hong Kong, including taking back PRL sites to build on.

My purpose in writing is with regard to the Hong Kong Football Club (HKFC) of which I am a long standing member having joined the club as a sports player (squash) representing the HKFC in Hong Kong league matches, and international tournaments, over many seasons.

Firstly, as I am sure you are aware, the site of the HKFC straddles the Happy Valley Racecourse, and is totally unsuitable for housing or development of any description and is not an option that should be considered by the Government. As such, I am at a loss to understand how any realistic clear market valuation can be ascribed which might then give rise to determining a possible premium.

I am also mindful of a statement made by Dr. The Honourable Patrick Ho Chi-Ping, the then Secretary for Home Affairs, at a Legco Meeting on Wednesday 13th November 2002.

The following statement is minuted on the Official Record of Proceedings on pages 1097-1098 at Para 5 (b):

With regard to the current market value of the land concerned, such land leases are granted to non-profit-making bodies only and are subject to very stringent conditions including specific uses, absolute prohibition against alienation. **Hence, these land leases have no market value.**

I am not aware that anything has changed to alter this position.



The primary objective of the HKFC is and has always been, the promotion and development of sport in Hong Kong.

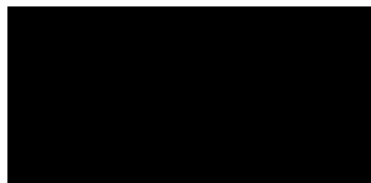
In pursuit of this aim, the HKFC opens itself up for many thousands of hours to outside bodies and the wider community at large whether this is for youth training programmes or to allow usage of Club facilities for local and international sporting events or league matches. The Club provides detailed information to Government on this.

You should also be aware that the HKFC is the original home of the Hong Kong Rugby Sevens where the tournament was originally developed. Every year in the run up to this event, the Club hosts international visitors (both players and spectators) giving a further economic benefit to Hong Kong as whole.

Of importance, it should be clearly understood that the HKFC is a not for profit organization, with all funds generated internally being ploughed back into the maintenance and upgrading of the facilities. This requires large investments on a regular basis in order to maintain world class facilities for sports persons, and all of this comes from internal sources (in other words, the Members). On this subject, it should also be noted that no charge is levied on outside persons for using the Club's facilities and the HKFC receives no subventions from the public purse.

I trust that the above information can assist you in your continued deliberations on these matters.

Yours sincerely,



Michael J Wood.





香港公益金

THE COMMUNITY CHEST

11 July 2018

Home Affairs Bureau
13/F, West Wing
Central Government Offices
2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar
Hong Kong

To Whom It May Concern

We are aware that public consultations on the various options of land supply are now underway, among which a policy review of Private Recreational Leases is included. It is in this context that The Community Chest of Hong Kong (Chest) is writing to put forward our engagement with Hong Kong Golf Club (HKGC) on the community support and charity front.

HKGC has been a keen supporter of The Community Chest Charity Golf Day since its debut in 1999, and more than HK\$33 million has been raised through this annual charity event. For the past 20 years, HKGC is the venue sponsor and has been waiving the green fees for all non-member participants, hence the club is acting in accordance with HAB's recommendations by opening its facilities, particularly for charity events. In addition, the club also provides us with on course professional assistance, pre-event and post-event logistics support, prizes sponsorship, and special discounts for food and beverage consumption as well as golf cart rental. These support, together with other commercial sponsors, have enabled the Chest to allocate all donations raised to fund social services provided by our 162 member agencies, without deduction of administration expenses. In doing so, HKGC has been contributing significantly to the annual fundraising efforts of the Chest and other charities.

We fully understand that housing issue is pressing in Hong Kong. In this light, The Community Chest is the lead funder of the Community Housing Movement, a pioneer project launched in September 2017, together with support from the government, property owners, NGOs/social enterprises, professionals and many others in the community. We hope the above information would help to supplement your policy review of PRL in Hong Kong.

Yours faithfully



Cecilia Li
Chief Executive



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pri consultation

to: pri_consultation@hab.gov.hk

11/07/2018 20:55

History:

This message has been replied to.

Opinion on Private Recreation Club land lease renewal

I am a Hong Kong citizen living here for over 55 years, I witnessed the growth of this city not only its economic side, but also a place where east meet west, professionals from different places come in to work for multi-national firms, to be able to enjoy a variety of sports, recreation, diverse culture being well placed in this small city.

People of Hong Kong and those from different parts of the world love to work and live here, because there are choices of lifestyle here. If one work harder and earn more financial rewards, one can get a bigger apartment, go to a better restaurant or join a private recreation club to enjoy more sports in a less crowded environment.

Take for example in Singapore, many private recreation land with colonial buildings are still operating as normal since many years ago. It's an important gathering place for many expatriates and local businessmen, as well as their families. Members have to pay a high cost to get a debenture, many companies also purchased debentures as part of the package to attract their CEOs to come and work locally. Members also pay extra money for renovations or new facilities. The reason why special premise license is given to private recreation clubs is because they exist for a different purpose, they also provide a choice for Hong Kong citizens who are willing to pay and enjoy a better facility. Some clubs are celebrating their 100th year already, witnessing much effort being put in, often times community competitions are being held for non-members, even elite athletes start their training in these club environment.

The recent study by the government suggested that the Club needs to pay a 30% of the land price every 15 year of premise license renewal. This is simply a brutal and unreasonable act to "terminate" the existence of private recreation clubs as land price in Hong Kong is incredibly high. Private recreation clubs are not big commercial firms, they don't make big profits to pay for these kind of premiums. In turn, asking members to pay is another unreasonable act as members have already paid a high price for debenture and have to pay a monthly fee in the range of \$1000-2000. These members are likely middle-class income and paying the highest income tax level already. Further financial burden on these high-tax-paying members who are also citizens of Hong Kong is not justifiable.

Please adjust your demand to 10% of land price which I think some clubs may be able to afford. The existence of Private Recreation Clubs is important to the quality of life of middle-class, professionals and expatriate communities who are in turn contributing much to the growth of Hong Kong economically and culturally.

July 4, 2018

Sandra Lee



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**Renewal of lease - Hong Kong Football Club**

[Redacted]

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov
.hk

11/07/2018 19:59

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to you to let you know why I believe the lease for Hong Kong Football Club ("HKFC") should be renewed. As well as being one of Hong Kong's top sports clubs and venues for sporting events, it also provides a valuable community service. HKFC is not a preserve of its members. Many other organisations use the facilities at HKFC free of charge. These include community groups, schools and sporting organisations who have access to top class facilities.

HKFC is at the forefront of developing and increasing involvement in many sports in Hong Kong. This covers a demographic ranging from young children in mini/youth sports all the way through to elite athletes that represent Hong Kong on the international stage. HKFC also hosts world class sports events that raises the profile of Hong Kong in the global community. I strongly recommend that HKFC's lease is renewed so it can continue to develop interest and participation in sport all across Hong Kong as well as help Hong Kong show the world what it can do.

Regards

Christian Kimberley

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Feedback on Consultation regarding Private Recreational Leases

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

11/07/2018 17:21

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing to give my views on policy regarding Private Recreational Leases ("PRL").

The consultation suggests that PRLs should be contributing more to the society in the form of opening up facilities to eligible outside bodies, charities and educational establishments and to promote more sports development and international competitions in HK. The consultation also suggests that PRLs should pay a land premium based on the Full Market Value of the site.

While I am all in favor of requiring PRLs to contribute more to the society with better use of the facilities that PRLs have, I have doubt on whether charging a land premium will help to achieve this objective.

As a member of Hong Kong Football Club ("HKFC"), I would also like to specifically point out that HKFC is the only Sports Club in HK that regularly host world class competitions and run international events such as the Rugby Tens and Soccer Sevens. The football pitch of HKFC is also an approved match site by the Hong Kong Football Association in hosting HK football leagues.

HKFC also already opened up club facilities for use by many organizations for the purposes of supporting and promoting sports development in HK and the number of hours that we opened up the facilities are way above the current lease requirement. More importantly, these are currently provided for free to eligible organizations.

If a land premium is charged, it is likely that the club will have to charge these organizations some fees on the use of the club facilities which, I would think, is counter-productive to promoting and supporting sports development in HK.

And if the land premium is too high for the club to sustain or the lease is not renewed in future, can the site be used to develop housing for people in need? I doubt because the site is straddling the Happy Valley race course and it would not be, in my view, a very viable option as a site to develop affordable housing to people in need. If using the site to build housing cannot be avoided, maybe one could consider killing 2 birds with one stone in adopting the MTR model to HKFC where HKFC will be given the right to build and operate housing built on top of the club and in return, income from the housing will have to be used to support and promote sports in HK. This, obviously, requires a lot more deliberations but is certainly better than taking back the site from HKFC, a proven successful organization in promoting and supporting sports in HK.

I could be reached at [REDACTED] or via this email address if necessary.

Regards,

CHEUNG Chor Ping

[REDACTED]

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**OBJECTION TO DO ANY THING THAT MAY ARM OR JEOPARDIZE
PRL's**

to: genman@abclubhk.com

11/07/2018 15:18

History:

This message has been replied to.

1. **Whether all PRL sites should continue to be handled under the existing lease arrangement, or alternative lease arrangement should be adopted;
(Refer to pages 7-15).**
Yes and leases should be longer than just 15 years to allow better development.
2. **How to assess whether these sites should be retained or returned to the Government for other development purposes;
(Refer to pages 15-19).**
If 1200 ha of land is needed rapidly and PRL's barely cover 350ha WHAT LAND SHORTFAL WOULD THE PRL SITES SOLVE? There are other land options to look for.
3. **Whether charging nil or nominal land premium for the use of these sites should continue;
(Refer to pages 19- 25).**
How can one comment without a proper definition of the premium charge mechanism, this is not ready to be commented upon.
4. **Whether the PRL lessees should be required to further open up their facilities so as to better complement and support sports development in Hong Kong;
(Refer to pages 25-30).**
Yes surely they already do anyway
5. **What types of facilities should be allowed on these sites (including ancillary facilities);
(Refer to pages 30-31).**
Any as long as they are in line with the ethos and M&A of each clubs, provide sporting experience, and Development are opened to all with a fee.
6. **How to enhance the monitoring on the governance and transparency of the lessees;
(Refer to pages 31-33).**
Continue the quarterly reporting and yearly inspection with good point bad point system to allow good PRL's to carry on and bad one to be terminated.
7. **Whether and how to assess applications for new sites for sports and recreational use;
(Refer to pages 33-34).**
1) YES surely as long as they are providing sporting experience and development are open to all with a fee and

2) Yes if they are for the development of elite sports and international event support and hosting it should even be encouraged.

I would like to add a few comments.

- The Club is open to the general public for sports actually 80% of the certification in the club or the sailing activity in general is for non-members.
- The Club has developed the land over the last 50 years and has already paid its due why charging more again.
- The Club is a peaceful haven in the Hong Kong jungle and bring peace, harmony and tranquility for the community.

Éric Bouvéron

Éric Bouvéron

Home Affairs Bureau
13/F, West Wing, Central Government Offices
2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar
Hong Kong

11 July 2018

Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases

Dear Sir / Madam,

The Hong Kong Country Club was the main reason for me to move from a commercial hotel 18 months ago. I since then became a Hong Kong permanent resident and I wish to stay employed at the club until I retire.

The club has a great working environment and has outstanding facilities. The members appreciated the service provided and it allows me to remain creative at my job.

My income allows me to financially support my family back home where my children are studying at university. The Club provides me with housing benefit which is a very good benefit to me.

I hope that this policy review will not affect the operation of the Country Club, so that I can continue to serve the Club for many years to come.

Yours Sincerely,

PHILIPPE DERRIEN

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Public feedback to the review of the lease condition of private recreation clubs

Please respond to [redacted] to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

12/07/2018 11:55

History:

This message has been replied to.

As a member of the public who was born and raised in HK, and has witnessed the development of HK in the past decades, I think the private recreation clubs have contributed significantly not only to the local sports development, but also to the general well beings of HK.

HK 's achievement as a prosperous and vibrant international city stemmed partly from its ability to provide a wide range of cultural activities, catering to the needs of a wide spectrum of the society, including the middle and upper classes. The various private recreation clubs have played an important role on this. Without them, HK would not be able to attract and retain these professionals and entrepreneurs, let along sustaining its development. Thus, I am very much against any drastic change in the Government policy on this issue. Just as taxpayers have to shoulder more in allocating resources to help those in need of public housing, education, transport and other social welfares, the govt has also the responsibility to look after the interest of the prefessionals and the entrepreneurs, and should not bow to the pressure of the populists.

As to the suggestion to raise the land premium which these clubs should pay to one-third of the market value upon the renewal of their leases, I think that the suggested amount is too much, given the present market situation. A drastic increase would put these clubs into great financial difficulties. As a start, a modest increase to one-tenth would be reasonable. A gradual increase thereafter in every five years could be considered.

Sai Kin Lee

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**OBJECTION TO DO ANY THING THAT MAY HARM OR JEOPARDIZE
PRL's**

prl_consultation@hab.go

to: v.hk,

12/07/2018 15:14

History: This message has been replied to.

Dear Sir,

Please see my reply as follows:

1. Whether all PRL sites should continue to be handled under the existing lease arrangement, or alternative lease arrangement should be adopted;
(Refer to pages 7-15).

Of course PRL's Site should continue to operate under the policy

2. How to assess whether these sites should be retained or returned to the Government for other development purposes;
(Refer to pages 15-19).

Continue the quarterly reporting and yearly inspection with good point bad point system to allow good PRL's to carry on and bad ones to be terminated.

3. Whether charging nil or nominal land premium for the use of these sites should continue;
(Refer to pages 19- 25).

By looking deeper in the contribution of PRL's over the year towards Hong Kong by developing unusable plots of land into prime sports area for Hong Kong shows that premium have already been paid in another way.

4. Whether the PRL lessees should be required to further open up their facilities so as to better complement and support sports development in Hong Kong;
(Refer to pages 25-30).

Yes surely they already do anyway

5. What types of facilities should be allowed on these sites (including ancillary facilities);
(Refer to pages 30-31).

Any as long as they are in line with the ethos and M&A of each clubs, provide sporting experience, and Development are opened to all with a fee.

6. How to enhance the monitoring on the governance and transparency of the lessees;
(Refer to pages 31-33).

Continue the quarterly reporting and yearly inspection with good point bad point system to allow good PRL's to carry on and bad one to be terminated.

7. Whether and how to assess applications for new sites for sports and recreational use;
(Refer to pages 33-34).

Yes if they are for the development of elite sports and international event support and hosting it should even be encouraged.

Best regards,
G. Corbetta

RAFFLES
MARINA

9 July 2018

The Officer in Charge
Home Affairs Bureau (Recreation & Sport Branch)
13/F, West Wing, Central Government Offices
2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar
Hong Kong

By Post & Fax: 852 2519 7404

Dear Sir/Mdm

PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON POLICY REVIEW OF PRIVATE RECREATIONAL LEASES

Raffles Marina (RM) and Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club (RHKYC) have had a reciprocal agreement since 1996.

RHKYC has long been known as the centre of excellence in Asia for sailing and rowing. Its history, vibrancy and focus in the development of its chosen sports is respected and admired throughout the world and Raffles Marina was privileged and honoured to enter into this agreement.

RHKYC, as the organiser of world class sailing and rowing events has always operated to the highest of standards and thus has drawn to its events, the world's top sportsmen along with those aspiring to join those ranks. Equally its welcoming and friendly approach has drawn amateur and casual sailors and rowers to participate in its numerous international regattas.

The obvious development of youth sailors and rowers is evident by its success at regional events and is a credit to the Club.

Raffles Marina looks forward to a continuing and long association with RHKYC and our members; to continued active participation in their world class sailing and rowing regattas.

Yours faithfully

Ray Parry
Chief Executive Officer

13th July, 2018

Private Recreational Lease & Land Matters Section
Home Affairs Bureau (Recreation & Sport Branch)
13/F., West Wing, Central Government Offices
2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar,
Hong Kong



Dear Sir / Madam,

I am putting pen to paper to express my concerns, of which, the Home Affairs Bureau may not be aware!

The Hong Kong Country Club is a valuable source for sports development and its community contribution is unprecedented.

There are many avenues in which the Hong Kong Country Club benefits sports development in Hong Kong as well as its involvement in other areas, of which some I list out below:

- a) The Club writes to over 800+ schools every year and invites them to use the facilities for sports lesson and training. The hourly usage has gone up drastically over the past four years and is increasing on an annual basis.
- b) Junior Tennis Scholarship Program which started in 2016 which the Club subsidizes coaching totaling HK\$120,000 per annum.
- c) The Club plays host to Summer and Christmas Camps for youngster, again this is increasing yearly.
- d) The Club hosts international and local tennis tournaments, including "The Wheelchair Tennis Exhibition Match in 2011, an invitation match and includes local and overseas participants. The Hong Kong National Tennis Championships will again be played this year from its inaugural in 2015.

The Club also hosts Hong Kong Tennis Association Summer League Matches.

As to contributing to the welfare of the community, The Club has many fund raising events. They also host day group for "Mother's Choice" and donate a

substantial amount for St. Mary's Home for the Aged where they allow the residents use of the facilities and arrange regular meals for them.

All in all, the Club has performed excellently for its members and the general public who have been allowed to use the Club's facilities.

In light of all the above, and there is a lot more, which I have not mentioned, I urge the Private Recreation Lease and Lands Matter Section to look favourably on the conditions of the new lease.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Brown



Royal Lymington Yacht Club

Patron: HRH The Princess Royal KG KT GCVO QSO

Home Affairs Bureau (Recreation and Sport Branch)
13/F, West Wing, Central Government Offices,
2 Tim Mei Avenue,
Tamar,
Hong Kong

13 July 2018

Dear Sirs

Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases.

I am writing on behalf of the Royal Lymington Yacht Club to endorse the contribution that the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club (RHKYC) makes to recreation and sport within Hong Kong.

In particular:

- "Sports for all" – The RHKYC is promoting sports (sailing, rowing, paddling and dragon boating) in the community and making it accessible to all
- "Grooming Talent" The RHKYC is a key catalyst promoting the professional and elite sports development of sailing and rowing
- "Delivering iconic / international sports events" - The RHKYC is promoting Hong Kong as a centre for major international sports events
- "Global Connectivity and Leadership" The RHKYC is promoting Hong Kong as a centre of excellence in water sports
- "Committed to the community" – The RHKYC is committed to giving back to society

If the RHKYC is to continue to provide all of the above important services to the community of Hong Kong then it is vital that it is allowed to continue operating from its current waterside facilities as without these the club would cease to exist and a valuable facility for the people of Hong Kong would be lost.

I have had the pleasure of visiting the RHKYC in the past and can vouch personally for the contribution that they make.

Yours faithfully

Roger Garlick
Commodore



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Private Recreational Lease and Land Matters Section
Home Affairs Bureau
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Tamar
Hong Kong

17 July 2018

Dear Sirs,

Re Private Recreational Leases (PRLs)

I am writing in response to your recent paper on PRLs. By way of background I arrived in Hong Kong from Scotland late October 1975 and joined the Hong Kong Football Club (HKFC) in November 1975 to play hockey. I still play hockey for HKFC and represent Hong Kong at the Grandmasters level, the most recent tournament being the Asian Cup in Hiroshima last October. Over the past 40 or so years I have held a number of offices in the HKFC Hockey Section and participated in and organised hockey tours to countries in 4 continents. I also have a son, now 30, who joined the youth rugby training at HKFC from the age of 4 and went on to represent Hong Kong in his teenage age groups. My wife is a local Chinese.

I am concerned about many aspects of your paper both in general in Hong Kong but most specifically as they may affect HKFC and my sport of hockey.

Starting from the general sporting standpoint everyone is aware that there is a shortage of places to play outdoor team sport. Since I arrived Hong Kong's population has risen by almost two-thirds and the focus, especially in my early years, has been on housing new immigrants. In the colonial days many sporting clubs were established by expatriates both as social meeting places but most importantly to continue playing sport as this traditionally was part of the upbringing of the British, and those from other Commonwealth and European countries. It was an important part of the culture whereas Chinese families were more focused on academic studies. It was also important in maintaining fitness levels. These clubs are managed and financed by the members, so for example, the old stadium at HKFC which was for a time the largest in Hong Kong, was paid for by the members through bank finance and membership dues. Without this stadium it is arguable whether the annual Rugby Sevens tournament could have started.

This practice of setting up sports clubs occurred in all former Commonwealth countries, for example the Selangor Club in Kuala Lumpur or the Singapore Cricket Club, as well as in other countries where Europeans were based such as the Royal Bangkok Sports Club or the Yokohama Country and Athletic Club, which are now major institutions in their communities. These clubs raise the status of these communities and form part of a network of clubs exchanging visits of their sporting teams enabling local members to broaden their horizons.



The clubs in Hong Kong also play an important part in attracting skilled and highly qualified expatriates including returning Chinese. They have played a crucial part in the development of sport and in turn dramatically raised the profile of Hong Kong as not just being a concrete jungle. HKFC plays a major part in this by running over 100 teams across several sports as set out in the enclosed list and, in many instances engages internationally qualified coaches in a number of these sports to work with experienced members and, of course, with the children of members as well as the children of non-members. HKFC has approximately 2,200 children involved in mini/youth sports of which 60% are non-members.

I was at the first Rugby Sevens tournament in April 1976 held at HKFC and knew some of the organisers. These were rugby enthusiasts, many of whom HKFC members, who had the connections, energy and the ability to see the potential, who volunteered their time to make it happen. The Cathay Pacific Sevens, as they are now known, are by far the biggest sporting event in Hong Kong becoming the premier event in the rugby world's sevens series and generating massive amounts for Hong Kong in tourism and positive publicity-something that Singapore has tried to copy but with limited success. They have also brought the game into the local Chinese community that previously had no ties to the sport so we are seeing more Chinese players take up the sport.

HKFC having started the Sevens saw it move to then new government stadium which was needed to meet the rising demand and now is the only event that fills that stadium and pays for most of its running costs. Eventually HKFC members were instrumental in setting up the Rugby Tens tournament held at HKFC, initially as a social tournament leading into the Sevens but now the leading International Tens tournament in the world and with other social rugby tournaments held elsewhere have made the whole week leading up to the Sevens a rugby week attracting thousands of tourists and companies deciding to hold meetings in Hong Kong in conjunction with the rugby. You no doubt know that HKFC hosts nearly all of Hong Kong international rugby matches, most recently the Rugby World Cup qualifying match against the Cook Islands.

HKFC can give you all the data on the number of children who benefit from rugby development training which like all the sporting Sections is dependent on sporting members volunteering their time. My son benefitted greatly from this including one HKFC tour to Japan-it has wonderful developmental effect on youngsters to belong to a team and go on tour. Just as now many of the players he trained with were non-Members and from my early recollection, many were Japanese.

As mentioned, hockey is the sport that I am most closely involved in. In my opinion this is a sport well suited to Asian builds as it does not require the physical size that is typical with rugby players and we can see how successful this has become in places like Japan and Malaysia and of course, India and Pakistan. The PRC ladies are now ranked among the leaders in the world and unlike most team sports this is genuinely both a men's and a women's sport.

Since I came to Hong Kong the game has moved from being played on grass to being played on artificial surfaces which are also more suited to our climate but require a high degree of professional maintenance and care. The number of teams playing in the ladies' and men's leagues has probably doubled over that time, mainly from new Chinese teams, but the number of pitches has not grown. We have lost the use of the old military pitches as well as the old HK University pitch in Pokfulam counter balanced by the King's Park pitch and a

share of Lok Fu and of course since 1996 we now have the HKFC pitch which is the elite pitch in Hong Kong. The government maintained pitches have a patchy maintenance record and from time to time have been out of use. It costs several million dollars to resurface which should last 7 to 10 years if properly maintained but to maintain at an elite status standard the HKFC pitch is likely to be replaced every 5 to 8 years.

The quality and availability of the HKFC pitch is critical to the success of hockey in Hong Kong. When the pitches in the Happy Valley LCSD facility were out of action a season or so ago, the HKFC squeezed more playing time from their pitch and games were played at HKFC not involving HKFC sides to help the HK Hockey Association deal with fixture problems. During the 2008 Olympics a few countries used HKFC to prepare their hockey teams which gave everyone, members and non-members alike, the opportunity to see world class athletes for free as show games at HKFC were put on. In the same year HKFC hosted the world hockey masters and grandmasters tournament attracting all the leading countries. We used the HKFC pitch as the main pitch with the two LCSD hockey pitches (one shared with soccer) in the Valley also used for games. Older hockey players were co-opted to liaise with the visiting teams and I acted for Scotland who brought a large group including spouses who were amazed at the facilities of HKFC and the organisation. We can only attract this level of visiting team if we have facilities in top class condition and also have, through our members, the international contacts to make these events happen and the organisational ability to ensure all runs smoothly. The HKFC pitch and the HKFC organisational strength are critical to the success of HK hockey.

To emulate our rugby colleagues with the Sevens and now the Tens and the Soccer Section with the very popular International Soccer Sevens, the Hockey Section holds the Easter Sixes attracting teams from within and without Asia as well as local teams, both men's and women's, which is now becoming an established part of the global hockey calendar. Again this is another opportunity for Hong Kong players to play international competition and helps with the development of the game here.

The HKFC Hockey Section is now the leading developer of youth hockey. Our hockey development manager rates the HKFC youth players as far better than the Hong Kong side, which reflects better quality training, and we are now seeing HKFC developed players represent Hong Kong. Once these players enter the main leagues from the age of 14 they are eligible for HKFC Junior membership at very low fees (an up front amount of HK\$ 1,000 and a monthly payment of HK\$100 up to age 21 and thereafter up to age 28 HK\$620) and then will be eligible for full sporting membership at reaching 28 years of age under HKFC rules amounting to a joining fee of HK\$25,000 and a monthly subscription of HK\$1,550. There are around 300 children at all ages being trained at HKFC in the Junior Hockey section of which 60% are non-members.

In addition to these internal programmes HKFC supports a number of schools who use our pitch for training and other sports activities during the weekdays up to 4 pm. These are schools introduced by members and, of course reflect the shortage of Outdoor facilities that schools are faced with. Only a nominal fee of HK\$300 per session is charged for use of the facilities.

As you can see from the Hockey Section and the other sporting Sections there is limited capacity to make the pitches available to a large number of non-members. In the case of hockey each evening is currently used for training and/or league games and the whole

weekend is dedicated to league games (the Hockey Section has 16 league hockey teams). It is difficult to see how you would squeeze more time especially as adults will be working during the week.

Lastly, a few comments on your suggested ways of dealing with a large increase in land premiums. I call on my business background having helped grow an organisation from 85 people to over 2,000 in Hong Kong and another 10,000 in mainland China involving fund raising as well as serving multinational companies.

Most clubs, including HKFC, set a cap on the number of members they can reasonably handle. Therefore adding new members is in practice a limited way of raising substantial funds and logically could not be repeated on a regular basis at every lease renewal.

At HKFC there are generally no new social members except some converting from debentures and the main entrance to membership is by way of sporting memberships which are set relatively low to meet the financial capabilities of these younger applicants.

Raising funds from the issue of debentures is not easy and can be hit or miss. HKFC has experienced difficulty recently in this regard and this may reflect the end of the days of 'funny money' going into debentures which reflects some belt tightening among potential corporate applicants. If applicants question the ability of clubs to meet ever increasing land premiums then marketing them will become even tougher.

Membership fees can be raised but there is a limit to how far this can be done before you start seriously impacting members particularly younger sporting members where a doubling of current fees could represent 10-20% of their monthly income given the depressed level of graduate salaries in Hong Kong (see the Chinese University survey from 3 years ago).

The use of reserves is obviously limited. In the case of HKFC we have recently had to do that to meet the costs of needed maintenance and upgrading of facilities that run into a few hundred million dollars. Once they are used up they have to be somehow replenished.

Loans need to be repaid and getting them in the first place will depend on banks willing to lend based on their assessment of future cash flows.

In summary, if the sports clubs like HKFC did not exist then the government would have to provide more facilities and ensure they are professionally managed by people experienced in sport. They would likely lose many of the skilled volunteers who help develop the sporting skills in our youth and, of course, Hong Kong's image as a place to live and work would be diminished and be seen as less international.

If you have any questions on the above, feel free to contact me by email:
[redacted] or by mobile [redacted]

Yours faithfully [redacted]

Alan R. Powrie

Enclosure

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HKFC league teams:

<i>Rugby</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 7 men's and 2 ladies
<i>Soccer</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5 men's and 1 ladies
<i>Squash</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 19 men's and 7 ladies• 6 masters
<i>Tennis</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Winter League - 4 men's and 2 ladies• Summer League - 4 men's and 2 ladies
<i>Hockey</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8 men's and 8 ladies
<i>Netball</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6 ladies
<i>Lawn Bowls</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Summer League - 6 men's and 3 ladies• Winter League - 7 men's and 4 ladies
<i>Badminton</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 men's doubles and 1 ladies• 1 mixed doubles



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To Whom It May Concern at the Home Affairs Bureau,

This letter is to confirm that the Hong Kong Country Club has been a keen supporter of our Foundation since 2012. Since our collaboration, the Club has donated a total of 2.7 tonnes of edible surplus food to our beneficiary partners such as St. Barnabas Society and Chai Wan Baptist Church Social Service, serving over 6,300 meals to those in need, free of charge. Without the support of the Hong Kong Country Club, we would not be able to fulfill the Foundation's mission of feeding those vulnerable to hunger in Hong Kong while alleviating the burden on Hong Kong's landfills, where the food would otherwise have ended up.

We believe that cross-sector collaboration is what is necessary in building a better future for Hong Kong, and having experienced the generosity and goodwill of the Hong Kong Country Club, we sincerely hope that you will take the Club's continued contribution to Foodlink Foundation in supporting those less fortunate in our community into consideration in regard to the government's policy review of private recreational club leases.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned should you require further information.

Yours faithfully,

Robin Hwang
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IR File No. 91/10626

Home Affairs Bureau,
13/F, West Wing,
Central Government Offices,
2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar
(Subject: Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases)

Dear Sir/ Madam,

I think the private sports clubs have contributed greatly to the sports development in Hong Kong. They should be retained. I do not agree to levy a high land premium, such as charging them at one-third of the full market value as it would affect their right of survival and impede the sports development in Hong Kong. I think the Government should continue to charge the private sports clubs a nominal land premium for the promotion of sports.

I have other comments on the "Review on Policy of Private Recreational Lease" paper issued by the Home Affairs Bureau in March 2018:

My Name: _____

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July 7th, A.D. 2018

To: Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs)
Home Affairs Bureau (Recreation and Sport Branch)
13/F West Wing, Central Government Offices
2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar, Hong Kong.

Subject: Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to you in respect of the current consultation your office is conducting in relation to the Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs) and particularly on its impact on the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club (RHKYC).

The Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club which was founded in 1849 is not only one of the oldest surviving social institutions in Asia, it has been ever since the striving centre of learning and improving of sailing techniques, and the promotion of good seamanship.

The yacht club is one of the oldest and most historic institution in sport. Steeped in tradition, members share in a special bond, both on and off the water. But above all, Yacht Clubs are special: they are homes. Homes for families who love the sea, for people who sail and race on the sea. This common thread, the love of the sea, is what makes a yacht club work. The members of the Club often act like a family. We know that at the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, they passionately love the ocean and we would welcome warmly every people sharing this passion, even without a boat, to enrich themselves of mutual experiences and build a great friendship between all Members and the local Community.

Indeed, for the past 169 years, the RHKYC has been part one of the iconic places in Hong Kong, which not only focuses on sailing but also on a rich social life open to all. It is also a striving force to promote the preservation of the seas and its wildlife which is one of the greatest challenges of this 21st Century.

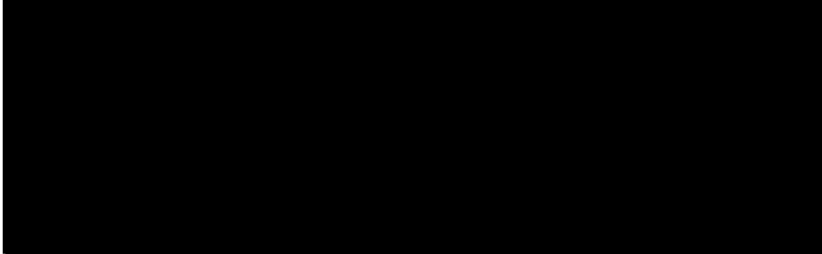
Their charitable activities have also very positively impacted local communities either at home and overseas, and most of the athletes competing in the Asian Games and various international competitions are coming from programs run by the RHKYC.

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Every time I travel to Hong Kong, I cannot imagine not paying a visit to the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, which is in my opinion one of the best ambassadors of your City.

I do hope you would keep the current agreements in place with the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club in order to enable this very iconic Hong Kong institution to pursue its noble mission to serve all members of the community for at least another 169 years to come.

With best regards



Sir Terry Waterford-Mandeville, KLJ.

Commodore of the West Indies Yacht Club (Jamaica, West Indies)

Rosanna Wong *PhD, DBE, JP*

16 July 2018

To Whom It May Concern,

Re: Private Recreational Leases

I write in support of the Government's proposed initiative regarding Private Recreational Leases and put forward the case of The Hong Kong Country Club, whose lease will come up for renewal in 2027.

As you may be well aware, the Country Club has a great commitment to sports development in the community. Over the past year, use of Club facilities by schools has increased by more than 150 per cent, to 1,228 hours in 2017. We very much hope that that will further increase in 2018.

The facilities open to schools, for their sports lessons and trainings, include use of the tennis, squash and basketball courts, as well as the bowling alley. We are immensely proud that some of Hong Kong's most celebrated schools, including St. Stephen's Primary and Secondary Schools, Pun U Wah Yan Primary and Wah Yan Secondary Schools avail of the Club's facilities and we hope that this will also increase in the coming years.

More than just opening up the Club doors, the Club also runs training camps over the summer and Christmas breaks for children, no matter what their economic background, to take part in tennis and bowling activities. By the end of this year, more than 340 children will have received over 3500 hours of coaching free of charge.

We are also very proud of our partnership with the LCSD over the past five years in the "Sports for all Day". We have gone one step further this summer, by opening up our facilities to the public every Tuesday and Thursday until the end of August.

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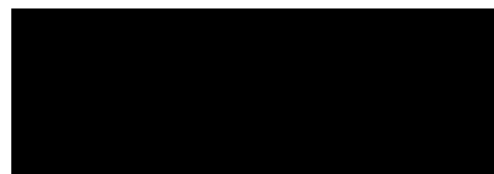
The Club has been very fortunate in being able to host both local and international tennis tournaments, including The Wheelchair Tennis Exhibition Match in 2011; the Asian International Schools Championships in 2016 and The Hong Kong National Junior Tennis Championships for the Under 18s since 2015. Other tennis events include the Hong Kong Tennis Association Leagues and our plan to host an International Tennis Federation event in November 2018.

What also sets the Club apart is its partnership with various groups and organisations in the community. Mother's Choice and St. Mary's Home for the Aged are the Club's two Charity Partners, as well as made donations to the Foodlink Foundation. The Club also fundraises for other charities, including The Home of Loving faithfulness, Hong Kong Dog Rescue and Little Life Warrior Society, among others.

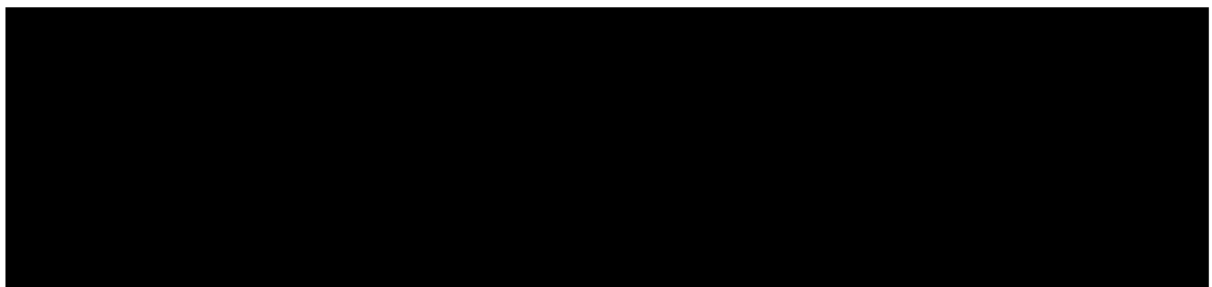
I believe that the above very clearly illustrates The Hong Kong Country Club's strong commitment to sports development and community partnership which, in fact, supports the Government's Policy of Private Recreational Leases.

Given this, I look forward to renewal of The Hong Kong Country Club's lease renewal when the time is appropriate.

Thanking you for your attention to this matter.



Rosanna WONG Yick-ming



Private Recreational Lease and Land Matters Section,
Home Affairs Bureau (Recreation and Sport Branch),
13/F, West Wing, Central Government Offices,
2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar, Hong Kong

10th July, 2018

RE: Support Renewal of Private Recreational Lease for The Hong Kong Country Club

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to urge you to grant the renewal of the Private Recreational Lease for the Hong Kong Country Club. As a proud Hong Kong citizen and a parent, I strongly believe The Hong Kong Country Club remains a valuable resource for sports development and contributions to the community at large.

Please allow me to take this opportunity to highlight that since 2013, the Hong Kong Country Club will write to invite over 800+ schools every year to make use of the Club's facilities for their sports lessons and training. The use of the Club's facilities from 2016 to 2017 has increased by more than 150% and from 491 hours in 2016 to 1228 hours in 2017 and I believe it is projected that the usage will continue to increase to 1500 hours by end of 2018.

Furthermore, since the commencement of the the Junior Tennis Scholarship Program to promising sportsperson age 8 to 17 in 2016, The Hong Kong Country Club provided a total of 3,000 hours of coaching free of charge

The Country Club has also hosted both International and local tennis tournaments, including the Wheelchair Tennis Exhibition Match, The Asian Internal School Championships, and The Hong Kong National Junior Tennis Championship (U18 categories).

Aside from sports development, The Hong Kong Country Club has also been making a notable contribution to the community.

Mother's Choice is one of the two Charity Partners since 2010. Their WEE Care Group and BABY Care Group visit the Club approx. 24 times a year, where The Club provides a safe open space for children without families to play before hosting a poolside lunch. It is my understanding that over 1,300 meals have been served free of charge since 2015 to date.

St. Mary's Home for the Aged is another Charity Partner since 2012 where The Club has generously donated \$840,000 to replace and repair windows and doors in the Men's wing of the Home, not to mention the 160 free meals served each year.

Lastly, since 2014, The Club has raised \$500,000 and has welcomed over 30 charities/NGO and local Hong Kong schools on their outings, offering meals, sports, games, team building and venue support.

I hope that it goes without saying that The Hong Kong Country Club is indeed a valuable partner in sports development and community contribution. I would once again strong urge you to renew the Recreational Lease for The Hong Kong Country Club

Sincerely,



Lu Hing Kwong, Quinton



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Appeal from member of the HKCC

13/07/2018 14:35

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From:

To: <prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk>,

Cc:

History: This message has been replied to.

To Whom This May Concern.

My name is Elissa Cohen and I am a long time ordinary member of the Hong Kong Country Club who frequents it like my second home. In fact, HKCC is my second home.

I am sorry HAB is under attack by a few small groups and is being pressured into changing the conditions of the club lease. I would like to appeal to you to please be lenient with us.

HKCC is not a haven to 2000+ elite people of HK. I am certainly not an elitist. I have been a member for more 25 years and the many members I have met whom I share the club life with are ordinary hard working people just like myself. My late husband and I were fortunately enough to be able to join the HKCC all those years ago and I would very much like to continue to enjoy our club.

The staff members have become part of the family to me and I know many other members feel the same way. They are happy working at the club and us members are happy with them and appreciate their hard work but most of all, we are very happy to see their familiar faces when we visit the club. They are family to us and going to the club is like going home!

Our club provides a very good and stable work environment to over 300 staff member and this represents the livelihood of 300 families. HKCC helps with their many needs and one of them which stand out is the Staff Children Education Fund. Members contribution to this fund is HK\$100,000 per year and this helps our staff families with their education expenses of their family members. Taking our club away will mean taking their income away and the benefits their family currently enjoy.

Besides our staff family, HKCC buys from many small local businesses who sell us chicken, eggs, vegetable, fish and many other goods etc for more than 2 decades. Please allow this relationship to continue. Please don't take away their livelihood.

Last but not least, HKCC share their sporting facilities as well as all other area of the club with local schools, NGOs and many other local community i.e. Mother's Choice, St. Mary Home of the Aged, Little Sisters of the Poor, Po Leung Kuk etc. Apart from the usage of our facilities, we also provide free meals for these charities whose members come to visit on a regular basis. These members of our community have come to enjoy the facilities of our club and I am sure they would like to continue to do so.

The Club contribution to our community is significant and many different ways and I sincerely hope the HAB will put all these into consideration before reaching any decision.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Yours Sincerely,

Ms. Elissa Cohen





OBJECTION TO DO ANY THING THAT MAY HARM OR JEOPARDIZE PRL's

13/07/2018 14:17

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From:

To: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk,

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1. Whether all PRL sites should continue to be handled under the existing lease arrangement, or alternative lease arrangement should be adopted;

(Refer to pages 7-15).

Of course PRL's Site should continue to operate under the policy.

1. How to assess whether these sites should be retained or returned to the Government for other development purposes;

(Refer to pages 15-19).

The quarterly report sent to HAB by all PRL for the last 6 or 7 years should give the answer to that.

1. Whether charging nil or nominal land premium for the use of these sites should continue;

(Refer to pages 19- 25).

Of course it should continue at nil or nominal land premium for those who have over the years developed, improved and open the PRL's to members, sporting youth and the public. Those PRLs are doing their job, benefiting Hong Kong sporting reputation, offering quality environment, they should not be threaten to be bankrupted or closed down.

1. Whether the PRL lessees should be required to further open up their facilities so as to better complement and support sports development in Hong Kong;

(Refer to pages 25-30).

Yes surely they already do anyway

1. What types of facilities should be allowed on these sites (including ancillary facilities);

(Refer to pages 30-31).

Any as long as they are in line with the ethos and M&A of each clubs, provide sporting experience, and Development are opened to all with a fee.

1. How to enhance the monitoring on the governance and transparency of the lessees;

(Refer to pages 31-33).

Continue the quarterly reporting and yearly inspection with good point bad point system to allow good PRL's to carry on and bad one to be terminated.

1. Whether and how to assess applications for new sites for sports and recreational use;

(Refer to pages 33-34)

Yes if they are for the development of elite sports and international event support and hosting it should even be encouraged.

Kind regards,
Yang Oi Lei



Please save our clubs that provide havens and oasis and a healthier life in the frantic busy city that is Hong Kong.

1. **Whether all PRL sites should continue to be handled under the existing lease arrangement, or alternative lease arrangement should be adopted;**
(Refer to pages 7-15). Yes and leases should be longer than just 15 years to allow better development and may be lease can be review in a way to better meet land use and sport development.
2. **How to assess whether these sites should be retained or returned to the Government for other development purposes;**
(Refer to pages 15-19).
Use current quarterly reports by PRL holders
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If an onerous land premium is to be paid by PRL's flexibility in payment should be considered and the amount calculated according affordability not according to developer's unrealistic and extortionate land values.
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Use existing reporting requirements more fully
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(Refer to pages 33-34).
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and also the development of elite sports and international event support and hosting should even be encouraged

Yours Faithfully,

Deirdre Butler





OBJECTION TO DO ANY THING THAT MAY ARM OR JEOPARDIZE PRL's

13/07/2018 13:00

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From:

To: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk,

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1. Whether all PRL sites should continue to be handled under the existing lease arrangement, or alternative lease arrangement should be adopted;

(Refer to pages 7-15).

Of course PRL's Site should continue to operate under the policy.

1. How to assess whether these sites should be retained or returned to the Government for other development purposes;

(Refer to pages 15-19).

The quarterly report sent to HAB by all PRL for the last 6 or 7 years should give the answer to that.

1. Whether charging nil or nominal land premium for the use of these sites should continue;

(Refer to pages 19- 25).

Of course it should continue at nil or nominal land premium for those who have over the years developed, improved and open the PRL's to members, sporting youth and the public. Those PRLs are doing their job, benefiting Hong Kong sporting reputation, offering quality environment, they should not be threaten to be bankrupted or closed down.

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(Refer to pages 25-30).

Yes surely they already do anyway

1. What types of facilities should be allowed on these sites (including ancillary facilities);

(Refer to pages 30-31).

Any as long as they are in line with the ethos and M&A of each clubs, provide sporting experience, and Development are opened to all with a fee.

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(Refer to pages 31-33).

Continue the quarterly reporting and yearly inspection with good point bad point system to allow good PRL's to carry on and bad one to be terminated.

1. Whether and how to assess applications for new sites for sports and recreational use;

(Refer to pages 33-34)

Yes if they are for the development of elite sports and international event support and hosting it should even be encouraged.

Actually with my family we had enjoyed the club sport activities especially my daughter many years before we decided to become members.

The club is really good for the community and is open to the general public for sports actually 80% of the certification in the club or in the sailing activity in general is for non-members. The club is now a part of our family life and bring balance in our the Hong Kong busy lifestyle and do the same for many more families whether they are members or not.

Kind regards,
Jean-Philippe Beulque

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Commodore
S.M. Mair (Clockwork)

Vice Commodore
I.M. Cook (Ranger)

Rear Commodore
A. Young (Tuatahi)



ROYAL NEW ZEALAND YACHT SQUADRON

12 July 2018

Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases
Home Affairs Bureau (Recreation and Sport Branch),
13/F, West Wing, Central Government Offices,
2 Tim Mei Avenue
Tamar
Hong Kong

Email: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club – Letter of Support

I am writing this letter in support of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club (RHKYC).

Similar to the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron, the RHKYC is a not-for-profit organisation and income generated from fees and ancillary facilities are reinvested into the development of sports. The focus is on developing and promoting water sports (sailing, rowing, paddling and dragon boating) for all ages and skill levels.

The RHKYC provides training programmes for practitioners - both members and non-members -- to nurture their development, produce elite athletes capable of competing at the highest levels, and contribute to the growth and popularity of these great sports.

The Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron (RNZYS) attends various events annually and appreciates all that the Club has to offer for members, non-members, sailors and the public alike.

Yours sincerely,

Ian Cook
Vice Commodore
Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron



My view on 私人遊樂場地契約政策公眾諮詢

12/07/2018 21:58

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From:

To: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk,

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To whom it may concern,

I would like to express my view on the Private Recreational Leases policy.

Many of these organisations have been serving Hong Kong for specific purposes, particularly in sports. They provide facilities and resources to not only manage and host events but also train young athletes. Without these organisations, HK Government will need to find equal amount of space, facilities, resources, and money to fulfill the same purpose.

Many of these Private Recreational facilities are very well maintained, and appropriated to host high quality events. Taking golf as an example, one of the most prestige competitions in the world, the US Open, has always been choosing private golf clubs to host the event. Hong Kong has been viewed as one of the very few top tiered global cities in the world. We deserve to own world class facilities to host top quality international events. Hong Kong is also a vibrant city that would attract world class athletes to visit and compete, assuming we provide decent facilities for them to perform.

It would be so embarrassed if, say, we invited Lang Lang to perform in Cultural Center with a second-tiered out-of-tune Yamaha piano (as opposed to Steinway Grand Piano). In fact, We had been embarrassed once:

大球場 變爛地成國際笑話

<http://paper.wenweipo.com/2013/12/27/SP1312270014.htm>

Some people may think that these space could be better used for residential housing so that more underprivileged citizens can be benefited. I would argue that, as a top tiered global city, we deserve to own world class facilities to host various top quality events. Having private organisations to keep and maintain the facilities is a clever way to serve the community without heavily using government money. In some sense, it can be viewed as subsidy by the wealthy people as they continue to pay membership fees to maintain these facilities.

Alan

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I would like to register my opinion regarding the PRL Consultation.

1. **Whether all PRL sites should continue to be handled under the existing lease arrangement, or alternative lease arrangement should be adopted;
(Refer to pages 7-15).**

This should be judged on a case by case basis. The clubs based on the sites have different facilities, mission statements and priorities. To suggest all clubs on PRL sites should be subject to new arrangements because a few are not delivering would be unfair. However, clubs which are not abiding by the current regulations and who refuse or delay rectifying the situation should be subject to further/ punitive regulation.

2. **How to assess whether these sites should be retained or returned to the Government for other development purposes;
(Refer to pages 15-19).**

If a club is fulfilling the requirements and regulations set by the Government then I see no reason why these clubs should lose their sites. Those clubs which do not abide by the regulations should be given a grace period to rectify this or lose their sites.

3. **Whether charging nil or nominal land premium for the use of these sites should continue;
(Refer to pages 19- 25).**

Yes. Charging more will do little good but it will have an adverse effect on most clubs. Any increase in the Land Premium will have to be met by current and future members. This will require clubs to raise their Membership Fees and Monthly Subs. Increasing these costs merely prices out more people, leaving club memberships available only to the richest few. Surely this is the opposite of what this consultation hopes to achieve.

4. **Whether the PRL lessees should be required to further open up their facilities so as to better complement and support sports development in Hong Kong;
(Refer to pages 25-30).**

Every PRL site should be required to open selected facilities for use by non-members. Each site should be assessed and a reasonable and achievable target set. Furthermore access for non-members should not be dependent on being invited by a current member or on paying large fees. While charging a fee for use is acceptable (especially if members pay extra to use a certain facility) they should be reasonable for the facility used.

Clubs should be encouraged to partner with local schools/ charities who could benefit from the use of club facilities.

5. **What types of facilities should be allowed on these sites (including ancillary facilities);
(Refer to pages 30-31).**

Any facilities which fit with the ethos of the club and help to promote sports in Hong Kong.

6. **How to enhance the monitoring on the governance and transparency of the lessees;
(Refer to pages 31-33).**

The Government needs to provide clear standards that the clubs need to adhere to. Clubs should be given a simple channel to allow them to self- report their compliance. Clubs which fail to do so should be subject to audits/ spot checks.

**7. Whether and how to assess applications for new sites for sports and recreational use;
(Refer to pages 33-34).**

Whether the proposed application will enhance the sport/ activity it will provide and will benefit the local community.

Additional Comments

Most clubs operating under PRL are sporting clubs. The rise of obesity and it associated health issues and the trend for video games and social media is likely to prove harmful to society as a whole. Clubs which promote both indoor and outdoor physical activities for a wide range of age groups are surely a good idea. Many clubs encourage team sports, particularly for children which are good for motor skills, social skills and enhance the physical and mental well-being of those that take part.

The clubs provide employment often for low skilled / niche skilled workers. Should clubs be forced to close cleaners, wait staff, chefs, maintenance workers etc. would lose their jobs and need to be absorbed into the current employment market. Niche skilled employees such as sports coaches/ sailing instructors may not be able to find alternative employment in their area.

Clubs often have vastly reduced membership fees for young people who show an aptitude/ skill in a particular sport. Clubs encourage, support and develop young talent with the hope of producing world class athletes.

Some clubs support local charities such as donating unused food for redistribution or organising collections. They also promote environmentally friendly practises and sustainable lifestyles. Getting young people involved in beach clean-ups and reducing plastic waste sends an important message that we cannot take the world we live in for granted.

Jade Kemp





Re: Task force on land supply

12/07/2018 15:45

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From: TFLS/DEVB/HKSARG@DEVB

To: [REDACTED],

Cc: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

Sent by: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Lam,

Your email to Home Affairs Bureau has been relayed to the Development Bureau. The Secretariat of the Task Force on Land Supply (Task Force) will relay your email to members for reference and analysis.

The Task Force is organising a 5-month public engagement exercise starting from 26 April 2018 to 26 September 2018. The Task Force will analyse the views and suggestions provided by individuals or organisations during the public engagement exercise and may publicise some or all of the content of the views (including names of individuals and organisations). Please notify the Secretariat of the Task Force if you do not agree with such arrangement.

Regards,
Secretariat, Task Force on Land Supply

From: [REDACTED]
To: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk,
Date: 05/07/2018 19:55
Subject: Task force on land supply

I would like to express my view on this subject.

It is fundamental wrong to re-develop private recreational clubs in the city for housing for the following reasons:

- 1) the land cost is so high that general public cannot afford after re-development
- 2) to impose additional land premium to non-commercial organisation for promoting sport activities is totally unsuitable
- 3) it destroys the hard works of the private recreational clubs on promoting sports and training up the younger generation to represent HK
- 4) it changes the value of the HK people towards sports I.e. fixed asset is more important than health

My suggestion to the Task Force:

- A) all lands for development of housing for the general public should come from the low land cost zones e.g. New Territories that people can afford to buy after completion of development
 - B) reclamation of land should be the long term solution e.g. water front near Tuen mun
- Hope this helps!

LamChi Hung

[REDACTED]



RE: The consultation about private recreational club leases

13/07/2018 18:37

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From:

To: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk,

History: This message has been replied to.

Home Affairs Bureau

To whom it may concern,

Referring to the policy of private recreational club leases, the Hong Kong Country Club (HKCC) is one of the lessee. I had some good experience with HKCC who had done a lot of good community work, I would like to share with you now.

My son~ Edison is 13 yrs old, he had joined a tennis summer camp in 2016 by free, through that programme, he started to learn tennis. He became more confident with himself after tennis classes in HKCC, the coaches are nice , tennis is a good sport to a youth like him!

Later, Edison was selected to receive a tennis scholarship programme in 2017, which was free of charges last for a year long too!

My family appreciate very much to the good work of HKCC. We hope the Hong Kong Country Club can continue to be a good lessee, who will do more and more benefits to the public, to the needed group.

Best regards

Yours faithfully,

Edison Rowe & Audrey Wong



FW: PRL Public Consultation "thoughts" to write to HAB

13/07/2018 18:06

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From:

To: <prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk>,

Cc:

History: This message has been replied to.

Dear Sir

I am writing to you as a member of the Hong Kong Country Club . I have been a member for many years and I don't believe there are many clubs in HK where we can now see the 4th generation enjoying the facilities of the club. The club has been a big part of many people's lives whether as a member or a guest who have been able to participate and enjoy the wonderful facilities of sports, good food, wonderful video library and so many other activities.

We totally understand that the Home Affairs Bureau is under pressure by a portion of the public to change the conditions of the Club leases, I am grateful to be allowed to voice my personal opinion in this public consultation process.

Besides being a club for members to enjoy we have given back to HK in many ways. We are not a club just for the "Elitist". Look at some of what we have given back to the community.

Our contribution to Mother's Choice . The club has been a major supporter of this wonderful charity that helps and protects children without families or from pregnant teenagers. Every month 2 groups of children are invited to the club to enjoy the various facilities the outdoor play area, the playroom, the pool etc. Children need to have outdoor activities and the club does its best in providing what they can do for the children to enjoy the fresh air, good food and most important have fun. Especially as we live in a town full of high-rise buildings.

Besides taking care of the needs of children the club has also been a big supporter of the St Mary's House for the Aged since 2012. To help with repairs to St Mary's facilities the club has donated \$840,000 since 2012. The club has also invited the elderly and volunteers every month to enjoy the outdoor area and to play games , bowling and to have a meal. We tend to forget our elderly community many who have no family to care for them. To honour the spirit of Thanksgiving in 2014 the club invited the residence of the St Mary's to a 3 course meal followed by entertainment. The elderly should not be forgotten and just be left in home with nothing to do.

In addition to the above since 2015 the club has welcomed over 30 charities and local HK schools on their outings. Over 2,800 people have enjoyed our facilities and over 2,300 meals have been served all provided at the expense of the club. The Club believes in giving back.

Sports has always been an important part of the facilities of the club. The club provides wonderful tennis programs to name just one . Programs not only for club members but we have given many hours of free coaching to children who are interested in tennis swimming and other activities. . We need our children be active at a time when obesity in HK is getting out of control. So many children over the years have had their first swimming lessons at the club .

The Hong Kong Country Club invites 800 schools each year to make use of our sports facilities, and about 20 local schools regularly use our tennis, squash, basketball and bowling facilities. The number of hours of such use has increased from 491 in 2016 to 1228 in 2017, and is expected to reach 1500 hours in 2018. So not only are the children of the club members that benefit from the facilities but many children who have no access to facilities are able to enjoy our facilities free of charge.

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If the Club was to close not only would the above efforts and initiatives have been wasted but future opportunities to provide enjoyment, relaxation, and the coaching of new skill sets to budding athletes would no longer exist. It would be a sad day for HK.

With so many restaurants opening in HK the Country Club has despite this been able to retain their loyal staff. We all know that keeping good staff is not easy, so the club must be doing something right. 300 staff represents 300 families being well taken care of. In this day to have an average turnover rate of 15% says a lot about how the staff is treated.

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How many companies in HK have a fund that contributes to the Staff Children Education Fund and Achievement to the amount of \$100,000 per year. This helps our staff with the education expenses of their family members; we also have a staff education subsidy scheme and host Christmas parties for children of our staff members. All staff get a monthly transportation allowance and we recently renovated the nice staff canteen, which provides 2 meals per day free of charge for all staff.

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The Country Club is a very cosmopolitan club. Where would our children play and meet other children without this wonderful club. To see the fourth generation children running around is a joyful thing.

Having such a club is enticing for expatriates to take job offers in HK. We call ourselves an "International" city, but how international are we when such facilities are taken away from us. To be able to compete with China and other Asian cities we need world class facilities. We have so little available in HK.

What I most love about the country club is it's the first club to allow Chinese and Non-Chinese to join on an equal status. This was a big thing in the Colonial days. The Hong Kong Country Club was very much avant-garde then and the cosmopolitan foundation of the Club has remained up to today. We are lucky to have such a cosmopolitan facility in Hong Kong.

In conclusion, I agree that we need clubs to serve Hong Kong especially as there are so few. I agree with the proposed new conditions as shared with the public on 20 March 2018. I agree to opening our facilities to 30% of our total capacity and also agree for our club to pay a third of the Fair Market Value for our rural building lot used for the sole purpose of an international country club as defined in the club's lease.

Your Sincerely

Angela Gardner



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13/07/2018 15:53

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From:

To: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk,

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Please save our clubs that provide havens and oasis and a healthier life in the frantic busy city that is Hong Kong.

1. **Whether all PRL sites should continue to be handled under the existing lease arrangement, or alternative lease arrangement should be adopted;**
(Refer to pages 7-15). Yes and leases should be longer than just 15 years to allow better development and may be lease can be review in a way to better meet land use and sport development.
2. **How to assess whether these sites should be retained or returned to the Government for other development purposes;**
(Refer to pages 15-19).
Use current quarterly reports by PRL holders
3. **Whether charging nil or nominal land premium for the use of these sites should continue;**
(Refer to pages 19- 25).
Continue at nominal land premium for those who have over the years developed, improved and open the PRL's to members, sporting youth and the public. Those PRLs are doing their job, benefiting Hong Kong sporting reputation, offering quality environment, they should not be threaten to be bankrupted or closed down

If an onerous land premium is to be paid by PRL's flexibility in payment should be considered and the amount calculated according affordability not according to developer's unrealistic and extortionate land values.
4. **Whether the PRL lessees should be required to further open up their facilities so as to better complement and support sports development in Hong Kong;**
(Refer to pages 25-30). Yes many already do anyway
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and also the development of elite sports and international event support and hosting should even be encouraged

Yours Faithfully,

LEUNG Min Wing Raymond



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OBJECTION TO DO ANY THING THAT MAY HARM OR JEOPARDIZE PRL's

14/07/2018 14:18

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From:

To: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk,

History: This message has been replied to.

Dear Sirs,

I refer to the present consultation process you are conducting with reference to the policy review of Private Recreational Leases.

In a general statement, I would comment on 30 years residence in Hong Kong personally and active involvement in two of these sporting recreational lease clubs. Indeed, whilst I volunteered on the General Committee of one of these clubs, we voluntarily returned a parcel of land back to the Government because it was not required for our primary purpose - sporting facilitation.

I have seen, first hand, the positive impact these clubs have had on the general welfare of Hong Kong and the development of the particular sporting areas in which they operate. Of note is the facilitation of young and upcoming or aspiring sportsmen and women by means of specialist and high level trainers and mentoring programmes. Many of the internationally competing sportspeople who represent Hong Kong on the regional and global stages have had their interests facilitated by sporting clubs operating under PRLs.

Above and beyond this, the ability of PRL clubs to integrate with the local community, the excellence of employment opportunities for staff and the charitable efforts of the clubs is often totally ignored. Staff in the clubs of which I am a member are treated very well - evidenced by the long service given by many without having to look outside to other employers for career training and development. These clubs are run by volunteers with skill sets exercised in the commercial world and are among the most democratic organisations in Hong Kong. Instead, some form of anti-elitist sentiment looks with envy at membership of these clubs and proclaims them (without any evidence) as being against the interests of the population of Hong Kong.

As a Government organisation yourself, I am sure that you will recognise that innovation and proactive development of sporting ability is better left to the experts in the field - with appropriate supervision. Any attempt at Government taking over responsibility will generally stifle the intent of that intervention. This is why Hong Kong runs on an ethos of "positive non-interventionism" by the government.

I would now like to comment on a number of questions raised in your 68 page consultation document:

1. **Whether all PRL sites should continue to be handled under the existing lease arrangement, or alternative lease arrangement should be adopted;**
(Refer to pages 7-15).

Yes and leases should be longer than just 15 years to allow better development. Long term development plans based on ongoing supply of facilities to generations of Hong Kong people needs stability of tenure. We are not here to develop, sell and make a profit - we are providing a service and are non-profit organisations.

2. **How to assess whether these sites should be retained or returned to the Government for other development purposes;**
(Refer to pages 15-19).

I would never suggest that all PRL clubs have continued to comply with the conditions of their lease. However, the Government has the ability to monitor compliance and should clearly be carrying out its monitoring of leases by the system of quarterly review already in place. Notices of non-compliance

requiring corrective action and a tiered level of response should be continued.

3. **Whether charging nil or nominal land premium for the use of these sites should continue;**
(Refer to pages 19- 25).

There is clear precedence that this policy of land premium reduction to nominal or fully waiving should continue. Non-profit organisations which are run and manned by volunteers should not be the target to increase the reserves of the Government of the HKSAR. What we need is good governance and appropriate levels of compliance with the intent of the PRLs - not an excuse to fund further the excessive reserves of HK - creditable though these are. How can one comment without a proper definition of the premium charge mechanism, this is not ready to be commented upon.

4. **Whether the PRL lessees should be required to further open up their facilities so as to better complement and support sports development in Hong Kong;**
(Refer to pages 25-30).

Yes surely they already do anyway. All PRL holders try to maximise their membership because this is good common sense - the economies of scale prevent small elite memberships. As such, we are already opening the membership to as many as the facilities can handle and also encouraging non-members to be able to enrol for sporting courses using the facilities of the club which are funded by the club.

5. **What types of facilities should be allowed on these sites (including ancillary facilities);**
(Refer to pages 30-31).

Any as long as they are in line with the ethos and M&A of each clubs, provide sporting experience, and Development are opened to all with a fee.

6. **How to enhance the monitoring on the governance and transparency of the lessees;**
(Refer to pages 31-33).

I am astounded that a consultation document that examines potentially destroying the sporting infrastructure of Hong Kong is asking a question about civil service processes and how they should be designed. The responsibility of designing compliance monitoring processes lies with the administration but, seeing as this seems to be a genuine enquiry, I would comment as follows: Continue the quarterly reporting and yearly inspection with good point bad point system to allow good PRL's to carry on and bad one to be terminated.

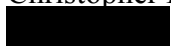
7. **Whether and how to assess applications for new sites for sports and recreational use;**
(Refer to pages 33-34). YES surely as long as they are providing sporting experience and development are open to all with a fee.

I trust that you will take these answers into account when making the review of PRLs and recognise the significant impact and contributions that these have made over a long period of time. They should not be evaluated on the basis of being "commercial enterprises" but more along the lines of charitable enterprises whereby no member benefits from the operation other than by the satisfaction of helping develop and support the sports they engage in and facilitating the younger next generations to be able to do the same.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this subject.

Yours faithfully,

Christopher Lawrence





《私人遊樂場地契約》檢討報告之我見

14/07/2018 12:25

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From:

To: "prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk" <prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk>.

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埋沒社會公義的【私人遊樂場地契約】檢討報告

我的意見是根據報章廣泛報導政府當局的有關檢討報告重點，該些重點包括在，亦並不限於在 AM730 於 2018.03.21 及 2013.11.14 的報導。而我亦會將意見傳送至尹兆堅議員。

政府當局在檢討報告中倡議要私人遊樂場機構“每次續約時需要繳交市價三分之一的地價，每十五年徵收一次”。我認為政府這項倡議完全埋沒社會公義。

劉局長說要考慮有關機構的負擔能力，並且說有私人體育會已有百年歷史，過去對體育發展亦有貢獻。

根據 AM730 於 2013.11.14 的報導，審計署發現私人會所違例分租牟利，當中提及「一個位於市區優越地點的會所，除了體育設施外，還設有理髮店、多間按摩房、15 間麻雀房、酒吧、咖啡店及中西食肆」，該則報導亦提及「審計署抽查十四間私人體育會所，發現十一個會所，有約 20 項設施由第三方提供，藉此賺取租金或特許費用，最高總額達一千八百萬元。」

劉局長說在徵收地價時要考慮有關機構的負擔能力。嘿！那麼我要與普羅大眾一起說，在這樓價持續高漲的年代，政府有沒有考慮普羅大眾的負擔能力，寬減樓價三分之二呢！

綜合劉局長所關心的“負擔能力論”及審計署的“分租牟利發現”，政府當局倡議向私人遊樂場機構只徵收市值三分之一的地價實屬埋沒社會公義的傑作！

更甚者，這市值三分之一的地價是每十五年才徵收一次。我不從社會公義的角度來看這十五年，我用政府經常掛在口邊的“用者自付的原則”來看，為甚麼不是每季徵收一次呢？小業主們要繳交差餉和地租，可不可以十五年才繳交一次呀？當然，小業主們絕少機會有百年歷史，但眾小業主們對整體社會發展都有著其貢獻啊！

這份【私人遊樂場地契約】檢討實在是一紙不可轉廢為能的垃圾，因為根本毫無社會公義之可言，能撰寫出這份檢討報告的官員只可以用兩個字來形容 - “厚顏”！

司徒國偉





Public Consultation re. HKCC Lease extension

14/07/2018 09:58

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From:

To: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk,

Cc:

History: This message has been replied to.

Dear Sirs,

I am a member of the Hong Kong Country Club and I wish to let you know about the social contribution that the Club makes to the community at large.

Over the years the club has regularly supported the local community by hosting social events for the various local groups, eg. St Mary's Home for the Aged, Mothers Choice etc. Also, the club's sports facilities have been made available to local Hong Kong schools in order to provide children with short holiday-breaks and to introduce them to sports not taught at their schools eg. school children from Tin Sheui Wai public schools. In addition, since 2016, the Club has been running free tennis and bowling Camps for young people in Hong Kong. These have been advertised in the Chinese press, online, on Facebook and by display banners at the Club entrance. These are very popular and 370 children have received 3,660 hours free coaching, to date. We would like to have an opportunity to continue with this work in the future.

Whilst I understand that The HAB is under pressure from some members of the public to change the Lease conditions for the Club, I feel that the the Club is making a significant contribution to local people and to the development of sports in Hong Kong, and should be encouraged and enabled to carry on with this work.

I agree with the proposed new conditions as shared with the public on 20 March 2018. I also support the opening of the Club's facilities to 30% of the total capacity and for the club to pay a third of the 'Fair market value' for our RBL, used for the sole purpose of an international country club, as defined by club's Lease.

with best regards,

Adrian Yang Chi Ming



13/07/2018 21:11

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From:

To: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk,

History: This message has been replied to.

私人遊樂場都作出左貢獻，唔應該將佢啲地來起屋。

No name provided

沒有署名

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私人遊樂場契約政策檢討

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

13/07/2018 21:08

History:

This message has been replied to.

敬啟者，
私人遊樂場地對香港體育事業發展有貢獻，應給予保留。而且他能釋出的土地亦不多，更加應該考慮其他土地來源。

No name provided

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私人遊樂場地契約政策 檢討

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

13/07/2018 19:13

History:

This message has been replied to.

對主要建議的建議如下：

a)將由「社區組織」及「私人體育會」持有的契約分開處理，並以特殊用途契約(而非私人遊樂場地契約)處理由「社區組織」持有的體育及康樂用地
→同意,但需嚴格規定社區組織資格(絕不想如慈善團體般有幾千個)

(b)繼續沿用私人遊樂場地契約安排處理私人體育會持有的契約用地，但須大幅修改契約條款以更切合支持體育發展和善用土地的雙重需要

→大原則是私人遊樂場地應盡量不佔用市區主要地段，要研究目前佔用土地是否有更好用途如興建房屋,寫字樓,醫院,老人院等。

→不敢否定私人遊樂場對體育發展的貢獻,但既然如此為何續約時不先公開競投,讓社區組織,海外體育團體(香港是國際都會)等參予...而非獨優待目前利益既得者

→每私人體育團體應只專心管理一個私人遊樂場地

→所有私人遊樂場地契約都應於2047年完結,免留給一國一制後患

(c)按私人體育會對推動本港體育發展的貢獻，考慮會否在契約期滿後為它們續約

→具體來說是什麼實際原則，例如有否該私人體育會會員代表香港出賽...能否續約影響很多人收入所以務必早早確立

(d)向適合續約的私人體育會徵收十足市值地價的三分之一

→不明白有何理據只是“市值地價的三分之一”而不是二分之一，市值地價又是如何及何人釐定，會否到時又話無類同批地參考價賣大包，又為什麼市值不計已建上蓋。

→相信香港的私人體育會都非常富有,大家不用操心有錢會員如何籌募地價,如有現金流問題的銀行多多都借

(e)規定私人體育會須向合資格外界團體開放其體育及康樂設施總量的30%，並與體育團體合辦公眾人士可參與的體育活動每月最少240個活動時數

→活動時數計法有改善空間,例如有留空檔但有團體租(該體育活動太高檔次或費用太高)。政府部門應每季核實的是實際使用人次及時間

(f)釐定私人遊樂場地契約可容許的體育配套設施及附屬設施清單

→不可有任何酒店,旅社,露營車等住宿設備,紮營區除外

(g)加強對私人遊樂場地契約的監察及承租人的企業管治

→“為防止炒賣，要求私人體育會於發行新債券時只可以原價售予相關私人體育會”是非常好的提議但會籍買賣也應只可以原價售予相關私人體育會

(h)釐定審批新康樂及體育用地申請的原則。
→同意建議。原則上不應考慮新的私人遊樂場地契用地申請
本人不欲公開姓名或名稱

Regards

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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**Review on Policy of Private Recreational Leases**

[REDACTED] to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

15/07/2018 08:20

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Sirs,
Please find attached my personal comments.
Kind regards,
Graham Warburton

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Home Affairs Bureau
West Wing
Central Government Offices
Tamar
Hong Kong

15th July 2018

Review on Policy of Private Recreational Leases
Hong Kong Country Club (HKCC)

I refer to the above and your Department's request for views and comments. This response is from a permanent, tax-paying Hong Kong resident of some [REDACTED] years and a member of the HKCC for [REDACTED] years.

In the Review's Executive Summary, all clubs previously granted PRL's have now been described unilaterally by the Administration as 'sports clubs'. This may apply to some in general terms – Golf, Yacht, Football, Cricket clubs for example – but certainly not to the HKCC.

From my recollection covering close to half a century, the HKCC has been, and remains, a Family Recreation venue – hence the title of the Lease provided – with ancillary sports facilities for the provision of agreeable exercise.

Recreation is an essential element of human biology and psychology, providing refreshment of health and spirit by relaxation and enjoyment. In the necessary, commercial growth of Hong Kong, recreation has been a matter of extreme importance to our social development in the continuation of our unique System, post 1997.

PRLs have been granted to many non-profitmaking clubs for well over a hundred and fifty years. In Hong Kong's busy, stressful working environment these clubs have provided a means to offer local impetus for sociocultural improvement, as well as the attraction and retention of qualified, tax-paying professionals from overseas. Recreation, in its fullest term, is a most important part in the continued expansion of personal and commercial commitment to Hong Kong's development.

Page 19 of the Review, which addresses charging nil or nominal land premium, makes a good summary of the Sports Policy, Financial, Social Stability and Economic considerations.

However, the proposal for an increased one-third charge of full market value is, in my opinion, punitive and contradictory to the summary of considerations. The increase of revenue would provide miniscule addition to Hong Kong's reserves and adversely affect the whole intention of PRLs.

The contribution by the HKCC in sport development and community contribution is fairly extensive, relieving the Government to an extent of the burden to fund capital and recurrent costs for such facilities; a considerable financial burden would be imposed on the lessee; and the ability for Hong Kong to attract and retain MNC's of talent will be affected – quite apart from the direct monetary effect on local members' ability to enjoy the recreation to which they have subscribed for their families and extend to non-members.

Your faithfully,

Graham Warburton

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Review on Policy of Private Recreational Leases

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

14/07/2018 18:24

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Home Affairs Bureau,

My name is Chan Chi Chiu]and I am a concerned member of the public. My Hong Kong ID Card number is [REDACTED]

I am writing in support of the Kowloon Cricket Club and to highlight the benefits that the Club brings to sports; children, adults and the elderly; the wider community; and to Hong Kong. I have reviewed the proposals of the Private Recreational Lease (PRL) consultation document and I wish to state the following with respects to [three] key points in the document.

- a) Private sports clubs such as the KCC pay, in addition to rates and rent currently set at 5% and 3% respectively, and an additional land premium to be set at one-third of full market value (FMV).

[We recommended responses Include:

- ~~CCCCC~~ The KCC should continue to pay a nominal land premium.
- ~~CCCCC~~ Over the years, the KCC has developed, improved and opened the Club to members, youth and the public. The KCC hosts visiting teams, international tournaments and tourists, and benefits Hong Kong's sporting reputation.
- ~~CCCCC~~ The proposed land premium may bring financial hardship to the KCC. Without the necessary funds to support the premium, the KCC will be forced to close down facilities as there will be no funds remaining for maintenance and development, forced to stop providing heavily subsidized training and coaching to members of the public, and will become prohibitively unaffordable to juniors and seniors as well as young sportspeople who make up the vast majority of our Membership.]

- b) Increase the opening hours of the Club's sports facilities to eligible outside bodies from the 50 hours per month to a minimum of 30% of our sports facilities' capacity.

[We recommended responses Include:

- ~~CCCCC~~ I support this proposal. It is important for all private clubs in Hong Kong to support sports development and to provide opportunities for schools, charitable organizations, visiting teams and members of the public to enjoy our facilities. The KCC is already doing this and I endorse it continuing to do so.]

- c) Partner with National Sports Associations (NSA) and their affiliated clubs to organize sporting programmes requiring that a minimum of 240 hours of programmes per month be open to enrolment by individual members of the public.

[We recommended responses Include:

- ~~CCCCC~~ I support this proposal. Private sporting clubs must partner with NSAs and affiliated clubs to provide facilities and to host domestic and international competitions. The KCC is already doing this and far exceeding the 240 hours per month proposal. I endorse it continuing to do so.]

[In addition to the aforementioned three points, I would like to add that [xxxxxx]]

Thank you for considering my views,

Yours Sincerely,

Chan Chi Chiu

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**OBJECTION TO DO ANY THING THAT MAY HARM OR JEOPARDIZE
PRL's**

[REDACTED] to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk, [REDACTED]

14/07/2018 16:43

Please respond to [REDACTED]

History:

This message has been replied to.

Whether all PRL sites should continue to be handled under the existing lease arrangement, or alternative lease arrangement should be adopted

Of course PRL's Site should continue to operate under the policy.

How to assess whether these sites should be retained or returned to the Government for other development purposes;

Continue the quarterly reporting and yearly inspection with good point bad point system to allow good PRL's to carry on and bad ones to be terminated.

Whether charging nil or nominal land premium for the use of these sites should continue

Of course it should continue at nil or nominal land premium for those who have over the years developed, improved and open the PRL's to members, sporting youth and the public. Those PRLs are doing their job, benefiting Hong Kong sporting reputation, offering quality environment, they should not be threaten to be bankrupted or closed down.

Whether the PRL lessees should be required to further open up their facilities so as to better complement and support sports development in Hong Kong;

Yes surely they already do anyway

What types of facilities should be allowed on these sites (including ancillary facilities);

Any as long as they are in line with the ethos and M&A of each clubs, provide sporting experience, and Development are opened to all with a fee.

How to enhance the monitoring on the governance and transparency of the lessees

Continue the quarterly reporting and yearly inspection with good point bad point system to allow good PRL's to carry on and bad one to be terminated.

Whether and how to assess applications for new sites for sports and recreational use

YES surely as long as they are providing sporting experience and development are open to all with a fee

Additional Comments:

The Club is open to the general public for sports actually 80% of the certification in the club or the sailing activity in general is for non-members.

Angela Ho

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PRL consultation

[REDACTED]

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

15/07/2018 18:44

History: This message has been replied to.

Dear Home Affairs Bureau,

My name is Yeung MK Christina and I am a concerned member of the public. My Hong Kong ID Card number is [REDACTED]

I am writing in support of the Kowloon Cricket Club and to highlight the benefits that the Club brings to sports; children, adults and the elderly; the wider community; and to Hong Kong. I have reviewed the proposals of the Private Recreational Lease (PRL) consultation document and I wish to state the following with respects to three key points in the document.

a) Private sports clubs such as the KCC pay, in addition to rates and rent currently set at 5% and 3% respectively, and an additional land premium to be set at one-third of full market value (FMV).

- *The KCC should continue to pay a nominal land premium.*
- *Over the years, the KCC has developed, improved and opened the Club to members, youth and the public. The KCC hosts visiting teams, international tournaments and tourists, and benefits Hong Kong's sporting reputation.*
- *The proposed land premium may bring financial hardship to the KCC. Without the necessary funds to support the premium, the KCC will be forced to close down facilities as there will be no funds remaining for maintenance and development, forced to stop providing heavily subsidized training and coaching to members of the public, and will become prohibitively unaffordable to juniors and seniors as well as young sportspeople who make up the vast majority of our Membership.*

b) Increase the opening hours of the Club's sports facilities to eligible outside bodies from the 50 hours per month to a minimum of 30% of our sports facilities' capacity.

- *I support this proposal. It is important for all private clubs in Hong Kong to support sports development and to provide opportunities for schools, charitable organizations, visiting teams and members of the public to enjoy our facilities. The KCC is already doing this and I endorse it continuing to do so.*

c) Partner with National Sports Associations (NSA) and their affiliated clubs to organize sporting programmes requiring that a minimum of 240 hours of programmes per month be open to enrolment by individual members of the public.

- *I support this proposal. Private sporting clubs must partner with NSAs and affiliated clubs to provide facilities and to host domestic and international competitions. The KCC is already doing this and far exceeding the 240 hours per month proposal. I endorse it continuing to do so.*

Thank you for considering my views,

Yours Sincerely,

Yeung MK Christina

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Objection to do anything that may harm or jeopardize PRL 's

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

15/07/2018 17:40

History:

This message has been replied to.

1. **Whether all PRL sites should continue to be handled under the existing lease arrangement, or alternative lease arrangement should be adopted;**
May be leases can be reviewed in a way to better meet land use and sport development.
2. **How to assess whether these sites should be retained or returned to the Government for other development purposes;**
How the PRL's support their duty of opening to NSA and eligible outside bodies.
3. **Whether charging nil or nominal land premium for the use of these sites should continue;**
At least if an onerous land premium is to be paid by PRL's flexibility in payment should be considered and the amount calculated according affordability not according to developer's unrealistic and extortionate land values.
4. **Whether the PRL lessees should be required to further open up their facilities so as to better complement and support sports development in Hong Kong;**
Yes surely they already do anyway
5. **What types of facilities should be allowed on these sites (including ancillary facilities);**
Any as long as they are in line with the ethos and M&A of each clubs, provide sporting experience, and Development are opened to all with a fee.
6. **How to enhance the monitoring on the governance and transparency of the lessees;**
Continue the quarterly reporting and yearly inspection with good point bad point system to allow good PRL's to carry on and bad one to be terminated.
7. **Whether and how to assess applications for new sites for sports and recreational use;**
Yes if they are for the development of elite sports and international event support and hosting it should even be encouraged.

Comments on Aberdeen Boat Club

The Club is open to the general public for sports actually 80% of the certification in the club or the sailing activity in general is for non-members.

No name provided

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Views on Proposals of the Private Recreational Lease

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

15/07/2018 17:08

Please respond to [REDACTED]

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Home Affairs Bureau,

My name is MONG William Wai Ming and I am a concerned member of the public. My Hong Kong ID Card number is [REDACTED]

I am writing in support of the Kowloon Cricket Club and to highlight the benefits that the Club brings to sports; children, adults and the elderly; the wider community; and to Hong Kong. I have reviewed the proposals of the Private Recreational Lease (PRL) consultation document and I wish to state the following with respects to three key points in the document.

a) Private sports clubs such as the KCC pay, in addition to rates and rent currently set at 5% and 3% respectively, and an additional land premium to be set at one-third of full market value (FMV).

- The KCC should continue to pay a nominal land premium.
- Over the years, the KCC has developed, improved and opened the Club to members, youth and the public. The KCC hosts visiting teams, international tournaments and tourists, and benefits Hong Kong's sporting reputation.
- The proposed land premium may bring financial hardship to the KCC. Without the necessary funds to support the premium, the KCC will be forced to close down facilities as there will be no funds remaining for maintenance and development, forced to stop providing heavily subsidized training and coaching to members of the public, and will become prohibitively unaffordable to juniors and seniors as well as young sportspeople who make up the vast majority of our Membership.

b) Increase the opening hours of the Club's sports facilities to eligible outside bodies from the 50 hours per month to a minimum of 30% of our sports facilities' capacity.

- I support this proposal. It is important for all private clubs in Hong Kong to support sports development and to provide opportunities for schools, charitable organizations, visiting teams and members of the public to enjoy our facilities. The KCC is already doing this and I endorse it continuing to do so.

c) Partner with National Sports Associations (NSA) and their affiliated clubs to organize sporting programmes requiring that a minimum of 240 hours of programmes per month be open to enrolment by individual members of the public.

- I support this proposal. Private sporting clubs must partner with NSAs and affiliated clubs to provide facilities and to host domestic and international competitions. The KCC is already doing this and far exceeding the 240 hours per month proposal. I endorse it continuing to do so.

Thank you for considering my views,

Yours Sincerely,

MONG William Wai Ming

[REDACTED]

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Private Recreational Lease

██████████ to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

15/07/2018 15:57

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Home Affairs Bureau,

My name is Drew Sheppard and I am a concerned member of the public. My Hong Kong ID Card number is ██████████.

I am writing in support of the Kowloon Cricket Club and to highlight the benefits that the Club brings to sports; children, adults and the elderly; the wider community; and to Hong Kong. I have reviewed the proposals of the Private Recreational Lease (PRL) consultation document and I wish to state the following with respects to [three] key points in the document.

a) Private sports clubs such as the KCC pay, in addition to rates and rent currently set at 5% and 3% respectively, and an additional land premium to be set at one-third of full market value (FMV).

I believe the

- The KCC should continue to pay a nominal land premium.
- Over the years, the KCC has developed, improved and opened the Club to members, youth and the public. The KCC hosts visiting teams, international tournaments and tourists, and benefits Hong Kong's sporting reputation.
- The proposed land premium may bring financial hardship to the KCC. Without the necessary funds to support the premium, the KCC will be forced to close down facilities as there will be no funds remaining for maintenance and development, forced to stop providing heavily subsidised training and coaching to members of the public, and will become prohibitively unaffordable to juniors and seniors as well as young sportspeople who make up the vast majority of our Membership.

b) Increase the opening hours of the Club's sports facilities to eligible outside bodies from the 50 hours per month to a minimum of 30% of our sports facilities' capacity.

- I support this proposal. It is important for all private clubs in Hong Kong to support sports development and to provide opportunities for schools, charitable organisations, visiting teams and members of the public to enjoy our facilities. The KCC is already doing this and I endorse it continuing to do so.

c) Partner with National Sports Associations (NSA) and their affiliated clubs to organise sporting programmes requiring that a minimum of 240 hours of programmes per month be open to enrolment by individual members of the public.

- I support this proposal. Private sporting clubs must partner with NSAs and affiliated clubs to provide facilities and to host domestic and international competitions. The KCC is already doing this and far exceeding the 240 hours per month proposal. I endorse it continuing to do so.

Thank you for considering my views,
Yours Sincerely,
Drew Sheppard

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Private Recreational Lease - KCC

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

15/07/2018 14:39

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Home Affairs Bureau,

My name is Lee Tsuen Yuen, Ignatius and I am a concerned member of the public. My Hong Kong ID Card number is [REDACTED].

I am writing in support of the Kowloon Cricket Club and to highlight the benefits that the Club brings to sports; children, adults and the elderly; the wider community; and to Hong Kong. I have reviewed the proposals of the Private Recreational Lease (PRL) consultation document and I wish to state my views with respects to three following points in the document.

- a) Private sports clubs such as the KCC pay, in addition to rates and rent currently set at 5% and 3% respectively, and an additional land premium to be set at one-third of full market value (FMV).**

I recommended KCC should continue to pay a nominal land premium as the proposed land premium will bring financial hardship and limit the contribution that KCC is making. May I explain.

- KCC is a strong organizer and supporter in hosting visiting teams, international tournaments and tourists, and benefits Hong Kong's sporting reputation. The premium will force KCC to close down facilities as there will be no sufficient funds for maintenance and development. Furthermore, this will jeopardize the HEAVILY subsidized training and coaching programs to members of the public by KCC. It will also become prohibitively unaffordable to juniors and seniors as well as YOUNG SPORTS PEOPLE who make up the vast majority of KCC membership.
- Please take into consideration that over the decades, the KCC has indeed developed, improved and opened the Club to members, youth and the public.

- b) Increase the opening hours of the Club's sports facilities to eligible outside bodies from the 50 hours per month to a minimum of 30% of our sports facilities' capacity.**

I support this proposal.

It is important for all private clubs in Hong Kong to support sports development and to provide opportunities for schools, charitable organizations, visiting teams and members of the public to enjoy our facilities. Building a harmonious environment with the community is key to the prosperity and growth of Hong Kong. The KCC is already doing this and I endorse it continuing to do so.

- c) Partner with National Sports Associations (NSA) and their affiliated clubs to organize sporting programs requiring that a minimum of 240 hours of programs per**

month be open to enrolment by individual members of the public.

I support this proposal.

Private sporting clubs must partner with NSAs and affiliated clubs to provide facilities and to host domestic and international competitions. This is a great way to promote the overall status of Hong Kong. The KCC is already doing this and far exceeding the 240 hours per month proposal. I endorse KCC to continue to do so.

Thank you for considering my views,

Yours Sincerely,
Ignatius Lee

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PRL Consultation - KCC

[REDACTED]

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

15/07/2018 11:58

History: This message has been replied to.

Dear Home Affairs Bureau,

My name is Mr. Stephen Hindes and I am a concerned member of the public. My Hong Kong ID Card number is [REDACTED].

I am writing in support of the Kowloon Cricket Club and to highlight the benefits that the Club brings to sports; children, adults and the elderly; the wider community; and to Hong Kong. I have reviewed the proposals of the Private Recreational Lease (PRL) consultation document and I wish to state the following with respect to the following key points in the document.

a) Private sports clubs such as the KCC pay, in addition to rates and rent currently set at 5% and 3% respectively, and an additional land premium to be set at one-third of full market value (FMV).

I feel that the club should continue to pay a nominal land premium. This is because the KCC has developed, improved and opened the Club to members, youth and the public over the years. The KCC hosts visiting teams, international tournaments and tourists,

and benefits Hong Kong's sporting reputation. This could not be done to the same level without the club management and international considerations. The proposed land premium will bring financial hardship to the KCC. Without the necessary funds to support the

premium, the KCC will be forced to close down facilities as there will be no funds remaining for maintenance and development, forced to stop providing heavily subsidized training and coaching to members of the public, and will become prohibitively unaffordable to

juniors and seniors as well as young sportspeople who make up the vast majority of our Membership.

b) Increase the opening hours of the Club's sports facilities to eligible outside bodies from the 50 hours per month to a minimum of 30% of our sports facilities' capacity.

I support this proposal.

It is important for all private clubs in Hong Kong to support sports development and to provide opportunities for schools, charitable organizations, visiting teams and members of the public to enjoy our facilities. The KCC is already doing this above the current

expectations and I endorse it continuing to do so.]

c) Partner with National Sports Associations (NSA) and their affiliated clubs to organize sporting programmes requiring that a minimum of 240 hours of programmes per month be open to enrolment by individual members of the public.

I support this proposal. Private sporting clubs must partner with NSAs and affiliated clubs to provide facilities and to host domestic and international competitions. The KCC is already doing this and far exceeding the 240 hours per month proposal. I endorse it

continuing to do so.

Thank you for considering my views and I trust that you will view my comments favourably.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Hindes

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Fwd: Hong Kong Country Club

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

16/07/2018 08:19

Cc:

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Sir,

I am writing in my capacity as a member of the Country Club who grew up in Hong Kong as did my forefathers.

We understand there has been pressure by a portion of the public to change the conditions of the lease.

Most expatriates in Asia depend on private clubs to socialise and meet people from the local community as well as from other Cultures both to Learn/Teach. We could not claim to be an International City without the benefits of the club and they are definitely a draw for expatriate families to move here. The benefits are immeasurable; the bread winner can meet and discuss business, politics, relax, play sports; the spouses likewise and the children learn the local cultures, speak Cantonese and they often when they become adults, return to Hongkong as their home and marry.

Country Club is the home away from home.

The Club supports local business, hires and supports its staff generously and frankly, contributes far more to the local charities than can be measured.

We frequently discuss local matters and many of us who have semi retired have encouraged each other to volunteer to teach at schools, mentor at universities, donate to various charities, participate in NGO's which we would never have contributed without the social framework of the club.

I totally agree with the proposed new conditions as shared with the public on 20th March 2018 and agree to the opening of our facilities as defined in the Clubs lease.

Sincerely,

Jill Gallie

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Objection to do anything that may harm or jeopardize PRL 's

██████████ to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk,

15/07/2018 18:45

History: This message has been replied to.

Dear Sir,

Please see below:

1. **Whether all PRL sites should continue to be handled under the existing lease arrangement, or alternative lease arrangement should be adopted;**
(Refer to pages 7-15).
 - 1) Of course PRL's Site should continue to operate under the policy.
 - 2) May be lease can be review in a way to better meet land use and sport development.
 - 3) Yes and leases should be longer than just 15 years to allow better development
 - 4) Over regulating such frail business model could jeopardize the survival of many.
2. **How to assess whether these sites should be retained or returned to the Government for other development purposes;**
(Refer to pages 15-19).
 - 1) Best sports promotion in the community assessment tool to be defined
 - 2) Continue the quarterly reporting and yearly inspection with good point bad point system to allow good PRL's to carry on and bad ones to be terminated.
 - 3) Best development of elite sports option and sponsorship to be demonstrated
 - 4) Focus on international event preparation, support and hosting is to play a part in this assessment
 - 5) How the PRL'S site are providing sufficient % of sport promotion against recreation activities and facilities
 - 6) How the PRL's support their duty of opening to NSA and eligible outside bodies.
 - 7) The quarterly report sent to HAB by all PRL for the last 6 or 7 years should give the answer to that.
 - 8) If 1200 ha of land is needed rapidly and PRL's barely cover 350ha WHAT LAND SHORTFAL WOULD THE PRL SITES SOLVE? There are other land options to look for.
3. **Whether charging nil or nominal land premium for the use of these sites should continue;**
(Refer to pages 19- 25).
 - 1) How can one comment without a proper definition of the premium charge mechanism, this is not ready to be commented upon.
 - 2) By looking deeper in the contribution of PRL's over the year towards Hong Kong by developing unusable plots of land into prime sports area for Hong Kong shows that premium have already been paid in another way.
 - 3) The definition of spots against ancillary facilities is necessary but inexistent so far how this can affect the premium no one knows yet.
 - 4) Why charging a premium and then over controlling the debenture sales, (ISSUANCE, LENGTH, PRICE, SALABILITY AND TRANSFER) this is a terrible financial impact on the survival of the PRL'S and a double charge.
 - 5) Of course it should continue at nil or nominal land premium for those who have over the years developed, improved and open the PRL's to members, sporting youth and the public. Those PRLs are doing their job, benefiting Hong Kong sporting reputation, offering quality environment, they should not be threaten to be bankrupted or closed down.

- 6) At least if an onerous land premium is to be paid by PRL's flexibility in payment should be considered and the amount calculated according affordability not according to developer's unrealistic and extortionate land values.
4. **Whether the PRL lessees should be required to further open up their facilities so as to better complement and support sports development in Hong Kong;
(Refer to pages 25-30).**
- 1) Yes surely they already do anyway
5. **What types of facilities should be allowed on these sites (including ancillary facilities);
(Refer to pages 30-31).**
- 1) Any as long as they are in line with the ethos and M&A of each clubs, provide sporting experience, and Development are opened to all with a fee.ow to enhance the monitoring on the governance and transparency of the lessees;
6. **(Refer to pages 31-33).**
- 1) Continue the quarterly reporting and yearly inspection with good point bad point system to allow good PRL's to carry on and bad one to be terminated.
7. **Whether and how to assess applications for new sites for sports and recreational use;
(Refer to pages 33-34).**
- 1) YES surely as long as they are providing sporting experience and development are open to all with a fee and
- 2) Yes if they are for the development of elite sports and international event support and hosting it should even be encouraged.

Additional comments:

- The Club is open to the general public for sports actually 80% of the certification in the club or the sailing activity in general is for non-members.
- The Club has developed the land over the last 50 years and has already paid its due why charging more again.
- The Club is a peaceful haven in the Hong Kong jungle and bring peace, harmony and tranquility for the community.

Best Regards,
Alok Kumar

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Private Recreational Lease (PRL) consultation document

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

16/07/2018 11:24

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Home Affairs Bureau,

My name is Ravi Vashdev Melwani Hathiramani and I am a concerned member of the public. My Hong Kong ID Card number is [REDACTED].

I am writing in support of the Kowloon Cricket Club and to highlight the benefits that the Club brings to sports; children, adults and the elderly; the wider community; and to Hong Kong. I have reviewed the proposals of the Private Recreational Lease (PRL) consultation document and I wish to state the following with respects to [three] key points in the document.

a) Private sports clubs such as the KCC pay, in addition to rates and rent currently set at 5% and 3% respectively, and an additional land premium to be set at one-third of full market value (FMV).

· *The KCC should continue to pay a nominal land premium.*

· *Over the years, the KCC has developed, improved and opened the Club to members, youth and the public. The KCC hosts visiting teams, international tournaments and tourists, and benefits Hong Kong's sporting reputation.*

· *The proposed land premium may bring financial hardship to the KCC. Without the necessary funds to support the premium, the KCC will be forced to close down facilities as there will be no funds remaining for maintenance and development, forced to stop providing heavily subsidized training and coaching to members of the public, and will become prohibitively unaffordable to juniors and seniors as well as young sportspeople who make up the vast majority of our Membership.]*

b) Increase the opening hours of the Club's sports facilities to eligible outside bodies from the 50 hours per month to a minimum of 30% of our sports facilities' capacity.

· *I support this proposal. It is important for all private clubs in Hong Kong to support sports development and to provide opportunities for schools, charitable organizations, visiting teams and members of the public to enjoy our facilities. The KCC is already doing this and I endorse it continuing to do so.]*

c) Partner with National Sports Associations (NSA) and their affiliated clubs to

organize sporting programmes requiring that a minimum of 240 hours of programmes per month be open to enrolment by individual members of the public.

· *I support this proposal. Private sporting clubs must partner with NSAs and affiliated clubs to provide facilities and to host domestic and international competitions. The KCC is already doing this and far exceeding the 240 hours per month proposal. I endorse it continuing to do so.]*

Thank you for considering my views,

Yours Sincerely,

Ravi V. Melwani Hathiramani

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Private recreational lease letter to Gov 17 Jul 18

[REDACTED] to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

16/07/2018 10:26

Please respond to Alan Powrie

History:

This message has been replied to.


Dear sirs,

I am attaching my response to your consultation paper. A hard copy will also be mailed to you today.

regards



Alan Powrie Private recreational lease letter to Gov 17 Jul 18).doc HKFC-list of sports Jul 18.pptx



Private Recreational Lease and Land Matters Section
Home Affairs Bureau
13/F West Wing,
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2, Tin Mei Avenue
Tamar
Hong Kong

17 July 2018

Dear Sirs,

Re Private Recreational Leases (PRLs)

I am writing in response to your recent paper on PRLs. By way of background I arrived in Hong Kong from Scotland late October 1975 and joined the Hong Kong Football Club (HKFC) in November 1975 to play hockey. I still play hockey for HKFC and represent Hong Kong at the Grandmasters level, the most recent tournament being the Asian Cup in Hiroshima last October. Over the past 40 or so years I have held a number of offices in the HKFC Hockey Section and participated in and organised hockey tours to countries in 4 continents. I also have a son, now 30, who joined the youth rugby training at HKFC from the age of 4 and went on to represent Hong Kong in his teenage age groups. My wife is a local Chinese.

I am concerned about many aspects of your paper both in general in Hong Kong but most specifically as they may affect HKFC and my sport of hockey.

Starting from the general sporting standpoint everyone is aware that there is a shortage of places to play outdoor team sport. Since I arrived Hong Kong's population has risen by almost two-thirds and the focus, especially in my early years, has been on housing new immigrants. In the colonial days many sporting clubs were established by expatriates both as social meeting places but most importantly to continue playing sport as this traditionally was part of the upbringing of the British, and those from other Commonwealth and European countries. It was an important part of the culture whereas Chinese families were more focused on academic studies. It was also important in maintaining fitness levels. These clubs are managed and financed by the members, so for example, the old stadium at HKFC which was for a time the largest in Hong Kong, was paid for by the members through bank finance and membership dues. Without this stadium it is arguable whether the annual Rugby Sevens tournament could have started.

This practice of setting up sports clubs occurred in all former Commonwealth countries, for example the Selangor Club in Kuala Lumpur or the Singapore Cricket Club, as well as in other countries where Europeans were based such as the Royal Bangkok Sports Club or the Yokohama Country and Athletic Club, which are now major institutions in their communities. These clubs raise the status of these communities and form part of a network of clubs exchanging visits of their sporting teams enabling local members to broaden their horizons.

The clubs in Hong Kong also play an important part in attracting skilled and highly qualified expatriates including returning Chinese. They have played a crucial part in the development of sport and in turn dramatically raised the profile of Hong Kong as not just being a concrete jungle. HKFC plays a major part in this by running over 100 teams across several sports as set out in the enclosed list and, in many instances engages internationally qualified coaches in a number of these sports to work with experienced members and, of course, with the children of members as well as the children of non-members. HKFC has approximately 2,200 children involved in mini/youth sports of which 60% are non-members.

I was at the first Rugby Sevens tournament in April 1976 held at HKFC and knew some of the organisers. These were rugby enthusiasts, many of whom HKFC members, who had the connections, energy and the ability to see the potential, who volunteered their time to make it happen. The Cathay Pacific Sevens, as they are now known, are by far the biggest sporting event in Hong Kong becoming the premier event in the rugby world's sevens series and generating massive amounts for Hong Kong in tourism and positive publicity-something that Singapore has tried to copy but with limited success. They have also brought the game into the local Chinese community that previously had no ties to the sport so we are seeing more Chinese players take up the sport.

HKFC having started the Sevens saw it move to then new government stadium which was needed to meet the rising demand and now is the only event that fills that stadium and pays for most of its running costs. Eventually HKFC members were instrumental in setting up the Rugby Tens tournament held at HKFC, initially as a social tournament leading into the Sevens but now the leading International Tens tournament in the world and with other social rugby tournaments held elsewhere have made the whole week leading up to the Sevens a rugby week attracting thousands of tourists and companies deciding to hold meetings in Hong Kong in conjunction with the rugby. You no doubt know that HKFC hosts nearly all of Hong Kong international rugby matches, most recently the Rugby World Cup qualifying match against the Cook Islands.

HKFC can give you all the data on the number of children who benefit from rugby development training which like all the sporting Sections is dependent on sporting members volunteering their time. My son benefitted greatly from this including one HKFC tour to Japan-it has wonderful developmental effect on youngsters to belong to a team and go on tour. Just as now many of the players he trained with were non-Members and from my early recollection, many were Japanese.

As mentioned, hockey is the sport that I am most closely involved in. In my opinion this is a sport well suited to Asian builds as it does not require the physical size that is typical with rugby players and we can see how successful this has become in places like Japan and Malaysia and of course, India and Pakistan. The PRC ladies are now ranked among the leaders in the world and unlike most team sports this is genuinely both a men's and a women's sport.

Since I came to Hong Kong the game has moved from being played on grass to being played on artificial surfaces which are also more suited to our climate but require a high degree of professional maintenance and care. The number of teams playing in the ladies' and men's leagues has probably doubled over that time, mainly from new Chinese teams, but the number of pitches has not grown. We have lost the use of the old military pitches as well as the old HK University pitch in Pokfulam counter balanced by the King's Park pitch and a

share of Lok Fu and of course since 1996 we now have the HKFC pitch which is the elite pitch in Hong Kong. The government maintained pitches have a patchy maintenance record and from time to time have been out of use. It costs several million dollars to resurface which should last 7 to 10 years if properly maintained but to maintain at an elite status standard the HKFC pitch is likely to be replaced every 5 to 8 years.

The quality and availability of the HKFC pitch is critical to the success of hockey in Hong Kong. When the pitches in the Happy Valley LCSD facility were out of action a season or so ago, the HKFC squeezed more playing time from their pitch and games were played at HKFC not involving HKFC sides to help the HK Hockey Association deal with fixture problems. During the 2008 Olympics a few countries used HKFC to prepare their hockey teams which gave everyone, members and non-members alike, the opportunity to see world class athletes for free as show games at HKFC were put on. In the same year HKFC hosted the world hockey masters and grandmasters tournament attracting all the leading countries. We used the HKFC pitch as the main pitch with the two LCSD hockey pitches (one shared with soccer) in the Valley also used for games. Older hockey players were co-opted to liaise with the visiting teams and I acted for Scotland who brought a large group including spouses who were amazed at the facilities of HKFC and the organisation. We can only attract this level of visiting team if we have facilities in top class condition and also have, through our members, the international contacts to make these events happen and the organisational ability to ensure all runs smoothly. The HKFC pitch and the HKFC organisational strength are critical to the success of HK hockey.

To emulate our rugby colleagues with the Sevens and now the Tens and the Soccer Section with the very popular International Soccer Sevens, the Hockey Section holds the Easter Sixes attracting teams from within and without Asia as well as local teams, both men's and women's, which is now becoming an established part of the global hockey calendar. Again this is another opportunity for Hong Kong players to play international competition and helps with the development of the game here.

The HKFC Hockey Section is now the leading developer of youth hockey. Our hockey development manager rates the HKFC youth players as far better than the Hong Kong side, which reflects better quality training, and we are now seeing HKFC developed players represent Hong Kong. Once these players enter the main leagues from the age of 14 they are eligible for HKFC Junior membership at very low fees (an up front amount of HK\$ 1,000 and a monthly payment of HK\$100 up to age 21 and thereafter up to age 28 HK\$620) and then will be eligible for full sporting membership at reaching 28 years of age under HKFC rules amounting to a joining fee of HK\$25,000 and a monthly subscription of HK\$1,550. There are around 300 children at all ages being trained at HKFC in the Junior Hockey section of which 60% are non-members.

In addition to these internal programmes HKFC supports a number of schools who use our pitch for training and other sports activities during the weekdays up to 4 pm. These are schools introduced by members and, of course reflect the shortage of Outdoor facilities that schools are faced with. Only a nominal fee of HK\$300 per session is charged for use of the facilities.

As you can see from the Hockey Section and the other sporting Sections there is limited capacity to make the pitches available to a large number of non-members. In the case of hockey each evening is currently used for training and/or league games and the whole

weekend is dedicated to league games (the Hockey Section has 16 league hockey teams). It is difficult to see how you would squeeze more time especially as adults will be working during the week.

Lastly, a few comments on your suggested ways of dealing with a large increase in land premiums. I call on my business background having helped grow an organisation from 85 people to over 2,000 in Hong Kong and another 10,000 in mainland China involving fund raising as well as serving multinational companies.

Most clubs, including HKFC, set a cap on the number of members they can reasonably handle. Therefore adding new members is in practice a limited way of raising substantial funds and logically could not be repeated on a regular basis at every lease renewal.

At HKFC there are generally no new social members except some converting from debentures and the main entrance to membership is by way of sporting memberships which are set relatively low to meet the financial capabilities of these younger applicants.

Raising funds from the issue of debentures is not easy and can be hit or miss. HKFC has experienced difficulty recently in this regard and this may reflect the end of the days of 'funny money' going into debentures which reflects some belt tightening among potential corporate applicants. If applicants question the ability of clubs to meet ever increasing land premiums then marketing them will become even tougher.

Membership fees can be raised but there is a limit to how far this can be done before you start seriously impacting members particularly younger sporting members where a doubling of current fees could represent 10-20% of their monthly income given the depressed level of graduate salaries in Hong Kong (see the Chinese University survey from 3 years ago).

The use of reserves is obviously limited. In the case of HKFC we have recently had to do that to meet the costs of needed maintenance and upgrading of facilities that run into a few hundred million dollars. Once they are used up they have to be somehow replenished.

Loans need to be repaid and getting them in the first place will depend on banks willing to lend based on their assessment of future cash flows.

In summary, if the sports clubs like HKFC did not exist then the government would have to provide more facilities and ensure they are professionally managed by people experienced in sport. They would likely lose many of the skilled volunteers who help develop the sporting skills in our youth and, of course, Hong Kong's image as a place to live and work would be diminished and be seen as less international.

If you have any questions on the above, feel free to contact me by email: [REDACTED] or by mobile [REDACTED]

Yours faithfully

Alan R.Powrie

Enclosure

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We actively participate in the Hong Kong sports scene

HKFC league teams:

<i>Rugby</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 7 men's and 2 ladies
<i>Soccer</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5 men's and 1 ladies
<i>Squash</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 19 men's and 7 ladies• 6 masters
<i>Tennis</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Winter League - 4 men's and 2 ladies• Summer League - 4 men's and 2 ladies
<i>Hockey</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8 men's and 8 ladies
<i>Netball</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6 ladies
<i>Lawn Bowls</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Summer League - 6 men's and 3 ladies• Winter League - 7 men's and 4 ladies
<i>Badminton</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 men's doubles and 1 ladies• 1 mixed doubles

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PRL CONSULTATION

16/07/2018 08:49

From: [REDACTED]
 To: "prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk" <prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk>,
 History: This message has been replied to.

Dear Home Affairs Bureau,

My name is HEERA RAJESH and I am a concerned member of the public. My Hong Kong ID Card number is [REDACTED]

I am writing in support of the Kowloon Cricket Club and to highlight the benefits that the Club brings to sports; children, adults and the elderly; the wider community; and to Hong Kong. I have reviewed the proposals of the Private Recreational Lease (PRL) consultation document and I wish to state the following with respects to [three] key points in the document.

a) Private sports clubs such as the KCC pay, in addition to rates and rent currently set at 5% and 3% respectively, and an additional land premium to be set at one-third of full market value (FMV).

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- Over the years, the KCC has developed, improved and opened the Club to members, youth and the public. The KCC hosts visiting teams, international tournaments and tourists, and benefits Hong Kong's sporting reputation.
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- I support this proposal. It is important for all private clubs in Hong Kong to support sports development and to provide opportunities for schools, charitable organizations, visiting teams and members of the public to enjoy our facilities. The KCC is already doing this and I endorse it continuing to do so.

c) Partner with National Sports Associations (NSA) and their affiliated clubs to organize sporting programmes requiring that a minimum of 240 hours of programmes per month be open to enrolment by individual members of the public.

- I support this proposal. Private sporting clubs must partner with NSAs and affiliated clubs to provide facilities and to host domestic and international competitions. The KCC is already doing this and far exceeding the 240 hours per month proposal. I endorse it continuing to do so.

Thank you for considering my views,
 Yours Sincerely,
 HEERA RAJESH

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public consultation on Private Recreational Leases - a submission

16/07/2018 18:44

From: [REDACTED]
 To: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk, [REDACTED]
 Sent by: [REDACTED]
Please respond to euan@euanandpat.com

History: This message has been replied to.

Dear Sirs,

With reference to your Review on Policy of Private Recreational Leases dated March 2018, I would like to submit my views on the points mentioned below. Please note that I am a member of the Aberdeen Boat Club, which operates under an existing PRL.

1) Should all PRL sites should continue to be handled under the existing lease arrangement, or should an alternative lease arrangement be adopted (pages 7-15).

I can see no compelling reason to change the current arrangements, which have worked satisfactorily for many years and contributed greatly to the development of different sports in Hong Kong as well as the enjoyment of these sports by Hong Kong people. Of course there is an argument that PRLs benefit only a minority of relatively wealthy residents. However many organisations using PRL sites operate on tight budgets and with fragile business models. Any new lease arrangement that greatly increases their costs may force them out of existence. It is impossible to see how this would benefit society unless adequate alternative provision is available within the public sector. This is rarely the case.

2) How to assess whether these sites should be retained or returned to the Government for other development purposes (pages 15-19).

There may well be a case for re-examining the use of land by certain PRL beneficiaries, to determine whether they make productive use of the land they occupy or whether that land would be better exploited for housing or other pressing public needs. However any such examination should be conducted on a case-by-case basis and with a realistic view as to what alternative use (if any) might be found for the land. In the case of a small-footprint sporting club such as the Aberdeen Boat Club, for example, it is hard to see that the small amount of land that could be released by forcing the club to close would justify such draconian action.

HAB should undoubtedly continue to monitor the activities of PRL beneficiaries, as it does now through quarterly reporting and annual inspections. In particular, HAB should assess the extent to which the PRL beneficiaries open their facilities to outsiders; participate in local, regional and international events (including sponsorship and hosting of such activities); comply with government requirements and their own charters or constitutions; and contribute to the development of relevant sports and nurture individual sporting talent among the people of Hong Kong.

3) Should charging nil or nominal land premium for the use of these sites continue (pages 19-25).

Unless a convincing case can be made for changing the current arrangements, there should be no change. What purpose would be served by charging a high land premium for these sites? It would merely be a sort of disguised wealth tax, possibly serving an ideological purpose but hardly making a difference to Hong Kong's public finances. Many PRL beneficiary organisations have more than justified their existence by developing marginal land for the benefit of Hong Kong people by offering sports and recreational facilities that are not otherwise available. This is a benefit for society, not something that should be penalised.

4) Should PRL lessees be required to further open up their facilities to better complement and support sports development in Hong Kong (pages 25-30).

If they do not do so already, then that is a perfectly valid requirement. However, based on my knowledge of the Aberdeen Boat Club, I believe PRL organisations already do this. Our club is open to use by non-members in numerous ways and approximately 80% of its sailing activity involves non-members.

5) What type of facilities should be allowed on these sites, including ancillary facilities (pages 30-31).

The importance of PRL beneficiaries such as the Aberdeen Boat Club is that they provide access to popular sporting activities that are otherwise unavailable in Hong Kong. It's important that the primary focus of specialised organisations like our club should be maintained. However anything that contributes to, or augments, that focus should be welcomed. Checking that this is so is a proper and reasonable part of HAB's ongoing monitoring activity and PRL organisations should be responsive to suggestions made by HAB.

6) How to enhance monitoring of governance and transparency of lessees (pages 31-33).

It is hard for me to comment on this as I do not have detailed knowledge of HAB's current monitoring. I understand that PRL beneficiaries submit quarterly reports and are inspected by HAB on an annual basis. I believe this is a sensible policy and it should continue. PRL organisations that are found to be in breach of their charters/constitutions or leases, failing to cater for as many users of their facilities as they could, or underperforming in other ways should be subject to warnings and eventual withdrawal of their lease if they do not return to compliance. It is, of course, important to do this in a transparent manner and with an independent appeal mechanism so that charges of malice or unreasonable coercion either do not arise or can be disproved.

7) Whether and how to assess applications for new sites for sports and recreational use (pages 33-34).

The key criteria must be: are the applicants offering access to sporting/recreational activities that are otherwise impossible or hard to find elsewhere in Hong Kong? Are they intent on developing and promoting Hong Kong's ability to compete internationally in these activities, and willing to nurture local talent? Are they making reasonable and proportionate use of such land as they are granted for these purposes? Are they open to non-member use of their facilities as well as use by their own members? Have they given adequate assurances of

compliance with their own charters/constitutions and such requirements as may be conditional on their lease?

I am puzzled that this question is even raised in your document, as I have always assumed that HAB used these criteria already.

Conclusion

In conclusion, may I respectfully submit that no social purpose is served by putting in jeopardy the future of clubs and other organisations that already meet the criteria laid out in my response to question 7 above. Unfortunately that is what will happen if proposals to massively increase the land premium on PRLs are implemented.

Hong Kong does not need to levy large sums in extra taxation, so these proposals appear to be punitive in intent. I cannot understand why Hong Kong people should be punished for the innocent enjoyment of sporting and recreational activities that have been provided for many years under the present system.

Best wishes,

Euan Barty

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PRL Consultation / Country Club / Vikram Nanda

16/07/2018 18:40

From: [REDACTED]
To: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk, [REDACTED]
History: This message has been replied to.

Dear Home Affairs Bureau,

My name is Vikram Nanda, member of the Hong Kong Country Club.

I am aware of the Public Consultation on the Private Recreational Lease for the Hong Kong Country Club and wanted to write giving my view. My Grandfather Mr. Inder Nanda was a founding member of the club and I have spent much of my childhood there.

I am glad to write that the club has been used by many different schools on different occasions, which I have seen myself when walking around the club on many days over the years including tennis, bowling, squash and basketball. Specifically the club has a Sport For All Day where from JUL - AUG this year twice a week all the facilities are open to the public, this has been quite enjoyable to see and I believe the club is proud of their growth year on year which they hope to continue in regards to usage!

I encourage you to see a copy of any of the monthly newsletters, go to the back of any issue and the final few pages always has information about the latest charity work that has been done, this always makes me feel proud to be a member of the club.

Regards,

Vikram Nanda

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Vikram Nanda

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Task Force on Land Supply

16/07/2018 18:01

From: [REDACTED]

To: <prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk>,

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I wish to state my opinion on the consultation paper

I am strongly against any impact on current recreational facilities in HK whether they be public or private

These facilities provide a much needed resource for Hong Kong society-a progressive society and a balanced society needs more,not less, facilities to maintain and advance physical and mental health

There are plenty of options open to the Government without affecting the public's enjoyment of life by diminishing the quantity of recreational space

The government should be much more decisive on the use of brownfield sites in the New Territories and the hoarding of agricultural land by property developers. Coupled with reclamation,these are the options that should be pursued

Many overseas countries have recently introduced disincentives to non residents speculating on the property market e.g. Australia and New Zealand. If the government is serious about reining in property prices it should have the gumption to introduce similar measures here-this would also have the effect of making more housing available to truly local residents.

It is high time that the government took action instead of wasting time and money on consultation studies. The solutions seem obvious to me-what is needed is decisive action by the government,not a situation where the government is hiding behind the need for a consultation. Any decisions in this context will be unpopular to some-the government should meet its responsibilities by deciding what is right-not by deciding what option will be more popular than another

Peter Duncan

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Consultation on the Review of the Private Recreational Leases Policy

16/07/2018 14:38

From:

To: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk,

History: This message has been replied to.

Private Recreational Lease and Land Matters Section,
Home Affairs Bureau (Recreation and Sport Branch),
13/F, West Wing, Central Government Offices,
[2 Tim Mei Avenue](#), Tamar, Hong Kong

Dear Sirs,

I am responding the PRL Consultation in my capacity as a Member of the Hong Kong Country Club.

I am a qualified solicitor and have spent the last 12 years of my career with a financial regular in Hong Kong. Hong Kong is one of the top financial centres of the World. In order to continue qualifying as an international financial centre we need to ensure that our city provides the necessary infrastructure and an environment commensurate with that expected of a highly livable city so as to attract well qualified local and expatriate talents to live and pursue their careers in Hong Kong. This includes providing quality facilities for them to engage in recreational activities, take part in various kinds of sports with their friends and families. Aside from being a professional I am a keen amateur athlete having competed in tennis, trail running, triathlon and marathon races. I know many other professionals and executives who are also keen sportsmen but generally Hong Kong does not have enough sports facilities for its residents. Private recreational clubs has been filling the gap in the last few decades in this regard.

I do not believe that it is in Hong Kong's long term interest to eliminate private clubs, as it would likely mean that the middle class who strive to achieve their career success and in turn contribute to Hong Kong's prosperity and long term sustainability will no longer find Hong Kong an attractive place to live in. Neighboring cities such as Singapore or Shenzhen may well take over Hong Kong as Asia's financial centre and this could lead to massive relocation if banks, investment banks, insurance companies moved their head-quarters, and eventually cause our real economy to shrink.

Of course I understand that the Government cannot be as generous as in the past with the nominal rent and I know that the Hong Kong Country Club agrees with the Working Group's proposed lease terms of opening up 30% of the facilities and paying a rent of a third of the fair market value.

The Working Group's proposal will be a win-win for Hong Kong and its people.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Yeung

Member of the Hong Kong Country Club



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Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases

16/07/2018 13:25

From: [REDACTED]
To: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk,
Cc: [REDACTED]
History: This message has been replied to.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a member of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club and water sports lover. I would like to share with you how important the Club is to the development of watersports in Hong Kong, including sailing, rowing, paddling and dragon boating. Over the last 170 years, the Club has been instrumental in promoting these sports to the local community, nurturing future talent, and organising and hosting local and international racing events throughout the year. All of these contributions to Hong Kong are facilitated by the fact that the RHKYC has a PRL. Many have already enjoyed the facilities and training provided by RHKYC and I am sure you understand my concern about the impact of the two consultations on the Club's future.

Our sport gives relief to the busy, hectic, life of people living in Hong Kong. Many doctors, lawyers and other professionals take a sail in our waters to relief the stress of their busy work. Young people are encouraged to crew on boats for free, as are members of the public.

The RHKYC is run by volunteers who contribute their time to club and to sports management. Without these volunteers, it will not be one of the very best yacht clubs in the world.

Please consider the impact additional financial burden will cause to Private Recreational Clubs. If they were to be bankrupted and closed, their facilities will have to be run and maintained at government expense. What is the better way?

Yours truly,

Gaston Chan

[REDACTED]

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Lease conditions of Private Recreational Leaseholders (PRL)

17/07/2018 11:03

From:

To: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk,

History: This message has been replied to.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to register my strong objection to the imposition of a land premium on the site of the Hong Kong Football Club (HKFC) and the resumption of PRL sites for home building.

The building on PRL sites for additional high rise building is impractical as it will remove much needed open air and sports facilities for Hong Kong's population. It will lead to a deterioration in the living conditions and standards in Happy Valley.

A higher land premium on the HKFC site will be passed onto HKFC members in the form of higher prices. This will raise the entry fee for new members into the HKFC and make it less inclusive for the people of Hong Kong. This will pose a threat to our highly successful Junior Squash Programme which is attempting to reach out to the Hong Kong community.

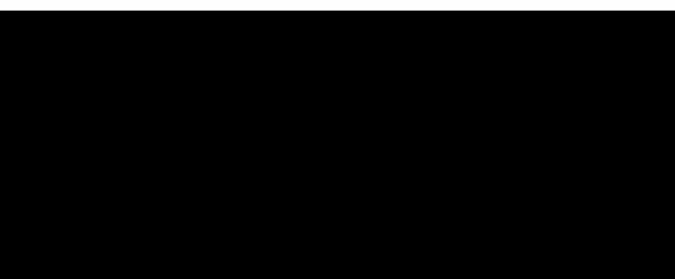
Letter enclosed.

Regards,

Gillem Tulloch



Gillem Tulloch



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Home Affairs Bureau,
West Wing, Central Government Offices,
2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar,
Hong Kong

Re: Lease conditions of Private Recreational Leaseholders (PRL)

17 July 2018

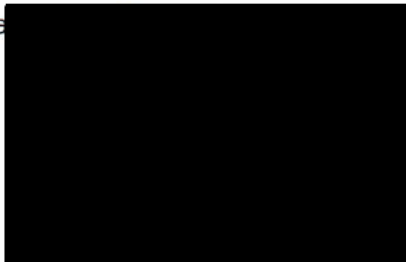
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Gillem Tulloch



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17/07/2018 11:51

From:

To: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk,

History: This message has been replied to.

My view on Private Recreation Club land lease renewal

I am a Chinese born in HK and living here for [REDACTED] years. I decided to come back to HK after I obtained my degree in US . I have raised my family here and believe is a place where east meet west, a small city besides the economic growth can also provide recreation, diverse culture , a variety of sports, recreation, diverse culture for my family.

One of the major attractions for my family to stay in Hong Kong is the availability of private recreation club , which some of them have established over 100 years. These clubs provide a choice for Hong Kong citizens who are willing to pay and enjoy a better facility. Besides the services to their members , the club often provide times and facilities to community such as competitions for non-members, training facilities to elite athletes A lot of Hong Kong families that I know have enjoyed the services and facilities from these private recreation clubs while some of my friends and colleagues that I know from different parts of the world love to work and live here, because there are choices of lifestyle here.

Hong Kong government should have many reasons on why special premise license is given to private recreation clubs because they exist for a different purpose and objective . Some clubs are more than a facilities and they are celebrating their 100th year history in HK - another strong and good reason for Hong Kong government to support the existence of private recreation club.

Private recreation club has to responsible for its own development and funding for the past despite its many contributions to the public ; however , the recent study by the government suggested that the Club needs to pay a 30% of the land price every 15 year of premise license renewal. This is simply a brutal and unreasonable act to "terminate" the existence of private recreation clubs . Private recreation clubs are not making any extra profits to pay for these kind of premiums. In turn, asking members to pay is another unreasonable act as members have already paid such as debenture or membership registration fee to join the club as well as to pay a monthly fee in the range of \$1000-2000. These members are likely middle-class income and paying the highest income tax level already. Hong Kong government has its duty to protect the rights and benefits of this group which has contribute a lot to Hong kong , Further financial burden on these high-tax-paying members is not justifiable .

I strongly urge the demand to be 10% of land price which might be more affordable to some clubs . The existence of Private Recreation Clubs is important to Hong Kong as a world class city to retain/attract people and family to stay in Hong Kong , not to mention that the members of these clubs have contributed the growth of Hong Kong for many years.

July 17,2018

Simon Leung

[REDACTED]

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OBJECTION TO DO ANY THING THAT MAY HARM OR JEOPARDIZE PRL's

17/07/2018 11:47

From:

To: "prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk" <prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk>,

Cc:

History:

This message has been replied to.

Sir,

**1. Whether all PRL sites should continue to be handled under the existing lease arrangement, or alternative lease arrangement should be adopted;
(Refer to pages 7-15).**

Yes and leases should be longer than just 15 years to allow better development

**2. How to assess whether these sites should be retained or returned to the Government for other development purposes;
(Refer to pages 15-19).**

If 1200 ha of land is needed rapidly and PRL's barely cover 350ha WHAT LAND SHORTFAL WOULD THE PRL SITES SOLVE? There are other land options to look for. **The quarterly report sent to HAB by all PRL for the last 6 or 7 years should give the answer to that.** Continue the quarterly reporting and yearly inspection with good point bad point system to allow good PRL's to carry on and bad ones to be terminated.

**3. Whether charging nil or nominal land premium for the use of these sites should continue;
(Refer to pages 19- 25).**

How can one comment without a proper definition of the premium charge mechanism, this is not ready to be commented upon. Of course it should continue at nil or nominal land premium for those who have over the years developed, improved and open the PRL's to members, sporting youth and the public. Those PRLs are doing their job, benefiting Hong Kong sporting reputation, offering quality environment, they should not be threaten to be bankrupted or closed down

**4. Whether the PRL lessees should be required to further open up their facilities so as to better complement and support sports development in Hong Kong;
(Refer to pages 25-30).**

Yes surely they already do anyway

**5. What types of facilities should be allowed on these sites (including ancillary facilities);
(Refer to pages 30-31).**

Any as long as they are in line with the ethos and M&A of each clubs, provide sporting experience, and Development are opened to all with a fee.

**6. How to enhance the monitoring on the governance and transparency of the lessees;
(Refer to pages 31-33).**

Continue the quarterly reporting and yearly inspection with good point bad point system to allow good PRL's to carry on and bad one to be terminated.

**7. Whether and how to assess applications for new sites for sports and recreational use;
(Refer to pages 33-34).**

YES surely as long as they are providing sporting experience and development are open to all with a fee. The Club is open to the general public for sports actually 80% of the certification in the club or the sailing activity in general is for non-members. The Club has developed the land over the last 50 years and has already paid its due why charging more again. The Club is a peaceful haven in the Hong Kong jungle and bring peace, harmony and tranquility for the community.

Regards

Paul Cullum, RCDD

[REDACTED]

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Free use of HK Country Club sports facilities

17/07/2018 14:55

From:

To: "prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk" <prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk>,

Cc:

History: This message has been replied to.

Dear sir,

Attached please a letter about the use of sports facilities in HK Country Club.

Thank you for your attention.

Regards

[Redacted signature]

[Redacted line]



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13 July 2018

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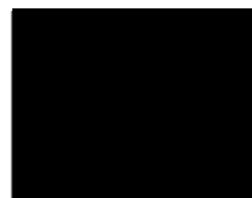
Dear Sir / Madam,

Free use of Hong Kong Country Club's Sports Facilities

We are writing to express our appreciation of the opening of sports facilities of HK Country Club to the community, especially to students from subsidized schools.

Our students had the opportunity to try tenpin bowling and tennis training by joining Summer Camps in 2017 and 2018. Also, a bowling team began to receive regular training after school once a week starting from the second term of this school year. We hope that this programme can be continued so that valuable training can be available to the community in the future.

Yours faithfully,



C.K. Au
Principal



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17/07/2018 15:14

From:

[REDACTED]

To:

<prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk>,

Please respond to [REDACTED]

History:

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[REDACTED]

PLS REPLY TO OUR FAX NO. [REDACTED]

TO : HOME AFFAIRS BUREAU

FAX NO :

DATE : 17TH JULY 2018

DEAR SIRs,

I HAVE BEEN A MEMBER OF THE HONGKONG FOOTBALL CLUB NOW FOR OVER 25 YEARS AND IT IS ONE OF THE BEST SPORTING CLUBS IN HONGKONG – THEY HAVE HOCKEY SOCCER RUGBY SQUASH LAWN BOWL TENNIS GOLF ETC. EVEN NON MEMBERS CAN PARTICIPATE IN THEIR SPORTS ACTIVITY AND GOOD PLAYERS WHO EXCEL CAN JOIN THE CLUB WITH VERY GOOD TERMS.

THIS CLUB HOSTS SEVERAL WORLD TOURNAMENTS LIKE THE RUGBY 10S EACH YEAR PLUS A LOT OF INTER CLUB SOCCER/RUGBY/HOCKEY ETC TOURNAMENTS OF ALL AGES.

MY CHILDREN AND GRAND CHILDREN HAVE TAKEN MULTIPLE SPORT LESSONS FROM YOUNG AGES I.E. SOCCER BASKET BALL SWIMMING ETC GIVING THEM A GOOD UPBRINGING IN OTHER ACTIVITIES WHICH OFTEN SCHOOLS DO NOT PROVIDE. THE JUNIORS ELITE PROGRAMES AT HK FOOTBALL CLUB ARE OF A SUPERIOR GRADE AND TEACHERS TAKE EXTRA GOOD TIME AND EFFORT TO TRAIN CHILDREN WHO HONGKONG CAN BE PROUD OF WHEN THEY GROW UP.

ALL IN OUR FAMILY ARE HK SAR PASSPORT HOLDERS AND ARE PROUD TO BE HK CITIZENS AND CLUBS LIKE THE HK FOOTBALL CLUB ARE VERY IMPORTANT TO ENTERTAIN OUR CUSTOMERS – FAMILY GET TOGETHER – SPORTS ACTIVITY ETC

WE HOPE THE LEASE CONDITIONS OF PRIVATE RECREATIONAL LEASEHOLDERS WILL NOT CHANGE SO THAT FOOTBALL CLUB CAN KEEP OFFERING THEIR VALUES AT COMPETITIVE RATES TO THE MEMBERS AND PUBLIC.

**THANKING YOU
YOURS SINCERELY**

PRAKASH NAGRANI
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OBJECTION TO DO ANY THING THAT MAY HARM OR JEOPARDIZE PRL's

17/07/2018 15:17

From:

To:

pri_consultation@hab.gov.hk, [REDACTED]

History:

This message has been replied to.

1. **Whether all PRL sites should continue to be handled under the existing lease arrangement, or alternative lease arrangement should be adopted;**
(Refer to pages 7-15).
Over regulating such frail business model could jeopardize the survival of many.
2. **How to assess whether these sites should be retained or returned to the Government for other development purposes;**
(Refer to pages 15-19).
Best development of elite sports option and sponsorship to be demonstrated
3. **Whether charging nil or nominal land premium for the use of these sites should**
(Refer to pages 19-25).
The definition of spots against ancillary facilities is necessary but inexistent so far how this can affect the premium no one knows yet.
4. **Whether the PRL lessees should be required to further open up their facilities so as to better complement and support sports development in Hong Kong;**
(Refer to pages 25-30).
Yes surely they already do anyway
5. **What types of facilities should be allowed on these sites (including ancillary facilities);**
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6. **How to enhance the monitoring on the governance and transparency of the lessees;**
(Refer to pages 31-33).
Continue the quarterly reporting and yearly inspection with good point bad point system to allow good PRL's to carry on and bad one to be terminated.
7. **Whether and how to assess applications for new sites for sports and recreational use;**
(Refer to pages 33-34).

Yes if they are for the development of elite sports and international event support and hosting it should even be encouraged.

Besides the club is one of the major provider for sailing.

Thanks

Eric Lee

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Comments on the PRL Policy Review

18/07/2018 13:31

From:

To: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk,

Cc:

Dear Sir/Madam,

In response to the questions posed in your PRL Policy Review Consultation Document I have the following answers for your kind consideration:

Q. 1 Whether all PRL sites should continue to be handled under the existing lease arrangement, or alternative lease arrangement should be adopted?

A. 1 - It is beneficial to all if the Hebe Haven Yacht Club is permitted to continue to operate under the current PRL policy; and that Lease conditions should be modified to allow the Hebe Haven Yacht Club to meet the criteria and objectives set by HAB.

Q.2 How to assess whether these sites should be retained or returned to the Government for other development purposes?

A.2 - The Hebe Haven Yacht Club provides training bases for the Hong Kong Sailing Federation; the Hebe Haven Yacht Club is a host venue and organizer for both regional and international regattas; the Hebe Haven Yacht Club is a major contributor to fostering participation and encouraging youth sailing. There are other options such as brownfield sites, military sites and land banks owned by private developers which should be considered in priority to already scarce sporting facilities.

Q. 3 Whether charging nil or nominal land premium for the use of these sites should continue?

A. 3 -The Hebe Haven Yacht Club members have already paid many millions of member's dollars for equipment, infrastructure and resources to develop and contribute to the sport of sailing in Hong Kong. A nominal fee only is appropriate. If a high land premium is introduced, many clubs would find it prohibitive thus affecting their abilities to contribute to sports development in Hong Kong. Even if the Land Premium is relatively low it will mean that sporting clubs will have less to spend on the largely shared objectives already specified by the Government.

Q. 4 Whether the PRL lessees should be required to further open up their facilities so as to better complement and support sports development in Hong Kong?

A.4 - In the case of the Hebe Haven Yacht Club in particular, artificial constraints in its PRL limit the ability of the Club to provide facilities to members of the public much beyond what is presently provided. Lease modifications should be permitted in order to accommodate further opening up so as to provide adequate facilities to enhance the general public's participation in a safe environment.

Q. 5 What types of facilities should be allowed on these sites (including ancillary facilities)?

A.5 - Expanded shower and toilet facilities are required. Facilities such as lecture, committee rooms, administration offices, shaded outdoor areas, boat racking for vertical storage of training and safety vessels, and properly equipped maintenance workshops are all urgently needed by Hebe Haven Yacht Club. All these facilities are required to be accessible by the less able bodied visitor.

Q. 6 How to enhance the monitoring on the governance and transparency of the lessees?

A.6 - Quarterly returns highlighting non-members' participation.

Q. 7 Whether and how to assess applications for new sites for sports and recreational use?

A.7- Annual inspections.

Yours faithfully

Mark R H Newman

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PRL Policy Review and Public Consultation

18/07/2018 13:48

From: [REDACTED]
To: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk,
Cc: [REDACTED]

History: This message has been replied to.

Dear Sir / Madam,

I have the following points to make in addition to my submission re the questions raised in your consultation exercise in support of the Hebe Haven Yacht Club's contribution to the sport of sailing in Hong Kong:

- The Hebe Haven Yacht Club is open to the general public for sail training and sailing activities.
- The Hebe Haven Yacht Club has developed the land over the last 50 years and has already paid its dues.
- The Hebe Haven Yacht Club has been proactively promoting sailing to children through the Development Fund for Youth Sailing programme at the Sail Training Centre.
- The Hebe Haven Yacht Club provides a home base to Sailability Hong Kong, which is a not for profit volunteer-based organisation giving an opportunity to those with a disability to join a structured training course resulting in recognised sailing certifications, or simply to enjoy a new experience.
- The Hebe Haven Yacht Club will be the host venue for South East Asian Para Championships Hong Kong in December 2018.
- The Hebe Haven Yacht Club to date has raised over HK\$10 Million for Charity from an Annual Sailing event which commenced in 2002, with over 5,000 visitors, participants, volunteers and sponsors attending.
- The Hebe Haven Yacht Club has offered sailing opportunities to 18 local schools as well as YMCA and various charities.
- The Hebe Haven Yacht Club is part of the local Sai Kung Community, participates in all local ceremonies and festivals and has been an employer to local Sai Kung residents over the years.
- The Hebe Haven Yacht Club works in co-operation with the Hong Kong Marine Dept and other authorities such as the local Marine Police in all annual Sea Safety Campaigns.
- The Hebe Haven Yacht Club has 200 Sailing Cadet Members aged between 7 and 18 years.
- The Hebe Haven Yacht Club is the Hong Kong Sports Federation base for regional Laser training.
- The Hebe Haven Yacht Club racing team has three youth members representing Hong Kong in the National Sailing Team.
- The Hebe Haven Yacht Club provides local and regional sailors (including those from mainland China) with sailing and racing opportunities.
- The Hebe Haven Yacht Club has over 3,000 non-members on the premises per year for sailing courses, keel boat and dinghy regattas contributing to 2,800 hours of community access.

For your kind consideration when considering any new policy with regard the Hebe Haven Yacht Club's PRL renewal in 2027.

Yours Faithfully,

Mark R H Newman

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有關香港鄉村俱樂部為社區學校提供服務

18/07/2018 09:12

From:

To: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk,

History: This message has been replied to.

敬啟者：

本人是番禺會所華仁小學體育科老師，負責統籌網球練習班。

過去數年，承蒙 香港鄉村俱樂部為我校學生提供網球訓練班，令喜愛此項運動的學生得到適切訓練的機會。網球訓練班每一個學年兩班，另加一班暑期班，每班5至10人，每個課堂一小時，全年合共大約40至45小時。由此可見，香港鄉村俱樂部對社會有一定的貢獻。

此致

Private Recreational Lease and Land Matters Section,
Home Affairs Bureau (Recreation and Sport Branch)

王艷蘭

17-7-2018

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Private Recreational Leases for clubs

17/07/2018 19:02

From:

To: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk,

History: This message has been replied to.

Dear Home Affairs Bureau,

My name is Sanam Hira and I am a concerned member of the public. My Hong Kong ID Card number is [REDACTED].

I am writing in support of the Kowloon Cricket Club and to highlight the benefits that the Club brings to sports; children, adults and the elderly; the wider community; and to Hong Kong. I have reviewed the proposals of the Private Recreational Lease (PRL) consultation document and I wish to state the following with respects to [three] key points in the document.

a) Private sports clubs such as the KCC pay, in addition to rates and rent currently set at 5% and 3% respectively, and an additional land premium to be set at one-third of full market value (FMV).

- *The KCC should continue to pay a nominal land premium.*
- *Over the years, the KCC has developed, improved and opened the Club to members, youth and the public. The KCC hosts visiting teams, international tournaments and tourists, and benefits Hong Kong's sporting reputation.*
- *The proposed land premium may bring financial hardship to the KCC. Without the necessary funds to support the premium, the KCC will be forced to close down facilities as there will be no funds remaining for maintenance and development, forced to stop providing heavily subsidized training and coaching to members of the public, and will become prohibitively unaffordable to juniors and seniors as well as young sportspeople who make up the vast majority of our Membership.*

b) Increase the opening hours of the Club's sports facilities to eligible outside bodies from the 50 hours per month to a minimum of 30% of our sports facilities' capacity.

- *I support this proposal. It is important for all private clubs in Hong Kong to support sports development and to provide opportunities for schools, charitable organizations, visiting teams and members of the public to enjoy our facilities. The KCC is already doing this and I endorse it continuing to do so.*

c) Partner with National Sports Associations (NSA) and their affiliated clubs to

organize sporting programmes requiring that a minimum of 240 hours of programmes per month be open to enrolment by individual members of the public.

· *I support this proposal. Private sporting clubs must partner with NSAs and affiliated clubs to provide facilities and to host domestic and international competitions. The KCC is already doing this and far exceeding the 240 hours per month proposal. I endorse it continuing to do so.*

Thank you for considering my views.

Yours Sincerely,

Sanam Hira

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感謝信 Thank you letter

17/07/2018 18:27

From: [REDACTED]

To: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk,

Cc: [REDACTED]

History: This message has been replied to.

致康民署經理

本人,Mable Wan,於本年度,2018年7月期間報名參加了由貴署及鄉村俱樂部合辦的全民運動日.本人女兒,[REDACTED],亦感恩該會所員工的協助及跟進,能夠有幸以後補身份參加保齡球夏令營。

此乃本人第一次參加及免費使用俱樂部的保齡球場及網球場的設私。本人及友人除了可以免費場 享用 地外,還有網球借用,冷熱水,毛巾,水杯等供應。我們均感受到貴賓式的招待。友人都十分喜歡在草地網球場打球,打球完畢後腳部都沒有那麼疲倦。有次友人打球受傷,更得到俱樂部員工D i c k e n, M a r i a等熱心的幫忙,協助清潔及消毒傷口。心想如有更多人能夠享用這俱樂部的服務及設施,將會是廣大市民莫大的福氣。

至於本人女兒,[REDACTED],由於參加人數太多,本應無緣參加今年的保齡球夏令營。幸好得到俱樂部員工D i c k e n的協助。他留意到有參加者報了名而無故缺席,從而令[REDACTED]成功取得到其後補位置。第一課的保齡球是安排家長進場,觀看教練指導孩子打球的。這部份本人十分欣賞,家長既可以學習打球,回家和孩子重溫,亦能觀察到其進度。這個半小時的訓練中,有遲到的學員,教練都沒有責備他們,只著他們穿上襪子,換好鞋,再不厭其煩地重覆一次教導。感受到教練無比的耐性及尊業。

在此,再一次感謝康民署及鄉村俱樂部合辦這老幼咸宜,有益身心的全民運動日及特別為青少年而設的夏令營,把這麼優質的設施及服務惠及市民大眾。本人期盼日後貴署能與鄉村俱樂部舉辦更多類似的活動,並且將活動日期擴展到全年都可以使用。

鄉村俱樂部全民運動日使用者

Mable

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RE: The Hong Kong Country Club

17/07/2018 16:00

From:

To:

"prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk" <prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk>,

Cc:

History:

This message has been replied to.

Attention: Private Recreational Lease and Land Matters Section

Dear Sirs,

Having been a member for close to fifty years since the clubs inception, I'm incredibly proud of our valuable resources for community development and sports development. The following are facts and details of the community support.

Since 2013, the Club writes to 800+ schools every year to invite them to the Club and make use of our facilities for their sports lessons and training. Around 20 schools, including St. Stephen's Primary and Secondary Schools, Pun U Wah Yan Primary and Wah Yan Secondary Schools, Lau Wong Fat Secondary School etc., regularly make use our tennis, squash, basketball courts, and bowling alley. The use of our facilities by schools have increased by more than 150% from 2016 to 2017 alone, from 491 hours in 2016 to 1228 hours in 2017. With the Club's continued commitment to further opening up, it is projected this will continue to increase to 1500 hours in 2018.

The Junior Tennis Scholarship Program began in 2016, under which the Club provides annual coaching subsidies totalling \$120,000 to promising sportspersons aged 8 to 17. Thus far, there have been 26 recipients who between them have received 3,000 hours of coaching free of charge.

Since 2016, we have run Summer and Christmas Camps for local school children, first for Tennis and then Bowling as well starting 2017, with the aim of making it possible for all young people, no matter their background, to take up sport. By end of 2018, more than 340 children from the age of 8 to 17 will have received 3660 hours of coaching free of charge.

The Club has participated in LCSD's "Sport For All Day" for 5 years, from 1 single day in 2014 to 10 days and 560 hours in 2016 and 2017, and a projected 19 days and 1,102 hours in 2018. This year, the Club's sports facilities will be open to the public every Tuesday and Thursday from 3 July to 30 August.

The Club has hosted both international and local tennis tournaments, including The Wheelchair Tennis Exhibition Match in 2011, an invitation match with local and participants from overseas, The Asian International Schools Championships in 2016, and The Hong Kong National Junior Tennis Championships (U18 categories) since 2015, which will again be taking place at the Club this year from 1-9 July and 4-17 August.

We also host the Hong Kong Tennis Association (HKTA) Leagues, a Summer League and a Winter League every year, which occupy the Club's tennis courts for 480 hours per year.

The Club is currently planning to host an International Tennis Federation (ITF) sanctioned tournament in November 2018 in conjunction with the Hong Kong Veterans Tennis Association (HKVTA), The International Super Senior Tennis Open; the proposed tournament will have 12 events and attract players from all over the world.

Since records started to be kept in 2015, the Club has opened up over 5,000 hours of our sports facilities to Eligible Outside Bodies such as schools and sports associations. There was a 65% increase in number of hours opened from 2016 to 2017 alone. The Club remains committed to further opening up our facilities and to allocate even more resources to accommodate the needs of outside bodies.

Caring for the community is a core value that has long been and continues to be embraced by the Club, and in doing so, we provide access to our non-sporting facilities to social or charitable organisations, including use of the lawn, playground, playroom and dining facilities, despite such facilities not falling within HAB's Opening-up Scheme, and hours so offered not credited by HAB. We continue to support a range of NGOs and charities, and in selecting our Charity Partners, special emphasis is placed on those supporting children and the elderly.

Mother's Choice is one of the Club's two Charity Partners, and has been since 2010. Their WEE Care Group and BABY Care Group visit the Club approx. 24 times a year, and we provide a safe open space for children without families to play in, such as our playroom, lawn and playground, before treating all the children and carers to lunch at the Poolside. From 2015 to date, we have provided more than 1,300 meals to Mother's Choice free of charge.

St. Mary's Home for the Aged (St. Mary's), just around the corner from the Club, is our other Charity Partner, and has been since 2012, when the Club generously donated \$840,000 to replace and repair windows and doors in the Men's Wing of the Home. We arrange regular monthly days of respite for groups of elderly residents, during which they may do some tai chi on the lawn, enjoy a game of bowling and have lunch in the Bayview Room with Members and staff volunteers before departing. The Club serves approx. 160 meals to St. Mary's residents free of charge per year, and management visits the Home each year at Thanksgiving to cook and serve 120 residents and carers a 3-course lunch and to entertain them with a sing-a-long. The Club also arranges ongoing festive donations such as mooncakes, rice dumplings and Chinese New Year puddings.

The Club fundraises for selected charities throughout the year through charity sales and holding charity sports tournaments. Since 2014, we have raised more than \$500,000 through events such as the Annual Christmas Charity Market and the Tennis Charity Social. These funds have benefited more than 7 charities, e.g. St. Mary's, The Home of Loving Faithfulness, Little Life Warrior Society, Hong Kong Dog Rescue.

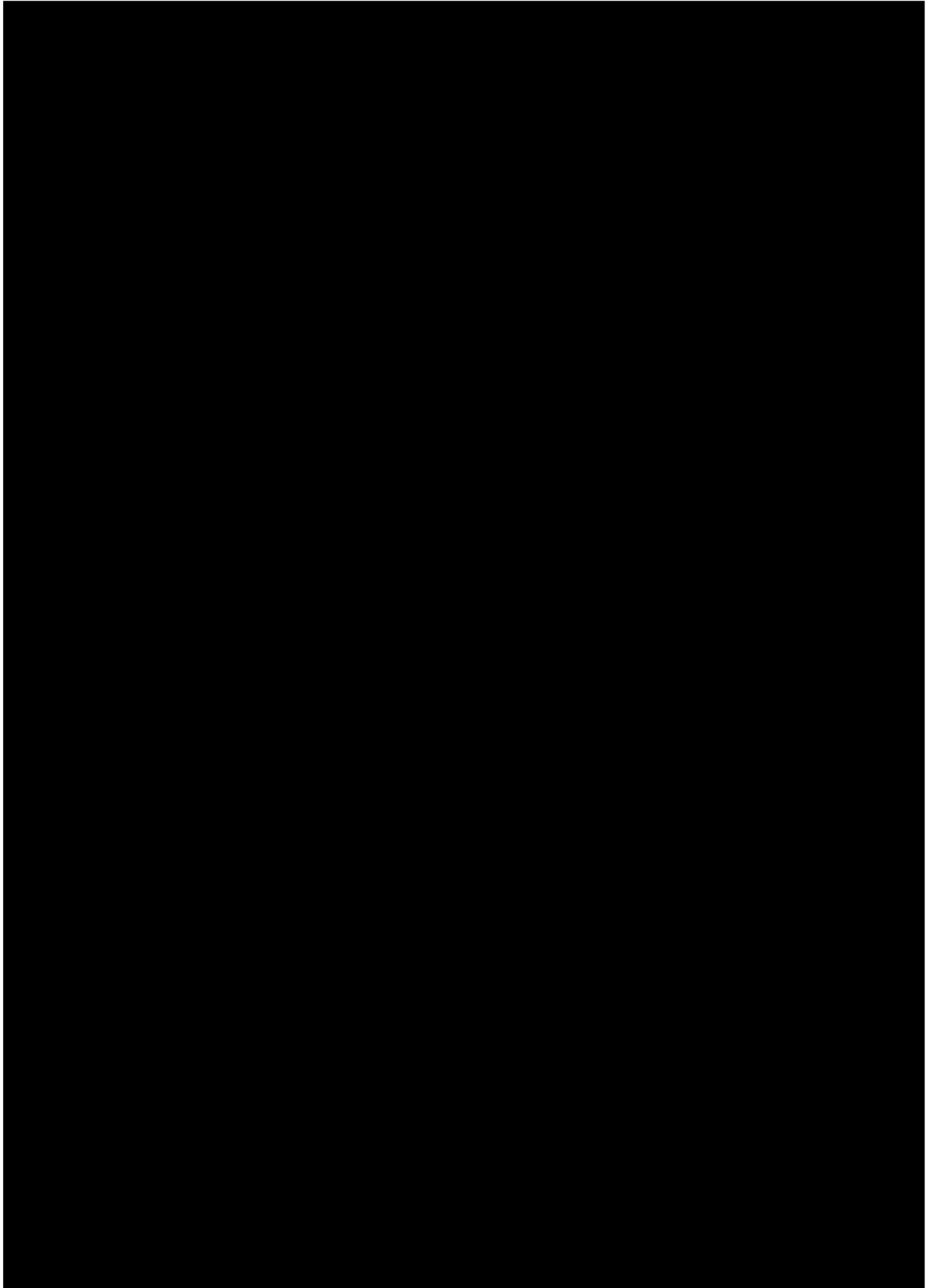
Over the past three years, the Club has welcomed over 30 charities/NGOs and local Hong Kong schools on their outings, offering meals, sports, games, team-building and in-kind or venue support. Notable Organisations include: Just Volunteers English Language Learning program for disadvantaged children, Hong Kong Christian Services, St. James' Settlement, We Paint supporting children on the autism spectrum, HKU Space and HKAPA. More than 2,800 individuals have visited the Club since 2015 and we have served more than 2,300 meals free of charge.

The Club has partnered with Foodlink Foundation since 2012 to donate our surplus food to beneficiaries partners such as St. Barnabas Society and Chai Wan Baptist Church Social Service served onsite to those in need free of charge. Since 2015, we have donated more than 1,100 kg of food to Foodlink Foundation.

It shows great foresight on your part to encourage and support such institutions that are intrigued and part of the major success of Hong Kong over the years.

If you require any further information, please don't hesitate to be in touch.

Best regards,
Richard



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OBJECTION TO DO ANY THING THAT MAY HARM OR JEOPARDIZE PRL's

19/07/2018 14:37

From:

To:

<prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk>

Please respond to

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Sir,

Please find below for my opinions:

1. **Whether all PRL sites should continue to be handled under the existing lease arrangement, or alternative lease arrangement should be adopted;
(Refer to pages 7-15).**

My View: May be lease can be review in a way to better meet land use and sport development.

2. **How to assess whether these sites should be retained or returned to the Government for other development purposes;
(Refer to pages 15-19)**

My View: Best development of elite sports option and sponsorship to be demonstrated

3. **Whether charging nil or nominal land premium for the use of these sites should continue;
(Refer to pages 19- 25).**

My View: Of course it should continue at nil or nominal land premium for those who have over the years developed, improved and open the PRL's to members, sporting youth and the public. Those PRLs are doing their job, benefiting Hong Kong sporting reputation, offering quality environment, they should not be threaten to be bankrupted or closed down.

4. **Whether the PRL lessees should be required to further open up their facilities so as to better complement and support sports development in Hong Kong;
(Refer to pages 25-30).**

My View: Yes surely they already do anyway

5. **What types of facilities should be allowed on these sites (including ancillary facilities);
(Refer to pages 30-31).**

My View: Any as long as they are in line with the ethos and M&A of each clubs, provide sporting experience, and Development are opened to all with a fee.

6. **How to enhance the monitoring on the governance and transparency of the lessees;
(Refer to pages 31-33).**

My View: Continue the quarterly reporting and yearly inspection with good point bad point system to allow good PRL's to carry on and bad one to be terminated.

7. **Whether and how to assess applications for new sites for sports and recreational use;
(Refer to pages 33-34).**

My View: Yes if they are for the development of elite sports and international event support and hosting it should even be encouraged.

Thank you.

Best regards,



Henry Lam



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Recreational Leases in Hong Kong

19/07/2018 13:53

From: [REDACTED]
 To: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk,
 Cc: [REDACTED]

History: This message has been replied to.

To Whom It May Concern

In [REDACTED] having just graduated, I was lucky enough to be offered jobs in both Singapore and Hong Kong. As an active competitive sailor, the sailing and particularly the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club were the basis of my decision to choose Hong Kong over Singapore.

Since then I have represented Hong Kong sailing internationally many times, have acted in many voluntary positions within the Yacht Club, promoted regattas in Hong Kong internationally and competed in World and Asian Championships organized by the Club here in Hong Kong. I even met my wife at the Club. As such it is quite a part of my family's life and a huge part of the attraction of Hong Kong.

I appreciate I maybe an extreme case but I use the example to highlight the importance that recreational clubs play in many people's lives.

There appears to be little argument that we need to promote a healthier lifestyle for all and that sports play a large part in this. Equally with an aging population and longer life expectancy we will need to provide more recreational options as people have more leisure time, especially in softer sports such as tennis, golf, sailing etc.

The question really then becomes who provides it. The Clubs as they stand do a very good job of providing for much of that requirement (the Yacht Club for example is believed to be the biggest by membership Globally). The Government also provides facilities for many sports which are often very difficult to book which suggests the demand is not being met and to remove or hinder the private component of supply would seem counter productive.

The promotion of Sport at grass roots levels and through major events has been driven by the Clubs and then at times supported by the Government. The facilities of the Clubs are often used for the major events and I struggle to see one major sporting event in HK that has been initiated by the Government although they often support these events. Whether it is the Volvo Around the World Race stop over, the HK Golf Open, the Rugby 7s, Cricket 6s, the Equestrian component of the Olympics, Sailing World Championships (often for youth), the Internationally acclaimed offshore races the common thread is that it is the Clubs and their members that really make these events happen.

At a grass roots level the school and university rowing and sailing the RHKYC does (mainly for non-members), the disabled sailing that RHKYC and Hebe Haven support, the amazing success of the mini rugby, the equestrian programs and countless other examples are all providing the foundations, the facilities and often the financial support for the development of the elite sports people to represent Hong Kong. I would add that the encouragement of large numbers of amateurs that enjoy their sport at their level is just as important as the elite athletes, if not more so.

The Clubs in HK are also part of an international community, in which HK's Clubs are well recognized and add considerably to the reputation of Hong

Kong as a "World City".

While there is considerable attention on land supply and usage I would argue that by providing a community, some space and sport facilities, the Clubs actually help facilitate a more efficient use of the land available in Hong Kong. I always suggest to new arrivals in HK that they should join a Club to get access to the recreational facilities that need to compensate for what is usually much smaller accommodation provision in Hong Kong and to get rapid access to a like minded community.


The key is the efficient use of the land. The members pay for the facilities of the Clubs they obviously should have priority to use of the facilities they have paid for, however many Clubs have periods of lower use age where non-members should have greater access and maybe that needs to be incorporated into the land lease. Again the Yacht Club and Aberdeen Boat Club are a good examples where the school sailing is using the facilities during the day, mid-week. In the case of the Yacht Club 74% of students are non-members.

I would therefore not support any changes to financial structure of the private recreational leases if they are providing the sporting or recreational service to their members and non-members interested in their sport. Indeed I think there is benefit in providing longer land leases so these Clubs can plan and finance development and upkeep of their facilities with more certainty.

Many thanks

Andrew Taylor

Drew Taylor



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PRL Public Consultation

19/07/2018 13:27

From: [REDACTED]

To: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk,

Cc: [REDACTED]

History: This message has been replied to.

Dear Sirs,

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity as club members and also members of the public to address the issue of PRL's for private members clubs in hkg.

I would like to address this issue both as a member of The Hongkong Country Club, and as a member of the public .

I am a fourth generation Hongkong resident of Indian origin, and a third generation member of the Hongkong Country Club.

The Club was formed in 1962 with the express intention of being the first venue where peoples of all nationalities and origins living in Hongkong could come together in a single place to socialize and enjoy recreational space together. It was at the time a unique concept in Hongkong and even five decades on, the Club remains unique in this respect as it continues to represent a microcosm of Hongkong society.

From small and simple beginnings, the Club has nurtured its limited resources, raised its own funds, and has built up an infrastructure which is second to none. The Club has provided continuity not only to members, but also to staff, and has fostered a culture of respect and tolerance in Hongkong and is an institution of which Hongkong can be justifiably proud.

In 1962, recreational and sporting facilities were extremely limited and thanks to this facility, our family managed to gain access to facilities which resulted in my daughters excelling in swimming and tennis to the extent that they both achieved high levels of excellence in their respective spheres of sporting. The Club is also proud to have played its part in providing Hongkong with several of its Olympians who all learnt and trained for their sport using club facilities.

Since inception, not only has the Club been a significant employer in the southern district, it also supports and procures supplies from a wide network of smaller and medium sized business enterprises in the southern district.

I am convinced that in order for Hongkong to survive, we must position ourselves as a centre of excellence in the greater China region. When I speak about excellence, I mean excellence in all aspects of life, government, employment, healthcare, welfare, and involvement with the community. Anything less, and HK becomes just another Chinese city. Dumbing down to the lowest common societal denominator is simply not an option for us, we would lose our uniqueness, vitality, and usefulness to China.

HK brands itself as Asia's world city, but it can only become what it aspires to be provided it has something different and better to offer than what is elsewhere available. We cannot compete with other Chinese cities in terms of cheap labour and land, we are a high input cost economy, with limited natural resources, other than human capital and ingenuity we have little else. This means that not only do we have to nurture the talent we have, but at the same time attract high caliber talent from overseas to come and live and work amongst our population. High caliber talent moves globally, it is a force for good, Hongkong needs to attract such people if it is to survive in an ever challenging and competitive environment.

Private clubs complement and enhance the existing stock of lifestyle and recreational facilities which are essential in attracting overseas talent to Hongkong. They form part of an internationally accepted lifestyle of high caliber achievers wherever they may choose to live. In making the case for private clubs occupying public land, I accept the view that they should be required to pay more for the use of the land occupied, and at the same time be made to encourage greater public usage of the facilities they have.

Country Club members have, over the past few years been appreciative of the HAB move to open facilities to members of the public and to other associations. Year on year usage of the club facilities by outside bodies has been increasing, and will continue to do so with the help and support of members.

The many clubs in Hongkong provide a rich source of diversity to our population, and one only has to see the large waiting lists of Hongkong people as well as foreign residents wishing to avail of such facilities.

As Club members, one is a beneficiary of the assets and traditions built up by former members, and today one is a trustee of those assets for future members. Continued survival of the clubs and the part they play in the life of the community in Hongkong adds lustre to our community.

In closing, I would like to thank you for this opportunity to express my views and trust that my comments will be useful in lending support to the renewal of PRL leases for private members clubs in Hongkong.

Yours sincerely

Jimmy M. Master

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OBJECTION TO DO ANY THING THAT MAY HARM OR JEOPARDIZE PRL's

19/07/2018 10:52

From:

To:

<pri_consultation@hab.gov.hk>, [REDACTED]

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Sirs,

The following is my response to the PRL Consultation:

1. Whether all PRL sites should continue to be handled under the existing lease arrangement, or alternative lease arrangement should be adopted;
(Refer to pages 7-15).
 - 3) Yes and leases should be longer than just 15 years to allow better development
 - 4) Over regulating such frail business model could jeopardize the survival of many.
2. How to assess whether these sites should be retained or returned to the Government for other development purposes;
(Refer to pages 15-19).
 - 2) Continue the quarterly reporting and yearly inspection with good point bad point system to allow good PRL's to carry on and bad ones to be terminated.
 - 4) Focus on international event preparation, support and hosting is to play a part in this assessment
 - 6) How the PRL's support their duty of opening to NSA and eligible outside bodies.
 - 7) The quarterly report sent to HAB by all PRL for the last 6 or 7 years should give the answer to that.
 - 8) If 1200 ha of land is needed rapidly and PRL's barely cover 350ha WHAT LAND SHORTFAL WOULD THE PRL SITES SOLVE? There are other land options to look for.
3. Whether charging nil or nominal land premium for the use of these sites should continue;(Refer to pages 19- 25).
 - 2) By looking deeper in the contribution of PRL's over the year towards Hong Kong by developing unusable plots of land into prime sports area for Hong Kong shows that premium have already been paid in another way.
 - 4) Why charging a premium and then over controlling the debenture sales, (ISSUANCE, LENGTH, PRICE, SALABILITY AND TRANSFER) this is a terrible financial impact on the survival of the PRL'S and a double charge.
 - 5) Of course it should continue at nil or nominal land premium for those who have over the years developed, improved and open the PRL's to members, sporting youth and the public. Those PRLs are doing their job, benefiting Hong Kong sporting reputation, offering quality environment, they should not be threaten to be bankrupted or closed down.
 - 6) At least if an onerous land premium is to be paid by PRL's flexibility in payment should be considered and the amount calculated according affordability not according to developer's unrealistic and extortionate land values.
4. Whether the PRL lessees should be required to further open up their facilities so as to better complement and support sports development in Hong Kong;
(Refer to pages 25-30).
 - 1) Yes surely they already do anyway
5. What types of facilities should be allowed on these sites (including ancillary facilities);
(Refer to pages 30-31).

1) Any as long as they are in line with the ethos and M&A of each clubs, provide sporting experience, and Development are opened to all with a fee.

6. How to enhance the monitoring on the governance and transparency of the lessees;
(Refer to pages 31-33).

1) Continue the quarterly reporting and yearly inspection with good point bad point system to allow good PRL's to carry on and bad one to be terminated.

7. Whether and how to assess applications for new sites for sports and recreational use;
(Refer to pages 33-34).

1) YES surely as long as they are providing sporting experience and development are open to all with a fee and

2) Yes if they are for the development of elite sports and international event support and hosting it should even be encouraged.

Yours faithfully,
Paul LEESE

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Use of Facilities in Hong Kong Country Club

19/07/2018 10:04

From:

To: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk,

History: This message has been replied to.

To whom it may concern,

My name is Silvia Lam, and I have enrolled both of my children in the Junior Tennis Scholarship Program. Both of my children have thoroughly enjoyed their time at the Country Club, due to the excellent facilities, amazing coaches and the kind hospitality. I have observed a drastic improvement of skill level after my children participated in the Junior Tennis Scholarship Program, so I would like to thank the Country Club for their excellent service on behalf of my children and myself.

Furthermore, the Country Club has been very active in giving back to the community, such as running fundraisers for charity and giving away food to the Foodlink Foundation.

Yours Sincerely,

Silvia Lam

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Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases - views

19/07/2018 08:59

From:



To: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk,

History: This message has been replied to.

To: Home Affairs Bureau

Re: Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases



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To: whom it may concern,

Re: My view towards Hong Kong Country Club and the club's commitment to staff and community

Having worked at the Country Club for over a year, I feel that Country club is a place where people would feel the care, not only to members, but also to staffs and the community.

Firstly, the club provides a very stable work environment, in which a number of the staffs from different departments had worked for over a century. Our benefits are well covered, with one to mention is the Staff living quarter, which in Hong Kong is very rare and gives a place for staffs to rest and serve as a home away from home.

In terms of work, as part of the Sports and Recreation Team, we enjoy sports and we share the joy of sports with others too. We treated everyone with respect and courtesy, including members and non-members.

We provide tennis and bowling camps for non-members during summer and Christmas, taught by quality instructors and coaches. Each participants and classes are taken care by our team of staff.

Our club also support schools, and enjoyed the time with them just as much as theirs.

Recently a school's sports playground is undergoing refurbishment, and the club have committed to provide them with sports facility during their renovation, this gives the school kids a place to exercise, and to get away from the stress of work from school, and until now, the sports program still continues.

This is what I believe as the meaning of the slogan of "Sport for All", and we care for the wellbeing of students.

Thus it is important to express the importance of the Country Club, and hope that the policy review will not affect the operation of the club.

I would hope to continue working at the club and witnessing its growth.

Best Regards,

Charis Lee



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Comments on the PRL Policy Review

19/07/2018 01:38

From: [REDACTED]

To: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk,

Cc: [REDACTED]

History: This message has been replied to.

Dear Sir/Madam,

Q. 1 Whether all PRL sites should continue to be handled under the existing lease arrangement, or alternative lease arrangement should be adopted (Refer to pages 7- 15)

A. 1 - It is beneficial to all if the Hebe Haven Yacht Club is permitted to continue to operate under the current PRL policy. 如果允許白沙灣遊艇會繼續按照現行私人遊樂場地契約政策運營，對所有人都有好處。

Q2. How to assess whether these sites should be retained or returned to the Government for other development purposes (Refer to pages 15-19)

A.2 - The Hebe Haven Yacht Club is a major contributor to fostering elite participation and encouraging youth sailing.

Q. 3 Whether charging nil or nominal land premium for the use of these sites should continue (Refer to pages 19- 25)

A. 3 - The Hebe Haven Yacht Club members have already paid many millions of member's dollars for equipment, infrastructure and resources to develop and contribute to the sport of sailing in Hong Kong.

Q. 4 Whether the PRL lessees should be required to further open up their facilities so as to better complement and support sports development in Hong Kong (Refer to pages 25-30)

A.4 -In the case of the Hebe Haven Yacht Club in particular, artificial constraints in its PRL limit the ability of the Club to provide facilities to members of the public much beyond what is presently provided. Lease modifications should be permitted in order to accommodate further opening up so as to provide adequate facilities to enhance contributions.

Q. 5 What types of facilities should be allowed on these sites (including ancillary facilities) (Refer to pages 30-31)

A.5 - Facilities such as lecture, committee rooms, administration offices, shaded outdoor areas, boat racking for vertical storage of training and safety vessels, and properly equipped maintenance workshops are all urgently needed by Hebe Haven Yacht Club.

Q. 6 How to enhance the monitoring on the governance and transparency of the lessees (Refer to pages 31-33)

A.6 - Quarterly returns highlighting non-members' participations.

Q. 7 Whether and how to assess applications for new sites for sports and recreational use
(Refer to pages 33-34)

A.7 -- Annual inspections

Many thanks!!

Bob Chung

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18/07/2018 20:48

From:



To: "prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk" <prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk>,

History: This message has been replied to.

Strongly object to the view of using private recreational facilities land for house building.

1. HK is short of sports facilities and can't imagine one day all are gone and become public house.
2. All members purchased the membership . Their assets should be protected.
3. All major cities have private sports club and HK should not be an exception.
4. Confiscating sports facility for public housing is no different to the Communist in Mainland China. HK is not running communism.

Such an act is purely to please the general public who can't afford private sports facility. HK is hopeless if everything is ruled by majority opinion.

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Comments on the PRL Policy Review

18/07/2018 18:22

From:

To:

"prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk" <prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk>,

Cc:

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Sir,

I wish to offer my support for HHYC continuing as a Club with PRL at with no additional supplementary premium being added to the cost of the lease.

I have been a member of this Club for near twenty years and have seen it grow and become even more inclusive over the years – embracing the community in which it resides and offering its services to the less advantaged members of society who would not normally have access to such facilities.

A good example of this is the 'Sailability' programme run by the Club, which makes sailing available to those that would not normally have access to such facilities. A large proportion of those taking part in this programme are disabled youngsters.

With my best wishes

Christopher Lavender

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(Subject: Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases)

18/07/2018 15:56

From:

[REDACTED]

To:

prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk,

History:

This message has been replied to.

Please note:

I write to express my opinion that Hong Kong needs its private sports clubs.
with one particular club I have benefited greatly from: the RHKYC as a non-member.
I have done sailing courses there for competent crew and safety at sea.
In addition as an boat owner with a government mooring in Tai Tam Bay the RHKYC has allowed me
and many other boat owners access to the boatyard in Kellett Island for repairs and maintenance.
My family have learnt to sail through the RHKYC and we greatly value the club as a Hong Kong
resource.
There are no govt hard stand facilities for boats in HK or municipal service areas.
The RHKYC also hosts international sporting events and it is easy to enroll on courses for non
members.

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Comments on the PRL Policy Review

18/07/2018 16:02

From:

To:

"prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk" <prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk>, [REDACTED]

History:

This message has been replied to.

Hello,

My name is David Yang and I would like to contribute my comments regarding the PRL Policy Review, specifically in regards to how it may affect Hebe Haven Yacht Club in Sai Kung. Below are some of my comments:

Q. 1 Whether all PRL sites should continue to be handled under the existing lease arrangement, or alternative lease arrangement should be adopted

I feel it is beneficial to all if the Hebe Haven Yacht Club is permitted to continue to operate under the current PRL policy. Lease conditions should be modified to allow the Hebe Haven Yacht Club to meet the criteria and objectives set by HAB if necessary.

Q2. How to assess whether these sites should be retained or returned to the Government for other development purposes

The Hebe Haven Yacht Club provides training bases for the Hong Kong Sailing Federation. The Club is a host venue and organizer for both regional and international regattas and is a major contributor to fostering elite participation and encouraging youth sailing. Most importantly, there are other options such as brownfield sites, military sites and land banks owned by private developers which should be considered in priority to already scarce sporting facilities.

Q. 3 Whether charging nil or nominal land premium for the use of these sites should continue

The Hebe Haven Yacht Club members have already paid many millions of member's dollars for equipment, infrastructure, and resources to develop and contribute to the sport of sailing in Hong Kong. A nominal fee only is appropriate. If a high land premium is introduced, many clubs would find it prohibitive thus affecting their abilities to contribute to sports development in HongKong. Even if the Land Premium is relatively low it will mean that sporting clubs will have less to spend on the largely shared objectives specified by the Government.

Q. 5 What types of facilities should be allowed on these sites (including ancillary facilities)

Expanded shower and toilet facilities are required. Facilities such as lecture, committee rooms, administration offices, shaded outdoor areas, boat racking for vertical storage of training and safety vessels, and properly equipped maintenance workshops are all urgently needed by Hebe Haven Yacht Club.

Other comments:

The Hebe Haven Yacht Club is open to the general public for sail training and sailing activities.

The Club has developed the land over the last 50 years and has already paid its dues

They have been proactively promoting sailing to children through the Development Fund for Youth Sailing programme at the Sail Training Centre.

The Hebe Haven Yacht Club provides a home base to Sailability Hong Kong, which is a not for profit volunteer-based organization giving an opportunity to those with a disability to join a structured training course resulting in recognized sailing certifications, or simply to enjoy a new experience.

The Hebe Haven Yacht Club will be the host venue for South East Asian Para Championships Hong Kong in December 2018.

The Hebe Haven Yacht Club to date has raised over HK\$10 Million for Charity from an Annual Sailing event which commenced in 2002, with over 5,000 visitors, participants, volunteers and sponsors attending.

The Hebe Haven Yacht Club has offered sailing opportunities to 18 local schools as well as YMCA and various charities.

The Hebe Haven Yacht Club is part of the local Sai Kung Community, participates in all local ceremonies and festivals and has been an employer to local Sai Kung residents over the years.

The Hebe Haven Yacht Club works in co-operation with the Hong Kong Marine Dept and other

authorities such as the local Marine Police.

The Hebe Haven Yacht Club has 200 Sailing Cadet Members aged between 7 and 18 years.

The Hebe Haven Yacht Club is the Hong Kong Sports Federation base for regional Laser training

The Hebe Haven Yacht Club racing team has three youth members representing Hong Kong in the National Sailing Team.

The Hebe Haven Yacht Club provides local and regional sailors (including those from mainland China) with sailing and racing opportunities.

The Hebe Haven Yacht Club has over 3,000 non-members on the premises per year for sailing courses, keelboat and dinghy regattas contributing to 2,800 hours of community access.

I hope my comments are helpful in assisting in your review of the PRL Policy and look forward to a comprehensive and mutually beneficial final policy.

Regards,

David Yang

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The cooperation between the Hong Kong Country Club and Pui Tak Canossian College

19/07/2018 15:08

From:

To: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk,

Cc:

History:

This message has been replied to.

To whom it may concern,

The attached letter briefly describe how the Hong Kong Country Club has contributed to our school in these years. The continuous support from the Club to our school will be important to our Sports development. Please feel free to contact me for queries.

Best regards,

Anthony

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19 July 2018

Private Recreational Lease and Land Matters Section,
Home Affairs Bureau (Recreation and Sport Branch),
13/F, West Wing, Central Government Offices,
2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar,
Hong Kong

To whom it may concern,

I am writing here to describe how the Hong Kong Country Club has support our school in providing various learning opportunities to our students. Started from 2017, the Club has provided facilities usage and sports trainings for our students. In the previous years, we have one form of nearly 100 students went to the Club to attend a 4-sessions training on bowling trained by professional coaches of the Club. In addition to bowling training, these students have also played squash in the Club's indoor spots ground for another 4-sessions. These opportunities are precious to our students not only that these facilities are difficult to access in Hong Kong but more important is that the costs of accessing these facilities and hiring coaches are unaffordable by most of our students who came from the unprivileged classes. The development of bowling and coaching provided has increased and enhanced the enthusiasm of students towards such sports and for those who shown keen interests the Club has also helped us to form an ECA club so that student can have more chances to practice and strengthen their skills. Most students have been benefited from the program and their sports knowledge have been enriched.

The program offered by the Club is not a one-off nature program. Instead we have worked continuously and the training provided by the Club has already embedded into our current Physical Education curriculum. We are now working with the Hong Kong Country Club for more opportunities and we deeply appreciate what the Club's contribution to the community and to our school. I hope that my description helps the department to understand more what the Hong Kong Country Club has done and we are looking forward that the Club will keep supporting our school in the coming future.

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

Mr. Anthony Chan
Assistant Principal
Pui Tak Canossian College



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19/07/2018 15:29

From:

To: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk,

History: This message has been replied to.

Dear Home Affairs Bureau,

My name is Garey L. Ng and I am a concerned member of the public. My Hong Kong ID Card number is [REDACTED].

I am writing in support of the Kowloon Cricket Club and to highlight the benefits that the Club brings to sports; children, adults and the elderly; the wider community; and to Hong Kong. I have reviewed the proposals of the Private Recreational Lease (PRL) consultation document and I wish to state the following with respects to [three] key points in the document.

a) Private sports clubs such as the KCC pay, in addition to rates and rent currently set at 5% and 3% respectively, and an additional land premium to be set at one-third of full market value (FMV).

- ~~CCCCCCCC~~ The KCC should continue to pay a nominal land premium.
- ~~CCCCCCCC~~ Over the years, the KCC has developed, improved and opened the Club to members, youth and the public. The KCC hosts visiting teams, international tournaments and tourists, and benefits Hong Kong's sporting reputation.
- ~~CCCCCCCC~~ The proposed land premium may bring financial hardship to the KCC. Without the necessary funds to support the premium, the KCC will be forced to close down facilities as there will be no funds remaining for maintenance and development, forced to stop providing heavily subsidized training and coaching to members of the public, and will become prohibitively unaffordable to juniors and seniors as well as young sportspeople who make up the vast majority of our Membership.

b) Increase the opening hours of the Club's sports facilities to eligible outside bodies from the 50 hours per month to a minimum of 30% of our sports facilities' capacity.

- ~~CCCCCCCC~~ I support this proposal. It is important for all private clubs in Hong Kong to support sports development and to provide opportunities for schools, charitable organizations, visiting teams and members of the public to enjoy our facilities. The KCC is already doing this and I endorse it continuing to do so.

c) Partner with National Sports Associations (NSA) and their affiliated clubs to organize sporting programmes requiring that a minimum of 240 hours of programmes per month be open to enrolment by individual members of the public.

- ~~CCCCCCCC~~ I support this proposal. Private sporting clubs must partner with NSAs and affiliated clubs to provide facilities and to host domestic and international competitions. The KCC is already doing this and far exceeding the 240 hours per month proposal. I endorse it continuing to do so.

Thank you for considering my views,
Yours Sincerely,

Garey Ng

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OBJECTION TO DO ANY THING THAT MAY HARM OR JEOPARDIZE PRL's

19/07/2018 17:04

From:

To: "prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk" <prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk>,

Cc:

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Sir,

Please find my opinion as below:

**1. Whether all PRL sites should continue to be handled under the existing lease arrangement, or alternative lease arrangement should be adopted;
(Refer to pages 7-15).**

Over regulating such frail business model could jeopardize the survival of many.

**2. How to assess whether these sites should be retained or returned to the Government for other development purposes;
(Refer to pages 15-19).**

How the PRL'S site are providing sufficient % of sport promotion against recreation activities and facilities

**3. Whether charging nil or nominal land premium for the use of these sites should continue;
(Refer to pages 19- 25).**

The definition of spots against ancillary facilities is necessary but inexistent so far how this can affect the premium no one knows yet.

**4. Whether the PRL lessees should be required to further open up their facilities so as to better complement and support sports development in Hong Kong;
(Refer to pages 25-30).**

Yes surely they already do anyway

**5. What types of facilities should be allowed on these sites (including ancillary facilities);
(Refer to pages 30-31).**

Any as long as they are in line with the ethos and M&A of each clubs, provide sporting experience, and Development are opened to all with a fee.

**6. How to enhance the monitoring on the governance and transparency of the lessees;
(Refer to pages 31-33).**

Continue the quarterly reporting and yearly inspection with good point bad point

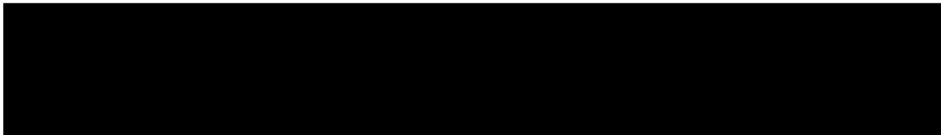
system to allow good PRL's to carry on and bad one to be terminated.

**7. Whether and how to assess applications for new sites for sports and recreational use;
(Refer to pages 33-34).**

Yes if they are for the development of elite sports and international event support and hosting it should even be encouraged.

Best regards,
Kathy Hui





Home Affairs Bureau,
13/f West Wing, Central Government Offices,
2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar,
Hong Kong

19th July 2018

Public Consultation on Renewal of Private Recreational Leases

Dear Sirs,

I write with regard to the current consultation on the renewal of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs) and, in particular, the Hong Kong Football Club (HKFC).

I joined HKFC as a Sports Preferred Member soon after my arrival in Hong Kong in 1986 as a rugby player. HKFC is open to all Hong Kong residents, regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, etc., who can play at a representative level in the many varied sports leagues and competitions in which HKFC participates at both home and abroad.

Much attention has been paid by the media and some sections of society to the fact that it costs \$500,000 to join HKFC as a Social Member. But this category of membership was closed in 2001, except for children of existing members who do not want to go down the sports route or holders of Corporate Subscriptions of 5 years good standing who wish to convert to a personal, non-sporting membership. The emphasis on membership is for Sports Members, who join at a discounted rate and undertake to play for their sponsoring sports section for a minimum of four years.

The government proposal to impose a land premium based on the Full Market Value (FMV) of the sites held by PRLs will adversely affect the development of sports in Hong Kong as it will impose a potentially onerous financial penalty on all PRL holders. It should be noted that at the Legislative Council meeting held on 13th November 2002, (Hansard record of meeting pages 1096 – 1109), when the subject of land grants for private recreational and sports purposes was raised, including the question of the premium per square foot at the current market value that should be charged, the then Secretary for Home Affairs said: -

"With regard to the current market value of the land concerned, such leases are granted to non-profit making bodies only and are subject to very stringent conditions including specific uses, absolute prohibition against alienation. Hence these land leases have no market value."

The current leases contain more onerous conditions than those referred to at that time, and the proposed percentage of the FMV will be charged at each lease renewal, every fifteen years. This would be a never-ending process each time a lease is renewed

and could potentially cost all the PRL holders many millions of dollars starting from 2026 and will undoubtedly force some PRL holders to close their clubs. HKFC would be forced to substantially increase its fees, paradoxically forcing it to become an elite club, and raise food and beverage prices, as well as start charging National Sports Associations (NSAs) and charities for the use of its facilities; which are currently provided for free or, in the case of educational establishments, are charged at a nominal rate.

A far more equitable way forward would be an increase in rent for the site, based on its rateable value, or, at least, a fifty-year lease to allow PRL holders to properly manage their commitments on a longer-term basis.

HKFC sits on a site that straddles the Happy Valley racecourse. It is not a site that could be used for housing or commercial activities of any description, in my view. HKFC opens up its facilities to non-Members, including thousands of children of all nationalities, who enjoy Mini and Youth Soccer, Mini and Youth Rugby, Mini and Youth Hockey, Junior Squash, Junior Netball and Junior and Youth Tennis Groups every week. Over sixty percent of the participants are children of non-members. A plethora of gymnastics, dance, aerobics, aquatics and martial arts programmes and classes are also offered to members and non-members alike.

HKFC facilities are also used for international fixtures, training, seminars or functions by all the National Sports Associations such as the HK Football Association, HK Rugby Union, HK Hockey Association, HK Lawn Bowls Association, HK Squash, HK Netball Association, HK Tennis Association and HK Golf Association, as well as the Yau Yee Football League and others. HKFC is the only sports club in Hong Kong that hosts and manages international sporting events on a regular basis which, with local participation and spectators, helps to foster and advance a greater sporting culture within the local community. These events include the GFI HKFC Rugby 10s, HKFC Citi Soccer Sevens, HKFC MEMC International Professional Squash Association 25 and the HKFC Hockey Sixes.

In 2017 alone, HKFC was the host for two Asia Rugby Union Championship matches, a leg of the Asian Rugby Sevens Series, the HKRU Cup of Nations tournament, the International Tiger Bowls tournament and, on behalf of the HKFA, the East Asian Football Federation E1 Championships. This commitment to international sports events continues each year, with just this month, HKFC hosting the Rugby World Cup qualifying match between the Hong Kong National Squad and the Cook Islands.

HKFC also makes its sports facilities available to many youth groups and community organisations on a gratis or concessionary basis. A venue and coaching are provided free to the HK Vocational Centre for Children with Special Needs and a Soccer Programme for Children with Special Needs. HKFC provides sporting and recreational facilities for use by the Springboard Project and the Nesbitt Centre, as well as many other educational establishments. HKFC averages each month in season well over one thousand hours of actual use by outside bodies and educational organisations as part of its community outreach programme and to advance the development of sport in Hong Kong. HKFC also makes substantial charitable donations every year to charities such as the Po Leung Kuk and Operation Santa Claus.

HKFC food and beverage facilities are commensurate with a club that caters for some three and a half thousand members (plus their families) as well as catering to non-members attending sports activities. As a non-profit institution, any profit made from the food and beverage revenue is put back into the club. HKFC has just completed major renovations, including the installation of updated sports facilities such as a new soccer/rugby pitch, hockey pitch, indoor lawn bowls rink and tennis courts; all paid for by members of the club for the benefit of all users of the facilities. I do not think the Government would be prepared to put the money into HKFC that its members do to ensure that it remains a world class sporting and recreational facility.

HKFC is more than willing to work with the government on the renewal process of the lease and the terms and conditions, including a fair rent for the site. The proposed imposition of a percentage of an as yet defined FMV (which according to the Secretary for Home Affairs in 2002 is nil), upon each and every lease renewal, when HKFC does so much for the community, is misguided in my opinion.

Yours faithfully,


John J Shanahan



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9 July 2018

Home Affairs Bureau (Recreation and Sport Branch)
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Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases

The Royal Selangor Yacht Club has been established in Malaysia for more than 50 years and actively supports the sport of sailing both nationally and internationally. As part of a worldwide network of sailing organisations, we have a reciprocal arrangement with the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club (RHKYC) which allows each club's members to compete in races and regattas organised by both of our clubs and also to share in the development of water sports in different parts of the world. We value this arrangement highly and consider that young sports people in both of our countries benefit from it significantly.

We believe that your Bureau is currently reviewing the status of the lease held by RHKYC and that proposed changes could adversely affect the club's ability to run international sporting events and to train young local men and women to learn and participate in the sports of Sailing and Rowing. RSYC has a detailed understanding of this situation as we have experienced similar discussion with Government departments regarding the land which we occupy in Selangor.

I would like to express to you our strong support for continuing to grant a Private Recreational Lease to RHKYC for the following reasons:

- The sports of Sailing and Rowing are important to the development of young local people
- Skill in these sports will produce quality athletes who can represent their country internationally
- Your country needs sailors and rowers to represent them in the Asian Games and the Olympics
- RHKYC has a long history of training people in water sports and this should continue
- RHKYC promotes Hong Kong as a centre for major sporting events
- Revenue from water sports tourism benefits the country
- Chinese teams are increasingly active and successful in international sailing events in recent years
- RHKYC has nurtured and supported elite sailors who compete in these events.

In addition, members of the Royal Selangor Yacht Club have benefited by visiting RHKYC over the years and taking part in local events. We also welcome many sailors from Hong Kong to our major local regattas and we hope this will continue.

I trust that you will consider our views when making any decision on this issue.

Yours sincerely,

ROYAL SELANGOR YACHT CLUB

[Redacted Signature]

Jeff Harris

Immediate Past Commodore

Chairman of the Raja Muda Selangor International Regatta

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本人與太太2人在西區副食品批發市場經營新鮮蔬菜批發業務。與香港鄉村俱樂部已有生意往來近10年，聘用超過20名伙記。最近得知政府對遊樂場地契進行檢討，亦感觸良多。

回首國內這短短三十年的變化及進步，的確令香港人感到羞愧，不論是基建及創意，都遠遠追不上國內。餘下只有社會的分化。新一代對當權者的不斷挑戰，以及對上流人士的憎惡。

雖然會所並非為所有普羅大眾服務，但他們亦依然有存在的必要。

跟香港鄉村俱樂部合作近十年，他們的會員都是香港或國際的知名人士，有才能的精英

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他們就如國家的將令，能帶領我們進步。扼殺會
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我和太太辛苦工作數十年，把2個孩子推出
頭。擁有安定的居所，這些都是辛苦經營的。

現在2個孩子開始在社會某事，我只希望
他們抱著實事求事的精神，努力工作、接手
家業。也感謝香港鄉村俱樂部過往的支持

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Private Recreational Lease and Land Matters Section,
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24th July 2018

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Free use of Hong Kong Country Club's Sports Facilities

Please accept our sincere gratitude for your help of the opening of tennis facilities of HK Country Club to our school. Our students had the opportunity to practice tennis with professional coach. They have received regular training after school once a week since 2015.

We are fortunate in having this offer. On behalf of the Wah Yan College, Hong Kong, we express heartfelt thanks for all you do.

We look forward to more opportunities of working with you in the future.

Yours sincerely

Dr. So Ying Lun
Principal

Dr. Helmut Solmen

BY FAX 2519 7404

Private Recreational Lease & Land Matters Section,
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Hong Kong

Dear Sirs,

Re: Consultation Regarding the Future of Clubs with Private Recreational Leases –
The Hong Kong Country Club

I write in response to the captioned public consultation and wish to express my strong support for The Hong Kong Country Club, its existence, and its activities. I have been a member of the Club since 1971 and am clearly prejudiced in its favour. Four generations of the family have enjoyed or intend to enjoy the Club's facilities, together with fellow members from diverse economic, social, and ethnic backgrounds, and with a wide range of athletic interests among all age groups.

The Hong Kong clubs individually and generally have a function which goes well beyond the enjoyment of their individual members. The clubs help to augment the stature of Hong Kong as a vibrant economic and social community keen to be counted among the most attractive cities in the world and proud of the slogan "Asia's world city". The latter was chosen by the Government in part to provide itself with a target for the attraction of talent from around the globe. It is fairly obvious to say that the clubs, including The Hong Kong Country Club, assist Hong Kong's image as a desirable place to live and work in, provide sporting opportunities (thus relieving pressure on public facilities), and offer good job positions. Allowing the use of facilities for non-members in particular on a regular basis, the clubs have turned themselves into learning centres benefitting schools and neighbouring sport and youth groups. Social organisations benefit from The Hong Kong Country Club's philanthropic endeavours as the Club will no doubt point out in its own submission.

In a densely populated city, existing public open-air areas should continue to be supplemented by clubs like The Hong Kong Country Club, rather than be criticised for catering to their respective memberships. Alternatives to existing clubs are not readily available. Communal health and social cohesion will be strengthened by the maintenance and increase in recreational options for the populace.

Yours sincerely,

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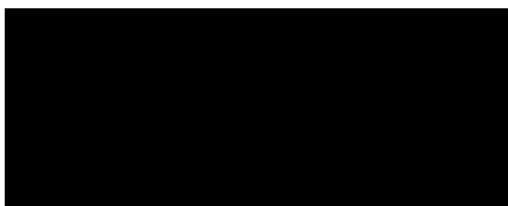
Dear Sir/Madam,

23.07.18

RE: Public consultation on the Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases

Re: The HongKong Country Club
The HongKong Country Club supports many charities regularly, it also welcomes charities / NGO's & local schools to the premises. The Club also encourages members of all nationality to mingle, play bridge, tennis also. The members are all supportive of charities, helping all local schools

Yours sincerely,



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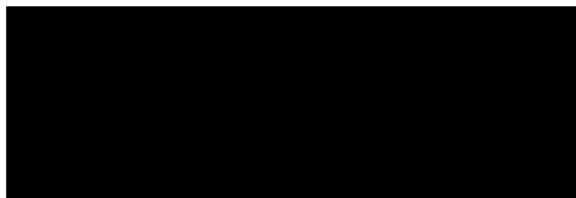
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Hong Kong

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: Public consultation on the Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases

I write with reference to the above consultation. I would like to draw the HAB's attention to the efforts so far made by the Hong Kong Country Club to contribute both to sports development in Hong Kong, particularly in the field of tennis, where the club's courts and coaching staff make a good contribution to the sport, and to the wider community. The membership fully supports these efforts, and will continue to ensure that the facilities are made available to the public on an ongoing basis.

Yours sincerely,



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FACT SHEET

The Hong Kong Country Club's support for sports development and community contribution.

Our Contribution to Sports Development

- Invite 800+ schools to use the Club's facilities, of which around 20 are regular users
 - Use of facilities by schools increased 150% from 491 hours in 2016 to 1,228 hours in 2017
 - Expect to increase to 1,500 hours in 2018
- Junior Tennis Scholarship Program
 - 26 recipients aged 8 to 17 received 3,000 hours of coaching free of charge thus far
- Summer and Christmas Camps for local school children
 - By the end of 2018, more than 370 children will have received 819 hours of free coaching
- Participation in LCSD's "Sport For All Day" for 5 years
 - Sports facilities will be open to all every Tuesday and Thursday during July and August in 2018
- The Club has hosted numerous international and local tennis tournaments
 - The Wheelchair Tennis Exhibition Match in 2011
 - The Asian International Schools Championships in 2016
 - The Hong Kong National Junior Tennis Championships (U18 categories) since 2016
- One of the hosts of the Hong Kong Tennis Association (HKTA) Leagues
- In plan to host the International Super Senior Tennis Open in November 2018, an International Tennis Federation (ITF) sanctioned tournament
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Our Contribution to the Community

- Provide access to our non-sporting facilities to social or charitable organisations
- The Club supports 3 charities on regular basis
 - St. Mary's Home for the Aged: the elderly
 - Little Life Warrior Society: childhood cancer patients
 - Home of Loving Faithfulness: children and adults with multiple disabilities
- Support NGOs such as Mother's Choice
 - Visit about 24 times a year
 - The Club provides a safe open space for children to play in and have lunch at the Poolside
 - The Club provided more than 1,300 free meals since 2015
- Fundraising for selected charities through charity sales and holding charity sports tournaments, raised around \$500,000 for more than 7 charities since 2014
- Welcomed over 30 charities/NGOs and local Hong Kong schools over the past three years
 - Welcomed more than 2,800 individuals and the Club has served more than 2,300 meals free of charge
- Partnered with Foodlink Foundation since 2012
 - Donated more than 1,100 kg of food to Foodlink Foundation since 2015

Dated 3 July 2018

Private Recreational Lease and Land Matters Section
Home Affairs Bureau (Recreation and Sports Branch)
13/FI. West Wing, Central Government Offices
2, Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar
Hong Kong



21/07/2018

Dear Sir/Madam

RE:Public Consultation on the Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases

I have been using the Hong Kong Country Club since 1962, when I was 7 years old. My parents were early members and I became a member when I was accepted, shortly after returning to HK from University.

The Club has and continues to be a second home to me and I live and work close by. I lunch there at least 4 times per week and use the Gym and other facilities regularly.

The Club places great importance in contributing to the Community in Hong Kong. Besides contributing to charities such as Mother's Choice and St.Mary's Home for the Aged, the Club opens its doors to many NGO's, Charities and Schools. I know this for a fact, as I am regularly at the Club and I see bus loads, for instance, of elderly people who are in old age care homes arriving and enjoying free meals in our Bayview Rooms and enjoying the facilities of the Club. The same goes for school Children, who also use facilities such as the Pool side, tennis courts and bowling alleys. I am proud to be a member of a Club that gives so much back to the Community, as they should.

Through various fundraising events throughout the year, the Club raises money and supports charities in Hong Kong. It also contributes a vast amount of food to the Foodlink Foundation which is donated to those in need of a meal.

In terms of Sports development in HK, the Club invites Schools to enjoy our facilities and also sponsors Scholarship sports programs as well as running free summer camps for those less fortunate that do not have access to such facilities. Since 2015, our sports facilities have been opened to outside bodies for over 5,000 hours and the plan is to increase this substantially over the years. Furthermore, the Club hosts International and local tennis tournaments.

Having been a member for so long, I have actually grown up with many of the Staff members at the Club. We have aged together and they are like my good friends. Their dedication to their jobs and their friendly attitudes make the Club what it is today. They deserve the job security that they enjoy after being so loyal to their jobs for so many years. The job turnover at the Club is very low and has resulted in many staff being promoted over the years, allowing them to support their families and put their children through school.

The Club also takes its social responsibilities seriously. Positions are offered to students with developmental disorders for a period of up to a year to work at the Club and gain experience in the work force. Staff and members also hold regular clean ups of the beach that is below the boundary of the Club.

In conclusion, The Hong Kong Country Club is a socially responsible Club contributing to the Community, Charities, Schools and its Staff and has opened up its facilities to this end. It would be a great misfortune to change this and deprive those many people that benefit from the openness of the Club.

Your sincerely,



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January 23, 2018

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By email and by post: pri_consultation@hab.gov.hk

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Public Consultaion on the Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases

I am greatly perturbed to hear that Hong Kong Government Home Affairs Bureau would go as far as to contemplate the possibility of yielding to the demand of a pressure group to press for the repossessing land from private clubs in Hong Kong for public housing.

If we were to look into the existing land policy in PRC, we would be hard pressed to find the existence of such a draconian demand by the PRC Government on the return of land from private clubs or golf courses for conversion into lots of land for public housing.

The State Council of the Central Government accepted the return of Hong Kong's sovereignty back to China in 1997 under the guiding principle of "ONE COUNTRY TWO SYSTEMS" laid down by Premier Deng Xiao Peng. Also under this guiding principle, Hong Kong is to be ruled for "50 YEARS NO CHANGES" under the Basic Law. The repossession of private clubs' land is clearly a violation of the guiding principles laid down by Premier Deng for Hong Kong which are "ONE COUNTRY TWO SYSTEM" with "50 YEARS NO CHANGE".

If The Hong Kong Government Home Affairs Bureau were allowed to take repossess private land, then what would stop the pressure group from demanding the return of all privately owned or leased properties to HK Government? What would stop the pressure group from demanding the return of both races courses of the HK JOCKEY CLUB for public housing?

The Hong Kong Country Club is, by virtue of the special lease conditions, a subvented non-government organization. The HK Basic Law has a specific provision about subvented non-government organizations and I quote:

"Article 44

The Government of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region shall maintain the policy previously practiced in Hong Kong in respect of subventions for non-governmental organizations in fields such as education, medicine, and health, culture, art recreation, sports, social welfare and social work. Staff members previously serving in subvented organizations in Hong Kong may remain in their employment in accordance with the previous system."

The Hong Kong Country Club is an international community, which represents a cross-section of Hong Kong. It provides recreational, educational, and community service opportunities not only for its members and staff, but also for the various local schools, non-governmental organizations, welfare services with whom it collaborates and supports. As such, it reflects the partnership between a private organization and community and public services.

The Club provides usage of its facilities to local school children amounting to 1,228 hours in 2017 and expected to reach 1,500 hours in 2018. It hosts local and international tournaments for both public and private organizations, having collaborated with LCSD since 2013 and with the HK Tennis Association. The Club has opened up its sports facilities for up to 5,000 hours since 2015 and a 65% increase between 2016 and 2017.

In addition to opening up sports facilities, the Club contributes towards the community through its regular on-going support of social and welfare and charitable organizations, such as St Mary's Home for the Aged in Aberdeen, Home of Loving Faithfulness, Little Life Warrior Society, Mother's Choice, St. James Settlement. The Club's support includes financial contributions as well as opportunities for outings to the HK Country Club which provide respite, fresh air, and recreational outings for the elderly, for challenged young children and babies and their volunteer carers. Working with Foodlink Foundation, the Club has donated more than 1100 kg of food for the homeless since 2015. It has welcomed more than 2800 visitors since 2014 from various charities, and served 3,600 meals free of charge.

The Club provides internship placements for young persons in the hospitality and food industry, as well as opportunities for challenged individuals through the Structural Welfare Program run by the English Schools Foundation.

The Club provides a stable employment environment for 300 members of staff which represents 300 families in Hong Kong. It contributes \$100,000 to the Staff Children Education Fund and Achievement annually.

Through its role in the hospitality and recreational sector, the Club injects over \$70 million each year through its purchasing needs, maintenance work, production and employment, shipping of goods and the employment of carpenters, maintenance workers, builders, gardeners etc.

In short, the recreational privately run clubs in Hong Kong have their role to play in keeping our city vibrant, cosmopolitan, healthy and green. The Government has other, better and more productive options for increasing the supply of land

to meet its housing problems. It need not take the short-term view of infringing on recreational space or our irreplaceable green country parks.

Finally, and in addition, let us respect the privilege granted to our city in the Basic Law, of maintaining “One Country, Two Systems” by not violating or ignoring Article 144.

Sincerely

Kenneth Hing Cheung Fung, [REDACTED]
HK Country Club [REDACTED]

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July 23, 2018

Private Recreational Lease Matters Section
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Dear Sirs/Madam

Re: Public Consultation on the Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases

I am writing to object to the Government's possible plan to revoke and take back private recreational leases from private clubs in Hong Kong in order to increase land supply for public housing.

In our international city of Hong Kong, private and public enterprise have historically built the city to its present day international stature. We can be and must be, proud of this relationship. While the government has in the past provided and in the early days, spearheaded, housing projects through public housing and the home ownership scheme, today the government needs to think, imaginatively and in the long term, and for the common good. Taking back privately used land from clubs, would, in many ways, discourage the private-public partnership that has been the strength of Hong Kong. It is counter-productive.

Whilst the Government provides a certain amount of recreational land and facilities for our citizens, one only has to look at the limitations. Except for where nature is free for all, - with our cherished hills and parkland, our seaside beaches and the ocean, and some publicly built parks, sporting and outdoor facilities mostly need to be booked in advance and these are usually done by sports organizations and schools.

Private clubs, and thereby their membership, do their part in providing recreational facilities and social services for our city's citizens. The Hong Kong Country Club contributes to both Sports Development and to Community Services. As a long term resident of Hong Kong since 1967 and a member of the Hong Kong Country Club, I can attest to its wider role in Hong Kong.

Contributions to Sports Development:

- 1) Usage by schools –

The Club has extended an invitation to 800+ schools to use the Club's facilities. Of these, 20 are now regular users of the Club. Between 2016 and 2017 usage has increased 150% from 491 hours to 1228 hours. Statistics indicate that usage by school aged youth by the end of 2018 will be up to 1,500 hours.

- 2) Summer Day Camp - During the summer and Christmas holidays, the Club offers day camp programs for school children. By the end of 2018 more than 370 children will have received 819 hours of FREE COACHING.
- 3) Junior Tennis Scholarship Program - The Club has 6 tennis courts. So far, 26 recipients aged 8-17 have received 3,000 hours of FREE COACHING after school hours.
- 4) Collaboration with LCSD - The Club has been a full and active participant of the LCSD's "Sport For All Day" for five years.
- 5) International Sports Host - The Club has hosted numerous international and local tennis tournaments including The Wheelchair Tennis Exhibition Match in 2011, The Asian International Schools Championship in 2016, and the HK International Junior Tennis Championship (U18 category) since 2016. In November 2018 the Club plans to host the International Super Seniors Tennis Open, which is a tournament internationally sanctioned by the International Tennis Federation.
- 6) The Club is one of the hosts for the HK Tennis Association (HKTA) Leagues
- 7) Since 2015, the Club has opened up over 5000 hours of sports facilities to outside bodies, with an increase of 65% in the number of hours between 2016-2017.

All this has been done and is continuously being done within the Club's relatively small footprint in Hong Kong and modest sports facilities.

Community Development

The Club and its Membership participates and contributes to the Hong Kong Community's well being.

- 1) The Club provides access to its non-sporting facilities to social or charitable organizations for their fund raising drives, meetings etc.
- 2) The Club is a regular supporter of St. Mary's Home for the Aged in Aberdeen through donations and visitations by members. It supports the Little Life Warrior Society (childhood cancer patients) and the Home of Loving Faithfulness (children and adults with multiple disabilities)

- 3) The Club supports NGOs such as Mother's Choice, by providing a venue for its volunteers with the children to visit for recreational purposes 24 times a year.
- 4) The Club provides a safe and open space for these children, and others (e.g. from other nurseries), who, would have limited outdoor space and fresh air, with facilities for play and lunch at the poolside.
- 5) The Club has welcomed over 30 charities/NGOs and local schools during the past three years, hosting more than 2800 individuals and serving more than 3,600 meals free of charge.
- 6) The Club partners with FOODLINK Foundation since 2012, and donated more than 1,100 kg of food to Foodlink Foundation since 2015.
- 7) The Club annually holds some fundraising events through charity sales, sports tournaments, raising approximately \$500,000 for more than 7 charities since 2014, including, in addition to the above, mentioned charities, Helping Hand, Playright, St James Settlement.
- 8) The Club has provided scholarship aid to children of its staff members through its Staff Children Education Fund and Achievement to the amount of \$100,000 per year as well as a staff education subsidy scheme.
- 9) The Club provides continuing professional development and opportunities for its 300 staff members which represents 300 families. If a review of the PRL ultimately results in the closure of the Club, the staff will become unemployed, with many long term employees reaching near retirement age, will result in their being unable to find new employment and families will suffer financially.
- 10) In addition to the above, the Club has hosted internships to students from schools which focus on the recreation and hospitality industry, such as the VTC in Aberdeen and other institutions. It also provides work placement for students with who are handicapped by developmental disorders, through a collaboration with the Structural Workplace Program run by the English Schools Foundation.

As you can see, the Club provides the opportunities to both its members, its staff, and the community at large, to work and recreate together, thus strengthening the partnerships amongst people. The Club, by its nature and founding, is an international club, representative of the international nature of Hong Kong's residents. This is reflected in its membership as well as its staff. We work together and play together.

Comments on Alternative options for the Government to seek land for housing:

The options outlined by the Government for an increase in the supply of land for housing, which include land reclamation, the use of “brown sites” are far more productive, will actually provide more hectares of land, than the seizure of private recreational club lands.

In addition, the major land developers in Hong Kong hold a very large land bank which they release gradually through the building of private housing, and thus have a monopoly on private land supply and are able to maintain sky-high world record property prices. This is an outdated policy and practice. It is not something Hong Kong should be proud of. Property developers should be obliged, once they purchase land by auction, to build within a certain time frame (e.g. 5 years) with facilities for both the middle income and aging population. Failing to comply, the Government should buy back the land, at the purchase price, and release it for auction or develop housing itself again through the aborted Home Ownership Scheme. Singapore has been mentioned as an example.

It is incorrigible that Hong Kong, such a prosperous international city, with its huge financial reserves, should have a situation where families have to live in subdivided apartments, or in flats which are ridiculously small and therefore unhealthy for the emotional, as well as physical well being of its citizens.

I hope the Government will be wise, in doing what it has done in the past, to think in longer term, to respect its natural parklands and seas, to nurture and foster the public-private partnership which has brought prosperity to the city, and not seize a short-term, short-sighted solution to the pressing need for housing, by taking back recreational land which, has a wider benefit than would meet the eye of those who do not look deeply into the situation and seek only a “popular” short term solution to a deeper, long term social problem.

In conclusion, I very much support the proposed conditions as shared with the public on March 20, 2018. I agree to opening the Club’s facilities to 30% of its total capacity and also for the Club to pay a third of the Fair Market Value for its rural building lot, used for the sole purpose of recreation and as an international country club as defined in the Club’s original lease. In this way, the collaboration between public and private bodies will continue to benefit Hong Kong and its people.

Cornelia Fung, 



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Dear Sir / Madam


Kindly refer to the attached letter, a hard copy will follow by post.

Yours faithfully

Karl M. Hurst



Letter to HAB - 23 July 2018.pdf



Home Affairs Bureau (Recreation and Sports Branch)
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By e-mail & post
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23rd July 2018

Dear Sir / Madam

Public & Stakeholders Consultation on the Review on Policy of Private Recreational Leases ("RPL"s) - Hong Kong Country Club

I have been a member of the Hong Kong Country Club ("Country Club" or "Club") for 30 years and my wife, Tze Ming, Ophelia, and our son, Robert, are regular users. I write now to respectfully request the Home Affairs Bureau ("HAB") to review the extent of the Country Club's opening up scheme of its facilities to present a balanced view with those opposed to clubs and the land they occupy.

At the outset, it's useful to dispel an urban myth - the Country Club is *not* an exclusive club restricted to wealthy members. Whilst there may be perhaps ten or so very high net worth individuals, the membership comprises, in the absolute majority, ordinary citizens with ordinary families. This is a point well worth making. Today, the divisiveness in modern Hong Kong society between the "haves" and the "have nots" has never been so great and this, in large part (together with unaffordable housing) has bred a high degree of social discontent. Some clubs therefore suffer from a public misconception wherein club membership and use of club facilities are both perceived to be the domain of only the elite. This is not true of the Country Club.

The Country club has a non-discriminatory membership policy.

The Country Club full time staff, 265 in number (plus 30 part time coaches), are pivotal in ensuring the ongoing success of the Country Club by extending harmonious rapport with staff and members. Staff are respected and treated fairly in terms of remuneration and benefits together with a friendly working environment – over the past four years turnover has averaged just 16.2% (6.8% as at June this year) which is testament to this cordial relationship in procuring staff retention.

In addition, the years of service record is meaningful i.e.

Number of years / Number of staff	20 to 24	25 to 29	30 to 34	35 to 39	40 or above
2014	14	15	11	1	0
2015	16	12	8	4	0
2016	17	11	5	8	0
2017	14	14	2	9	1
2018	14	13	4	9	1

Many of the Country Club staff are reliant on their tenure for the livelihood of their families.

The Country Club has wholly embraced the opening up concept – during the Q&A session in our recent AGM, the point was raised by a member of Hong Kong's current social divisiveness and members agreed unanimously that we, as a Club, should contribute to society and charities as an imbedded policy of civic responsibility.

The Club's **contributions** has been as follows:-

Sports Development Contribution

- (a) invited 800 plus schools to use the Club's facilities – currently 20 schools are regular users and this number is expected to grow. Usage by schools increased 150% from 491 hours in 2016 to 1,228 hours in 2017, expected to increase to 1,500 hours in 2018;
- (b) under the Junior Tennis Scholarship Programme, 26 recipients were given 3,000 hours of free coaching, thus far;
- (c) with the Summer and Christmas camps, more than 370 local school children will have received 819 hours of free coaching by the end of this year;
- (d) by participating in LCSD's "Sport For All Day" for 5 years, during July and August this year, the Club's sport facilities will be open to all;
- (e) the Country Club has hosted the Wheelchair Tennis Exhibition Match (2011), the Asian International Schools Championships (2016) and, the Hong Kong National Junior Tennis Championships (U18 categories) since 2016;
- (f) the Club was one of the Hong Kong Tennis Association Leagues hosts; and
- (g) over 5,000 hours of sports facilities have been opened up by the Club to outside bodies since 2015, an increase of 65% in the number of hours from 2016 to 2017.

Community Contribution

- (h) the Country Club provides non-sporting facilities to social and charitable organizations;
- (i) three charities are supported on a regular basis being St Mary's Home For the Aged, Little Life Warrior Society (childhood cancer patients) and Home of Loving Faithfulness (children and adults with multiple disabilities);
- (j) supporting NGOs i.e. Mother's Choice which visits the Country Club 24 times a year enjoying a safe open space provided for the children to play in and take lunch at the poolside – the Country Club has provided more than 1,300 free meals since 2014;
- (k) since 2014, the Country Club has raised around HK\$500,000 for more than 7 charities by charity sales and charity sport tournaments;
- (l) over the past 3 years, the Club has welcomed more than 2,800 individuals from over 30 charities, NGOs and, local schools and has served in excess of 2,300 free meals; and
- (m) the Club has partnered with the Foodlink Foundation and, since 2015, has donated 1,100 kg to the said Foundation.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Yours faithfully

Karl M. E. Hurst

EAGLE Fax Note		Date 26 July 2018	No. of pages 1
To Private Recreational Lease and Land Matters Section		From Alia Eyres	
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Mother's Choice



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26th July 2018

Ref: Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases

Dear Sir / Madam,

Mother's Choice is a local charity (under Hong Kong IRD S88 charitable status) serving the many children without families and pregnant teenagers in Hong Kong. We join hands with our community to give hope and change the life stories of vulnerable girls and babies.

Since 2010, the Hong Kong Country Club has been providing access to their non-sporting facilities to Mother's choice, including use of the lawn, playground, playroom and dining facilities. Caring for the community is a core value that has long been and continues to be embraced by the Club.

Every month, Mother's Choice BabyCare Group and WeeCare group (children with special needs) each spend a fun and enjoyable outing at the Club, running around in the safe and open space around the lawn, playground and the indoor playroom. With every visit, the Club generously treats our children, staff and volunteers with a delightful lunch by the Poolside. Few venues in Hong Kong are willing and able to cater to the specific needs of our children. However, the Club has kindly accommodated our requests and continues to ensure that the well-being and comfort of our children are their first priority.

These are a few examples in which the Hong Kong Country Club has supported the clients of Mother's Choice. Without the support of the Club, Mother's Choice would have limited means of providing a safe and secure environment for these vital outings for our babies and children.

As a local charity dependent on public donations to keep our doors open to girls, babies and families in crisis, we urge the Home Affairs Bureau to keep Private Recreational Leases at a reasonable level in order to allow The Hong Kong Country Club to continue in its efforts to support Mother's Choice and other charities in Hong Kong.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Alia Eyres
CEO, Mother's Choice





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16 July 2018

To whom it may concern,

This is to confirm that "Charity Golf Day" (the Events) were successfully held at The Clearwater Bay Golf & Country Club on 17 February 2017 and 2 February 2018, which successfully raised HK\$650,000 and over HK\$1.1 million respectively. The events were attended by our event Organising Committee, sponsors and donors. The Club kindly sponsored the events, including venue and golf course provision, event operation and tournament management, green fee and golf cart waiver. We appreciate the Club's contribution to a charitable course that allows members of the general public to enjoy its facilities.

Enclosed please find some information about Maggie's Cancer Caring Centre (IRD ref. no.: 91/8834) and our cancer care work. Should you have any questions on the Events please do not hesitate to contact us at 2465 6006.

Best regards,


 Kenneth Fan
 Executive Director

Encl. 1. Maggie's Cancer Caring Centre leaflet



張惠彬 [REDACTED]
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23 July 2018

Private Recreational Lease & Land Matters Section
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FAX 2519 7404

Re : The Hong Kong Country Club

Dear Sir/Madam,

As a devoted member of the above Club, I am writing to you to emphasis the importance of The Hong Kong Country Club (HKCC) to both sport and economic developments in Hong Kong.

In case you are not aware, HKCC has made significant contributions to the development of sports by allowing many local cultural/sports bodies to use our various sport facilities in the past many years. I believe that HKCC will certainly continue this policy.

As you have no doubt been well aware, Hong Kong is a very important financial centre in the World and to maintain this position it is vital for us to provide sport/relaxation facilities such as tennis etc to our international investors, businessmen, senior bankers and corporate executives who would certainly play a significant role to support our economy which creates employment opportunities for the people of Hong Kong. Furthermore, HKCC provides excellent venue for us to entertain our international investors and hold business conferences. HKCC also provides facilities for local charitable organizations to host their charitable events.

In view of the above I strongly appeal to The Government to seriously consider and support the important role which HKCC will continue to perform for the development of a better Hong Kong in the many years to come.

Yours favourable consideration of this appeal would much be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

[REDACTED]
Charles C. W. Cheung



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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,


Dear Madam/Sir,

On behalf of Mother Superior, the Sisters and especially the Elderly Residents of our Home for the Elderly, I would like to express our appreciation for the kindness and generous service of the Hong Kong Country Club for the recreation and happiness they provide for the Elderly in our St. Mary's Home for the Aged Home. Every month their invitation to our Elderly Residents to come to their Club for a morning of bowling and recreation, followed by lunch is very much appreciated by those residents who participate by turn and really look forward to this opportunity to relax.

Added to this, their yearly visit with their chefs and other staff on the American Thanksgiving Day to prepare a festive turkey meal adds to everyone's enjoyment. Also their donations coming from the results of their charity sales over the past years are a much appreciated help for the running of our Home.

We hope that the Home Affairs Bureau will take note of the good they are doing for the Elderly and for Hong Kong Society in general. Thank you for your kind attention.

Sincerely,


Sr. Imelda (on behalf of Mother Superior)
Little Sisters of the Poor



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JOHN H. BOEY

Private Recreational Lease & Land Matters Section,
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21 July 2018

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: Public Consultation on the Policy Review Private Recreational Leases

I write in support of continuing and extending the existing Private Recreational Lease of the **Hong Kong Country Club**.

The Hong Kong Country Club was established with the endorsement of the Hong Kong Government over half a century ago. Its members are widely recognized as leaders from broad segments of our private and Government sectors and reflect the diverse multicultural and international communities. While it was set up as a self-funded club, it has a transparent and representative Executive Committee with an exacting high standard of governance. The Club has not only kept pace with the changing times but has also spearheaded involvement with our local community at different levels and in diverse fields to make a meaningful and substantial contribution over many decades.

I attach a list of the Hong Kong Country Club's well organized and ongoing contributions to the Hong Kong community for your reference. I hope that these substantial and ongoing community activities will be borne in mind during the Policy Review and not jeopardized by changes to the current policy on Private Recreational Leases.

I wish to record my strong support to continue the Hong Kong Government's existing policy regarding Private Recreational Leases.

Yours truly,

John H. Boey

Encl.: Fact sheet of the Hong Kong Country Club's recent community contributions

FACT SHEET

The Hong Kong Country Club's support for sports development and community contribution.

Our Contribution to Sports Development

- Invite 800+ schools to use the Club's facilities, of which around 20 are regular users
 - Use of facilities by schools increased 150% from 491 hours in 2016 to 1,228 hours in 2017
 - Expect to increase to 1,500 hours in 2018
- Junior Tennis Scholarship Program
 - 26 recipients aged 8 to 17 received 3,000 hours of coaching free of charge thus far
- Summer and Christmas Camps for local school children
 - By the end of 2018, more than 370 children will have received 819 hours of free coaching
- Participation in LCSD's "Sport For All Day" for 5 years
 - Sports facilities will be open to all every Tuesday and Thursday during July and August in 2018
- The Club has hosted numerous international and local tennis tournaments
 - The Wheelchair Tennis Exhibition Match in 2011
 - The Asian International Schools Championships in 2016
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Public Consultation on the Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases

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23/07/2018 15:42

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To: Private Recreational Lease and Land Matters Section
Home Affairs Bureau (Recreational and Sport Branch)
13/F, West Wing, Central Government Offices
2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar
Hong Kong

Re: Hong Kong Country Club

Please see the attached letter. Thank you.



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July 23, 2018

Private Recreational Lease and Land Matters Section
Home Affairs Bureau (Recreation and Sport Branch)
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Hong Kong

Email : prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: Public consultation on the Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases

I am writing in support of the Hong Kong Country Club at 188 Wong Chuk Hang Road, Deep Water Bay, Hong Kong (the “HK Country Club”) being granted continued use of its Private Recreational Lease through a long-term extension of such Private Recreational Lease. As a local Hong Kong native who has been associated with the HK Country Club for almost two decades, I can attest to how the Club has become intricately interwoven into the social fabric and community of Hong Kong.

For over 50 years, the HK Country Club has been an important contributor to Sports Development in Hong Kong, and also has been a key pillar of the community in Hong Kong. In addition, the HK Country Club is a workplace for staff offering employment opportunities across a diverse socioeconomic and ethnic spectrum that reflects Hong Kong’s unique role as “Asia’s World City”.

I have set out below some of the many initiatives undertaken by the HK Country Club in recent years to support Sports Development in Hong Kong:

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As noted above, since its inception in 1962 the HK Country Club has been a long-term supporter of various community organizations and public service activities in Hong Kong. In particular, the HK Country Club has been contributing to the community in Hong Kong through initiatives such as:

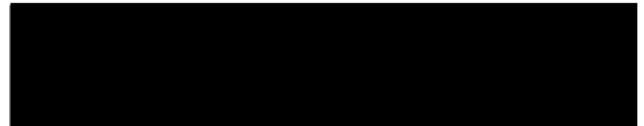
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Finally, the HK Country Club provides significant employment opportunities to a wide ranging workforce, and is also a key purchaser of goods and services to many companies in Hong Kong.

In conclusion, I reiterate my strong support of the HK Country Club being allowed to continue its operations through a long-term extension of its Private Recreational Lease. This will allow the HK Country Club to continue as an important contributor to Sports Development in Hong Kong, as well as maintain its active engagement with the local community and remain an important creator of employment opportunities to a wide range of companies and individuals in Hong Kong.

Very truly yours,



William Y. Chua



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民政事務局（體育及康樂科）
私人遊樂場地契約及土地事宜組

敬啟者：

有關私人遊樂場地契約政策檢討公眾諮詢

南區沒有類似私人遊樂場擁有泳池、健身室及網球場作為有益身心的活動，特別長者及幼童。

香港鄉村俱樂部已租用此遊樂場數十年而部分會員已加入有60年認為此遊樂場對他們非常重要，故希望貴局能繼續租賃予香港鄉村俱樂部。

祝 鈞安！



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香港鄉村俱樂部大力支持體育及社區發展：

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- 香港網球公開賽 的承辦機構之一
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- 自 2015 年以來，香港鄉村俱樂部共為合資格外界團體開放體育設施超過 5,000 小時
 - 在 2017 年，我們對外界團體開放的時數比 2016 年上升 65%

香港鄉村俱樂部對社區的貢獻

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- 支援「母親的抉擇」等非政府組織
 - 每年到訪香港鄉村俱樂部約 24 次
 - 讓兒童在一個安全的休憩地盡情玩樂，並在池邊的餐廳享用午餐
 - 由 2015 年至今，我們共向「母親的抉擇」提供超過 1,300 份免費餐
- 通過義賣及舉辦慈善體育比賽為個別慈善機構籌款。自 2014 年起，我們共籌得超過 50 萬港元，款項惠及超過七家慈善機構
- 在過去三年，香港鄉村俱樂部曾接待超過 30 家慈善機構、非政府組織及本地學校
 - 共有超過 2,800 人到訪香港鄉村俱樂部，我們為當中超過 2,300 人提供免費膳食
- 由 2012 年開始與膳心連合作
 - 2015 年至今，我們已向膳心連送贈超過 1,100 公斤的食物

Private Recreational Lease and Land Matters Section,
 Home Affairs Bureau (Recreation and Sport Branch),
 13/F, West Wing, Central Government Offices,
 2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar,
 Hong Kong

23 July 2018

Dear Sir /Madam,

Re: Hong Kong Football Club

On behalf of the Sport, Exercise and Recreation Management Subject Group of the University of Hong Kong School of Professional and Continuing Education, I am writing to the Bureau in support of the Hong Kong Football Club in its contribution to the education of our students and the development of our programmes.


The Hong Kong Football Club has been our professional partner since 2003. The Club started supporting the subject group by offering a base for our Master degree programme when students needed to have a thorough study of excellent sport facilities through practically observing the facility in use and the use of special meeting room for lectures and seminars. The General Committee as well as the Director of Operations were also very supportive to the programmes to accept our invitations as speakers.


The Club also offered many good opportunities to our full time and part time students by providing visits and facility tour services in the past years. In addition to that, our Higher Diploma students in Sport and Recreation Management and Sport Performance and Sport Coaching programmes were also given opportunities to have their practical sessions conducted in the Club.

In terms of career training in sports and recreation, the Club has provided our students with placement and project volunteering opportunities in the past years. Outstanding students were recruited as staff in the Club as a result of such opportunities.

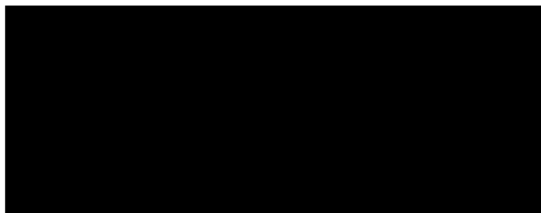
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The Club has been a strong supporter in sport education and sports development for many years. With this in mind, we hope the Bureau will acknowledge the contribution that the Club has given to the sports community in consideration of the Private Recreational Lease and Land Matters.

If you need any further information, please don't hesitate to contact the undersigned at 



Yours truly,



Tam Mei Ling
Senior Programme Director
Sport, Exercise and Recreation Management Subject Group

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Letter

[REDACTED] to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

24/07/2018 10:16

Cc: **[REDACTED]**

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Dear Sir,

Kindly see enclosed letter.

Thanks & Regards,



Harshil KothariLetter to Government - Aryan Letterhead.pdf

Date : 24th July, 2018

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Home Affairs Bureau (Recreation and Sport Branch),
13/F, West Wing, Central Government Offices,
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Email: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: Public consultation on the Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases

I am writing in my capacity of Member of the Hong Kong Country Club as well as a child who has grown up at the HK Country Club. I would like to inform you of the significant contribution the Club has made to the development of Sports in Hong Kong and to the Community at large. While we understand that the Home Affairs Bureau is under pressure by a portion of the public to change the conditions of the Club leases we appreciate the difficult situation and I am grateful to be given a chance to voice my opinion in this public consultation process.

Re SPORTS Facilities for the community at large:

The Hong Kong Country Club invites 800 schools each year to make use of our sports facilities, and about 20 local schools regularly use our tennis, squash, basketball and bowling facilities. The number of hours of such use has increased from 491 in 2016 to 1228 in 2017, and is expected to reach 1500 hours in 2018.

Over the past few years I have noticed a real and heartfelt effort by the management of the Club to invite more outsiders e.g. schools, old aged homes, charities and sports teams to come and enjoy the Club sporting facilities. The Club has made very real and genuine efforts to advertise its facilities. To pro-actively attract sporting bodies advertisements have been placed in publications, letters sent, phone calls made, a banner is displayed at the Club entrance. Scholarships have been awarded, coaching undertaken. The bowling alleys are frequently used as are the ping pong tables and basketball court. Social and charitable organisations frequently use the Club as a place to relax on a lawn, in a playroom and to have meals in the dining rooms. Much has already been achieved in attracting non-members to use the Club – as the HAB will know – but the Club recognises more needs to be done. And more will be done as a matter of priority.

If the Club was to close not only would the above efforts and initiatives have been wasted but future opportunities to provide enjoyment, relaxation, and the coaching of new skill sets to budding athletes would no longer exist

The Country Club has been hosting the Hong Kong National Junior Tennis Championships (U18 categories) since 2015, the Club provides the courts free of charge and welcome the best players of Hong Kong to compete and we open the Club for their parents and friends who enjoy the Club's lifestyle for those two weekly tournaments Annually.

Being a member of the club has instilled a sporty lifestyle for both my children; who have grown up swimming and playing tennis as a part of their exercise. The Club is viewed as a social place that involves a healthy lifestyle.

A CLUB LIFE :

The Club is in no way 'elitist'. Over the 30+ years that I have been a member I have met many members, indeed like myself, who can best be described as ordinary hard working folk who are fortunate enough to be able to afford to join a Club which gives them some relief from the hustle and bustle of Hong Kong life, a place to socialise and meet other like-minded people.

Most cities around the Far East have private clubs: Bangkok, Manila, Singapore, Tokyo to name but a few. Hong Kong is not alone in this. They serve a valuable purpose.

Hong Kong claims to be "an international City". What international City can it be if it does not offer the benefits of private clubs and world class sporting facilities? These clubs are vital to attract expatriates. Hong Kong has to realize that it is extremely successful in part due to the help of foreign expatriates who bring with them skills that are needed.

If Hong Kong does not have world class private clubs and golf clubs, we will not be able to compete with Cities like Singapore, Bangkok, China etc. to attract the talent of expatriates.

My father joined the Hong Kong Country Club as a Foundation Member in the early 60's as this Club was the first Club where Chinese and non-Chinese could join a Club on an equal status. The Hong Kong Country Club was very much avant-garde then and the cosmopolitan foundation of the Club has remained up to today.

I have grown up at the Club and through the cosmopolitan nature of the Club I was able to interact with people from all over the World and this gave me, and now my children, a unique opportunity to understand other customs, traditions, manners and ways of thinking. Taking the Hong Kong Country Club away, will be a bit like closing Hong Kong to the outside world. The family oriented nature of the Club provides children a place to grow up with friends of many different races – an education that is difficult to replicate and one that exemplifies racial equality. I personally believe that Clubs should continue serving Hong Kong and I agree with the proposed new conditions as shared with the public on 20 March 2018. I agree to opening our facilities to 30% of our total capacity and also agree for our club to pay a third of the Fair Market Value for our rural building lot used for the sole purpose of an international country club as defined in the club's lease.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,



(Harshil Kothari)

Private Recreational Lease and Land Matters Section,
Home Affairs Bureau (Recreation and Sport Branch),
13/F, West Wing, Central Government Offices,
2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar,
Hong Kong

24 July 2018

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: Public consultation on the Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases

I write as Member of the Hong Kong Country Club to heed your attention of her commitment to fully support the public opinion of contribution to sports development and the community at large. Fact sheet overleaf speaks for our continuing growing unwavering efforts.

I was fortunate to join the Club just before the change of sovereignty, 1997. For two decades, this home away from home renders me most up front personal story of the importance of continuing development in the Club will be beneficial to all stakeholders, community at large and Hong Kong as part of China being the natural and fruitful outcome.

Among many stories I am pleased to share, my daughters age 26, 28 & 31 grew up and thrived healthily here, joining sports activities, befriending different nationalities. Eldest daughter Jayne made a charity 120km trailwalk to raise fund with a pledge in our monthly publication. This is certainly one of the many similar happenings exemplifying empathy as well as people influence people.

Learned officials of Home Affairs Bureau certainly agree an international club, at a time when China is promulgating One Belt One Road, plays a strategic role in Hong Kong - in this part of China, being an important hub in Asia for this astounding economic project.

Yours sincerely,

(To be continued)

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Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: Public consultation on the Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases

Private clubs are no stranger universally in developed cities regardless of political ideology, serving the community and the world at large with expatriates included. Over my 20 years' observation, I take pride to say our club has been growing from strength to strength, creating over 300 employments for staff, certainly offering business opportunities to many varied partners like suppliers to Food & Beverages.... etc, contributing significantly to society that HK pledge and boasts one of the lowest unemployment rate in the world.

As such, the HK Country Club has been performing her duties with due corporate governance and responsibility.

Our thoughts and deeds are in no way different from your respectful Bureau.

Enclosed please find supporting materials from

1. Copies taken from 'The Story of HK Country Club' published 2011 commemorating 50th anniversary, showing her front cover in Time magazine & 'Preface' in line with my pledge.
2. Feature article of May 2010 monthly Club publication - 'A bridge not too far' being the humble charity work of my daughter Jayne

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Thank you for your kind attention!

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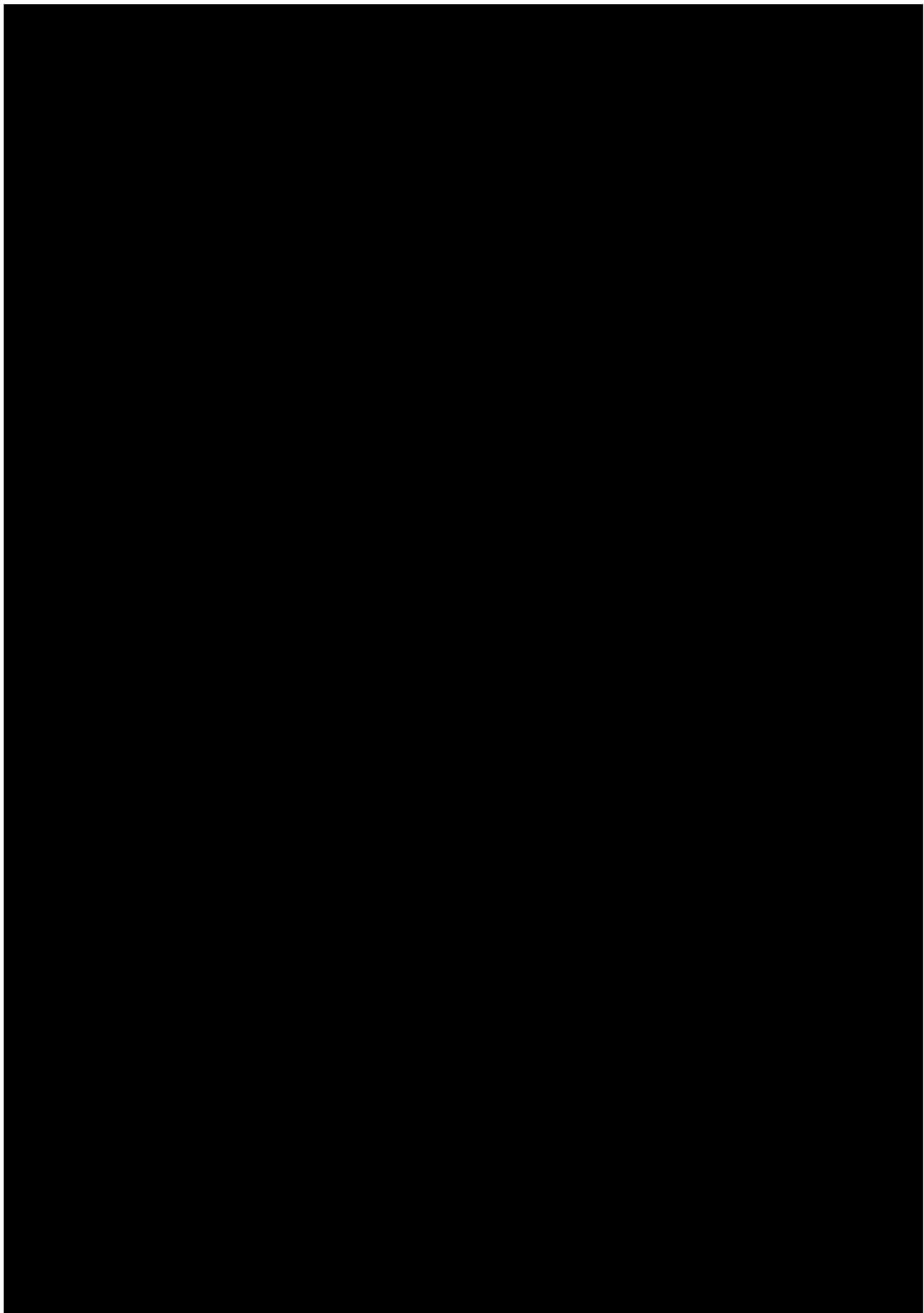
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Comments on the PRL Policy Review

20/07/2018 10:02

From:

To: <prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk>,

Cc:

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My family and I as well as the entire Sai Kung boating community support Hebe Haven

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20/07/2018 12:45

From: [REDACTED]
 To: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk,
 Cc: [REDACTED]

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Dear HAB,

I am here to express my personal view regarding the above matter. Below are the 7 review topics covered in your briefing. I will be using the Hebe Haven Yacht Club as a fair example, which I am a current member of.

a) Whether all PRL sites should continue to be handled under the existing lease arrangement, or alternative lease arrangement should be adopted :-
 It is beneficial to all if the Hebe Haven Yacht Club is permitted to continue to operate under the current PRL policy. Lease conditions should be adjusted to allow the Hebe Haven Yacht Club to meet the criteria and objectives set by HAB. This should also apply to other PRL sites which has shown positive histories regarding their operations.

b) How to assess whether these sites should be retained or returned to the Government for other development purposes :-
 The Hebe Haven Yacht Club provides training bases for the Hong Kong Sailing Federation. The Hebe Haven Yacht Club is a host venue and organiser for both regional and international regattas. The Hebe Haven Yacht Club is a major contributor to fostering elite participation and encouraging youth sailing. There are other options such as brownfield sites, military sites and land banks owned by private developers which should be considered in priority to already scarce sporting facilities. Main key point is whether such organisation have largely contribute to the society, and promote such recreational proposes, and how well it is managed.

c) Whether charging nil or nominal land premium for the use of these sites should continue :-
 The Hebe Haven Yacht Club members have already paid many millions of member's dollars for equipment, infrastructure and resources to develop and contribute to the sport of sailing in Hong Kong. A nominal fee only is appropriate. If a high land premium is introduced, many clubs would find it prohibitive thus affecting their abilities to contribute to sports development in Hong Kong.

d) Whether the PRL lessees should be required to further open up their facilities so as to better complement and support sports development in Hong Kong :-
 In the case of the Hebe Haven Yacht Club in particular, artificial constraints in its PRL limit the ability of the Club to provide facilities to members of the public much beyond what is presently provided. Lease modifications should be permitted in order to accommodate further opening up so as to provide adequate facilities to enhance contributions. I personally believe increasing the land premium has the opposite effect!

e) What types of facilities should be allowed on these sites (including ancillary facilities) :-
 This will vary from site to site, depending their recreational activities, but the basic of offices, food & beverages, toilets, storage, car park etc should be allowed. Facilities such as lecture, committee rooms, administration offices, shaded outdoor areas, boat racking for vertical

storage of training and safety vessels, and properly equipped maintenance workshops are all very needed by Hebe Haven Yacht Club.

f) How to enhance the monitoring on the governance and transparency of the lessees :-

Quarterly returns highlighting non-members' participations.

g) Whether and how to assess applications for new sites for sports and recreational use ;-

Careful examine of proposal, start with an initial short term lease. Annual inspections for compliance of rules before first renewal and thereafter.

It is a shame to see such a great club going into hardship, for all the benefits including promoting sailing sports events, charity events, cleaning up the local water and islands in Sai Kung area that it had brought to Hong Kong's people in the pass, and the commitment to continuing doing so in the future. Hong Kong is surrounded by beautiful water, and sailing/boating activities really utilises the best asset of Hong Kong, with not much actual hard land area required compared to many other PRL sites on your listing. We are living in a very stressed enviroment in Hong Kong, your Hong Kong people NEEDS these PRL sites to exist to provide a better living.

Best Regards,

Charles Yung



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私人遊樂場地契約政策檢討公眾諮詢

20/07/2018 16:29

From:

To: <prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk>,

Please respond to

History:

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(a) 應否繼續以私人遊樂場地契約處理現時所有契約用地？

答：可以

(b) 如何評估契約用地應否予以保留抑或应交還政府作其他發展？

答：由市民以記名及身份証no. 投票決定

(c) 契約用地應否繼續免收地價或收取象徵式地價？

答：除宗教團體，制服團體外，其他一律以市價收取地價。

(d) 是否應要求契約用地承租人進一步開放設施，以更好地配合及支援香港體育發展？

答：必須要求用地承租人全面開放予市民

(e) 契約用地上應該容許那些設施？

答：對外開放的步廳

(f) 如何加強契約用地承租人的企業管治和透明度？

答：每一個場地都應有一個由市民組成的監察委員會監察其運作，並向政府匯報。

(g) 應否及如何審批新的康體用地申請？

答：由區議會決定

本人姓名：曾中偉（男）

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Hong Kong Country Club - S497 Linda Shum

20/07/2018 19:51

From:

To: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk,

Cc:

History: This message has been replied to.

Private Recreational Lease and Land Matters Section,

Home Affairs Bureau (Recreation and Sport Branch),

13/F, West Wing, Central Government Offices,

2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar,

Hong Kong

Email: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: Public Consultation on the Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases

I have been a member of the Hong Kong Country Club for twenty six years and can attest to you the value of the Club to myself and my family, and to the community in general.

The Hong Kong Country Club is a family and community oriented club, which is quite unique in Hong Kong. It provides excellent and well maintained sports facilities, and offers a friendly and safe environment for families and children. Over the years I am proud to say that the Club has evolved to become more progressive and more open to the public.

In the recent years, the Club has made a significant contribution to the sports development in the community through inviting over 800 schools to use the Club's facilities and many of which are now regular users of the facilities. The Club projects that this trend will continue in the future thus making the the facilities even more available to school children.

Other sports related programs include awards and tournaments for tennis (local and international), free of charge junior tennis coaching, and summer and Christmas camps for local school children.

The Club supports many local charity organizations such as St. Mary's Home for the aged; Little Life Warrior Society (childhood cancer); Home of Loving Faithfulness (multiple disabilities), also by providing venues for fund raising events to social or charitable organizations.

If permitted and supported I foresee the Club to continue to play a bigger role in the local sports development by becoming as a centre of excellence for youth sports. From the public's viewpoint, not only will it benefit from the Club's leadership role through its long standing sports credentials, but also from the experience and skilled resources provided by the Club.

Sincerely yours

Linda Shum

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Re: FW: Use of Facilities in Hong Kong Country Club

20/07/2018 23:09

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED] prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk,
Cc: [REDACTED]

History: This message has been replied to.

Dear Sir/Madam ,

I am writing to compliment the HK Country Club as they have always been supporting the Junior Tennis Scholarship programme and this had a great impact on me and my son. It is our pleasure to be one of the candidates of this programme.

Harold has been joining this programme since 2016. He received a proper training at a well-facilitated venue with the professional coaches. In these two years, we found him not only learning the fundamental technical tennis skills but also being supported in his physiological and psychological development. Tennis has fostered him proper sportmanship, discipline and ethics and it is a really fruitful and experience for him.

I believe this programme will continue to benefit every candidates in the future. I genuinely hope that more organizations will provide similar programmes to our community, just like what HK Country Club has done.

Yours faithfully,

Denise Wong

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Hong Kong Country Club

20/07/2018 23:54

From:

[REDACTED]

To:

"prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk" <prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk>,

Please respond to [REDACTED]

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Sir,

Please see attached.

Regards

Colin Geddes



Private Recreational Lease and Land Matters SectionLetter 20 July 2018.docx

Private Recreational Lease and Land Matters Section, Home Affairs Bureau (Recreation and Sport Branch),
13/F, West Wing, Central Government Offices,
2 Tim Mei Avenue,
Tamar,
Hong Kong

Email: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: Public consultation on the Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases

I am writing in support of the Hong Kong Country Club.

I came to Hong Kong in [REDACTED] because of my company, [REDACTED] having transferred me.

My wife and I settled in Hong Kong and both of our sons were born in Hong Kong. We are all permanent residents of HK.

I would like to commend the HK Country Club for providing our family with a wonderful facility, which enabled us to successfully find a good work/life balance. I can sincerely say that without membership of the HK Country Club, we would have been much less inclined to remain in HK and pursue a career and family life in HK. People work hard and long hours in HK and therefore we found it very important to have access to the club.

Our elder son was able to reach a high standard in tennis due to the coaching at the club and he was the best in his age group in HK.

We would therefore request that you support the club in its efforts to retain its status quo. This can be only a good thing for HK in its efforts to attract and retain talent from overseas.

Yours faithfully,

Colin J. Geddes

FACT SHEET

The Hong Kong Country Club's support for sports development and community contribution.

Our Contribution to Sports Development

- • Invite 800+ schools to use the Club's facilities, of which around 20 are regular users
 - Use of facilities by schools increased 150% from 491 hours in 2016 to 1,228 hours in 2017 - Expect to increase to 1,500 hours in 2018
- • Junior Tennis Scholarship Program
 - 26 recipients aged 8 to 17 received 3,000 hours of coaching free of charge thus far
- • Summer and Christmas Camps for local school children
 - By the end of 2018, more than 370 children will have received 819 hours of free coaching
- • Participation in LCSD's "Sport For All Day" for 5 years
 - Sports facilities will be open to all every Tuesday and Thursday during July and August in 2018
- • The Club has hosted numerous international and local tennis tournaments
 - The Wheelchair Tennis Exhibition Match in 2011
 - The Asian International Schools Championships in 2016
 - The Hong Kong National Junior Tennis Championships (U18 categories) since 2016
- • One of the hosts of the Hong Kong Tennis Association (HKTA) Leagues
- • In plan to host the International Super Senior Tennis Open in November 2018, an International Tennis Federation (ITF) sanctioned tournament
- • The Club has opened up over 5,000 hours of sports facilities to outside bodies since 2015 - 65% increase in number of hours from 2016 to 2017

Our Contribution to the Community

- • Provide access to our non-sporting facilities to social or charitable organisations
- • The Club supports 3 charities on regular basis
 - St. Mary's Home for the Aged: the elderly
 - Little Life Warrior Society: childhood cancer patients
 - Home of Loving Faithfulness: children and adults with multiple disabilities
- • Support NGOs such as Mother's Choice
 - Visit about 24 times a year
 - The Club provides a safe open space for children to play in and have lunch at the Poolside - The Club provided more than 1,300 free meals since 2015
- • Fundraising for selected charities through charity sales and holding charity sports tournaments, raised around \$500,000 for more than 7 charities since 2014
- • Welcomed over 30 charities/NGOs and local Hong Kong schools over the past three years
 - Welcomed more than 2,800 individuals and the Club has served more than 2,300 meals free of charge

- • Partnered with Foodlink Foundation since 2012
 - Donated more than 1,100 kg of food to Foodlink Foundation since 2015

Dated 3 July 2018

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Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases

21/07/2018 12:27

From: [REDACTED]
 To: <prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk>,
 Cc: [REDACTED]

History: This message has been replied to.

July 21, 2018

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have been a member of the **Hong Kong Country Club** in my own right for almost 20 years, and before then, I was lucky enough to have spent most of my childhood at the Club as my father who will be [REDACTED] years old, is still an active member. I do understand the difficulties the Home Affairs Bureau face due to public pressure to change the lease conditions of the Club, but I am grateful to have this opportunity to express my opinion in this public consultation process to inform you of the significant contribution the Club has made to the development of Sports in Hong Kong and to the Community at large.

Sports

I am an avid sports fan and can attest to the fact that the Hong Kong Country Club plays a very significant and active role to support the local community in nurturing sports development in Hong Kong. The Club has invited over 800 schools each year to make use of our sports facilities and the 491 hours of use in 2016 is expected to increase three fold to 1500 hours in 2018. I actively use the Club's tennis facilities and have witnessed all the efforts put forth by the Club to provide free coaching to budding talents in the form of the Tennis Junior Scholarship Programme. Development for any athlete necessarily requires hours of practice and training. And the Club has been proactively nurturing these local talents in its effort to contribute to the development of sports in Hong Kong. The Club has also been hosting the Hong Kong National Junior Tennis Championships (U18 categories) since 2015. This is another testament to the Club's commitment to embrace and enhance sports development in Hong Kong. These are just some examples of the Club's initiatives (others include free tennis and bowling camps) and hope that it puts in perspective that if the Club were to close, not only would all these efforts and initiatives be wasted, but many potential young local talents would suffer as they would no longer have access to these opportunities for practice and coaching. I am certain that if given the chance, the Club will continue to attract more non-members to use the Club's sporting facilities.

Community

I joined the Club's Charity Committee last year and experienced firsthand the care and dedication of the Club's management in serving the Community of Hong Kong. The Club has supported many charities including Mother's Choice, St, Mary's Home

for the Aged, Home of Loving Faithfulness, Little Life Warriors, Helping Hands, Dog Rescue, Playright and St. James Settlement in service as well as fund raising activities. The fundraising events were planned and executed with much love and care with the objective of maximizing donations to the many needy in Hong Kong.

Thank you for allowing me to add my voice. The Home Affairs Bureau has a difficult task ahead, but I personally believe that clubs should continue serving Hong Kong and I agree with the proposed new conditions as shared with the public on 20 March 2018. I agree to opening our facilities to 30% of our total capacity and also agree for our Club to pay a third of the Fair Market Value for our rural building lot used for the sole purpose of an international country club as defined in the club's lease. Hong Kong Country Club adds value to the community of Hong Kong and will continue to do so given the opportunity.

Sincerely yours,

A solid black rectangular box used to redact the signature of Erica Li.

Erica Li
 Member
The Hong Kong Country Club