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Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs) & Task Force on Land Supply

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Home Affairs Bureau (Recreation and Sport Branch)

Email: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

The Secretariat, Task Force on Land Supply

Email: tfls@devb.gov.hk

Dear Sir / Madam

RE: Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs) & Task Force on Land Supply

Private Sports Clubs continue to play a vital role in sporting development in Hong Kong. I am very concerned should there be any major policy changes that could seriously alter the scene.

My views on the above two consultation papers are:

"Land Premium": the Government should only impose a nominal land premium given the high maintenance cost required to upkeep the green yet being actively and effectively utilised open space much needed in the city

"Further open up": most private sports clubs have already open up club facilities to eligible outside bodies and partner with National Sports Association to provide facilities to host domestic and international competitions and local training programmes.

"Task Force on Land Supply": reclamation should be the way forward to solve our land supply shortage problem.

Thank you for considering my responses.

Yours sincerely,

James YC KWAN

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Dear Sir / Madam

RE: Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs) & Task Force on Land Supply

Private Sports Clubs continue to play a vital role in sporting development in Hong Kong. I am very concerned should there be any major policy slips that could seriously damage a nearly 170-year old historically and contemporarily vibrant element of the international fabric of Hong Kong in existence since 1851. As the Honourable Tung Chee-hwa stated in 2001, "Cricket is an integral part of the heritage of Hong Kong".

My views on the above two consultation papers are:

1. "Land Premium":

As an opener, this is an uneconomical idea and one that places a "price on everything and on the value of nothing". Government land sales have decreased so scarcity has been caused by the government. From 1987 to 1997 there was an ample supply of land auctioned for sale, at an average of around 20 hectares a year. There was a fall-off between 1998 and 2004, followed by a restricted land supply when as little as five hectares per year were sold.

Hong Kong sits upon only 1,100 sq. km in area, but there is not a shortage of land: 7.2 million people are squeezed onto the back foot into the urban equivalent of a popping crease that accounts for just 20 per cent of the area. The rest is country park and rural spaces, no-man's land, owned by the Government itself that could be rezoned. Almost all proposals for new development even on private land or for increased flat production on private land have been rejected by the Town Planning Board. Another example is the agricultural shot - the rezoning of farmland - of which there is some 4,000 hectares - but only 15 per cent activity thereupon - could be rezoned to an intermediary use to encourage early rationalisation.

In 2016-17 the government gouged out an estimated HK\$119.8 billion from Land Premiums into the Capital Works Reserve Fund, with over 98 per cent of it income from premiums. That accounted for 27.7 per cent of the government's total estimated revenue in the year. We now have a bridge to Macau and an unfinished rail line to Guangzhou for some HK\$200bn yet we are being asked to justify those poor uses of public funds, by concreting over useful, functional & beautiful green spaces like Fanling and Wong Nei Chung Gap?

When these fractional spaces are dismissed and filled in with concrete and we have not actually addressed the underlying problem do we then have to fill in the rest of Victoria Harbour whilst Hong Kong Disneyland's wasted hectares continues to bleed public money?

Why not fill in Tsing Yi - that only exists as a port because of the ancient law of Cabotage? What happens when the Mainland unexpectedly hooks and decides Cabotage is to be sabotaged? Ships will sail past Hong Kong and the only freight we will need is for our own usage - estimated to be less than 20% of the current through traffic.

If the Government wants to drop the ball and apply such black and white thinking then why do we continue to pay a lump sum since 2006 for the 820 million cubic metres of water per year from the mainland and not properly pay for it? Surely it would be better to tax water at its true variable use value and drive out the hundreds of thousands of people we're trying to house and make them live elsewhere? We often have a surplus

of 30 million cubic metres of water a year captured by our reservoir system. Why not just concrete over some reservoirs instead?

In short, where is the common sense? Rezone land currently unused rather than bulldoze history. Spend Land Premiums on initiatives that directly benefit Permanent Residents of Hong Kong. Shepherd the strike for the whole team.

2. "Task Force on Land Supply" & "Further open up": the HKCC provides an extraordinary sporting window into the game of cricket for China. Cricket is an international sport played across both Asia and Europe. It is a global game and the teams that play, collaborate, share and teach the game both locally and at an international level add to the facets that make Hong Kong unique at an international level. There are over 150 years of heritage and experience infused into the "Lords' [Cricket Ground] of Asia" that benefit Hong Kong and China.

The HK Cricket Club is therefore a beacon of excellence in Greater China for the global game. Have we checked upstairs? Does Beijing really want Hong Kong to be average? I don't believe so. Average results come from average thinking. Does Hong Kong want to be the laughing stock of the world for its unparalleled concreting skills? Culture is not found in concrete and so if this government's imagination is limited to wanting to turn Hong Kong's well-run green spaces into car parks then it should ask itself why has New York, London, Paris not done the same? The Hong Kong Cricket Club's open, nurtured spaces provide a centre of excellence for the game and the communities that thrive around the game.

Humanity, for thousands of years, has shown us that the greatest civilisations & their people need great deliveries on open spaces & places to meet, to think and to collaborate; to share ideas & to compete - not to concrete.

Thank you for considering my appeal.

Yours sincerely,

Timothy J. Fawcett

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Permanent Resident & HKCC member since 1999.

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The Secretariat, Task Force on Land Supply
Email: tfls@devb.gov.hk

Dear Sir / Madam

RE: Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs) & Task Force on Land Supply

Private Sports Clubs continue to play a vital role in sporting development in Hong Kong. I am very concerned should there be any major policy changes that could seriously impact this as they continue to play a significant part in the community at large and Hong Kong's reputation and development.

My views on the above two consultation papers are:

"Land Premium": HKCC provides a valuable resource to HK and an increase in rates will seriously impact HK's development on the international stage both in a sporting and non sporting manner. I have witnessed many of the young players who have come through the ranks at HKCC and made a huge impact on HK cricket to become a recognized force in world cricket. Any move to increase costs, and therefore membership costs and costs for those who use the facility, would seriously impact HK's sporting future, given it would likely price out many of those future athletes. There is a significant proportion of HKCC members who are sporting members and such a move would, as noted below, push membership more towards the elite given increased cost, an objective which I believe is counter to the bureau's concerns. The financial viability of the club would be seriously called in to question creating the potential loss of one of HK's sporting venues that have hosted many international events and led HK's sporting developments.

"Further open up": I believe this is a great option to allow the great facilities at the club to be opened up to the wider community and continue the good work that HKCC has already commenced in partnering with local communities and associations.

"Task Force on Land Supply": I object wholeheartedly to such a move for similar reasons to that mentioned above in relation to Land Premium. The loss of land would likely result in the loss of the club and have a much bigger impact on HK than any additional homes the land would provide, with those homes likely premium priced given the location and likely outside of many HK'ers reach.

I would hope that all views will be considered in this process recognizing the great benefit that HKCC provides to HK. It not only provides a valuable resource for its members and the wider community at large, but it is a significant factor in HK's development on the world stage nurturing HK's sporting talent of the future. It should also be noted, in a non sporting sense, that it is clubs like HKCC that provide great appeal to many of the international workers who regard these clubs as a home from and

create new communities. HK needs to ensure that it creates an environment that can continue to attract top talent to HK and ensuring it continues to punch above its weight on the global stage in financial services and many other industries. Clubs such as HKCC are vital in doing so.

Thank you for considering my responses.

Yours sincerely,

Christopher Scoular

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Public consultation on the Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases

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To Whom it May Concern,

I would like to provide my feedback on the consultation, which I believe has been overdue but should proceed with extreme caution as to the long term effects this might have if the intention of increasing fees levied on existing private member clubs.

I have been fortunate to be have been members of private clubs ever since I was born in Hong Kong. Whilst this privilege was bestowed at birth, it has allowed me the opportunity to develop my skills that led me to represent Hong Kong at Cricket, which I hold dearly.

The ability of private clubs to be open to the public is something I agree with. For too long, this has been held back and should be encouraged. To create a inclusive Hong Kong, these clubs should forge a path that our current government administration is currently blinded to. I, however discourage the increase of fees that the government potentially is looking to charge clubs for the use of this land. This will not only cripple clubs further but increase the elitist few that these clubs can only be available for the 0.1% of HK society, instead of the opportunity through sporting ability or via other clubs using the facilities. I would ask the current government to think extremely hard around the financial benefit received vs. the great damage it would cause in the short, medium and long term over this elitist thinking.

If the government is concerned around tax revenues or land supply, there are greater and more low hanging fruit available to resolve those issues. Increasing fees on private clubs is not and I reiterate, I would firmly back any increase in the number of hours non-members can utilise the club facilities.

I do hope sensible solutions are tabled and voted upon. I was born and bred in Hong Kong and the great traditions that the private clubs have are revered around the world.

Kind regards,

Sean

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Public Consultation on the Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

19/08/2018 17:45

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Dear Sir,

I am a member of the Hong Kong Country Club ("Club"), and I am writing to express my strong opposition to the suggestion that the Hong Kong Government should take land presently occupied by private recreational and sports clubs and used them to build new homes and public housing. Land supply is the biggest problem in Hong Kong but putting the squeeze on a few such clubs is short sighted and does not solve the problem for the long run. On this issue, I share the view on the Chief Executive Carrie Lam that to solve Hong Kong's long term land supply problem, large scale reclamation is the only way. Land at which clubs such as the Hong Kong Country Club occupy is relatively small, and probably only suitable for the building of low rise luxury houses for only few occupants, which does not at all meets the Government's needs. The Club has a long history and is the first one where Chinese and non-Chinese could join on an equal status. Today its membership is composed of people with different national and ethnic backgrounds. It allows members and their friends a unique opportunity to understand other customs, traditions and ways of thinking. The family oriented nature of the Club provides children a place to grow up and make friends with others of different races an education and experience that is difficult to replicate elsewhere and one that exemplifies racial diversity and equality.

Most cities around the Far East have private clubs: Bangkok, Manila, Singapore, Tokyo to name just a few. Hong Kong is not alone in this. They serve a valuable purpose. 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. Doing away with such clubs will simply make Hong Kong inferior and uncompetitive.

In addition, the Club and its members play a significant and positive part in supporting the local community and has a strong commitment to Hong Kong's sports development. It opens its facilities to outside bodies to an increasing and significant extent, and will continue to be a valuable resource to serve the community and sports development in Hong Kong.

It is necessary to keep clubs such as the Hong Kong Country Club in a bustling, hustling modern city like Hong Kong. I believe we must not allow the current

populist sentiment to undermine the cultural diversity of our society. Else Hong Kong's status as an international city would be at stake.

Yours truly,

Chen Ching You Frank

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**Land Supply / Recreational Leases**

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

19/08/2018 17:48

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Further to filling in the questionnaire for the Land Supply Task Force and reading their presentation in detail, I would like to reiterate my strong objection to the very short-sighted policy of potentially taking the land from private sports clubs in Hong Kong for use as land development and/or imposing an excessive financial burden upon them via the implementation of a percentage of the 'Full Market Value' of their sites upon lease renewals.

Whilst I can understand the potential popular appeal of this as a near term solution, the land gained would be minimal in the overall scheme of land required. In contrast a better way to build popular demand would be not to destroy the few recreational/sports facilities Hong Kong has but to build more for every citizen. There are nowhere near enough recreational spaces at the moment in Hong Kong. So to build over any and/or force such facilities out of business by unfair lease/financial demands would be truly criminal.

To have a healthy city, you need healthy citizens. That requires multiplying the sports facilities, not the destruction of current ones.

Best regards,

Jonathan Brock



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Home Affairs Bureau (Recreation and Sport Branch)

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The Secretariat, Task Force on Land Supply

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Dear Sir / Madam

RE: Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs) & Task Force on Land Supply

Hong Kong must do as much as it possibly can to preserve its rich and diverse history. The Hong Kong Cricket Club is the oldest Cricket Club in all of Asia (having been established in 1851). It continues an active role in supporting and encouraging sports among its members as well as among the members of the general public. It's Gappers cricket programme for young boys and girls in Hong Kong is famous. I am disturbed that the Government may consider a policy change that may effect the services provided by the Hong Kong Cricket Club. I am afraid that should this happen, it could lead to irreversible damage to our provision for sporting outlets for the youth of Hong Kong.

My views on the above two consultation papers are:

Land Premium: I am a high-school teacher with 28 years experience in teaching students in Hong Kong. I feel that opportunities that we can give our youth to engage in sporting and team activity is vitally important to bring up engaged, healthy and happy citizens. In a city where a growing number of young children spend too much time in front of a screen or in shopping malls, it is important that the Government makes more provision or supports the provision where it already exists (such as that provided by Hong Kong Cricket Club – gappers programme) for the children to learn and engage in outdoor activity. The cricket programme for children, young adults and adults, leading up to international competition is a robust and inclusive programme. The HKCC provides excellent facilities, training, coaching and umpiring which is invaluable and helped greatly in popularizing cricket among the youth in Hong Kong.

These facilities and programme for youth-sports-development is highly subsidized and championed by the Hong Kong Cricket Club. Imposing a land premium on the Cricket Club would inevitably increase the cost borne by the parents of the youth and many of them would no longer be able to afford to send their children for this. Should this happen, the loss to the children of Hong Kong, Asia's World City, would be shameful, to say the least. "Task Force on Land Supply": In a country where there is limited grassy area for children to play on, it is important that the Government does everything to preserve the natural

reserves of the Island and not give in to pressure from real estate developers to release these precious lands for housing. If this land is lost, it will be the end of the aspirations of several young children who dream of one day playing for the Hong Kong national team.

Thank you for considering my responses.

Yours sincerely,

Suman Vaze

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Comments on the PRL Policy Review

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

19/08/2018 23:06

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To whom it may Concern,

I am not a member of HEBE Haven Yacht Club however I volunteer at Sailability Hong Kong which operates from the HEBE Haven Yacht Club site.

The HEBE Haven Yacht club and its site is essential for the delivery of the Sailability program and therefore must remain open.

The site I understand is the only site that has access that is suitable for disabled members of the community to access the water. Other sites have steps, launch requirements and other issues that make it impossible for disabled people to get on to the water.

Sailability has looked at these other sites to expand the delivery of its program and has not found one site within Hong Kong that has the practical access that HEBE Haven has. This expansion plan is as a result of the popularity on the programs offered.

The yacht club has made great efforts to assist Sailability by making space available for boat storage, boat launching, access to boats once they are on the water and access into the club facilities.

The public transport services deliver the disabled sailors close to the club entrance which makes the sailors independent up to the point of delivery which is the sail training.

Sailability its self is vital to the disabled community giving to opportunity for any person over the age of 7 with a disability to learn to sail or have a water based experience, which is a form of therapy. As it is said on the Sailability web site this increases self-esteem, self-confidence, independence and responsibility whilst learning and having fun. Some adults that have had an accident or illness have used Sailability as part of their rehabilitation program.

When I first volunteered at Sailability I did not understand how this operation would work or even could work. Having now volunteered for 18 months I can see how it works and the effect it has on those that need this provision. I have never seen so many smiling faces and witnessed the life improvement of so many people who otherwise are generally ignored by sporting establishments.

Sailability has been so successful that some sailors are now competing around the world in world class events and have competed in the Para Olympics. This is a great advertisement for Hong Kong its self, that it is an equal opportunity community.

Because of the support of the HEBE Haven site, club, staff and members many under privileged people are able to enjoy sailing, these are people who otherwise would not have the chance to sail, which living within an Island state is surely unacceptable.

It has brought joy to my life to have been part of this organisation, which has nowhere else to go should HEBE Haven yacht club close.

Therefore I close by repeating Sailability must remain in operation, and therefore HEBE Haven yacht

club must remain open.

Yours sincerely

Captain Richard Blacklaws MNI

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

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

19/08/2018 23:09

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Dear,

The ABC Club is open to the general public for various sports that promote Hong Kong on local, regional and international scene. 80% of the certification in the club or the sailing activity in general have benefiting non-members. The Club has developed and maintain the land over the last 50 years, so already paid its due. The Club is a peaceful haven in the Hong Kong jungle and bring peace, harmony and tranquility for the Hong Kong community and help the government in making Hong Kong attractive.

Here are the answers to your questions:

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 and 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;**
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;**
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 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.

Thanks for your listening and consideration,

Regards,

Yvon Le Renard

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Dear Sir / Madam

RE: Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs) & Task Force on Land Supply

Private Sports Clubs continue to play a vital role in sporting development in Hong Kong. I am very concerned should there be any major policy changes that could seriously alter the scene.

My views on the above two consultation papers are:

"Land Premium":

The Fees levied should not deviate from the original expenses, because each private recreational club starts from the low land premium. After careful management, maintenance and development, the success of the day can be achieved.

"Further open up":

Opening up of Club facilities to eligible outside bodies and partnering with National Sports Association to provide facilities to host domestic and international competitions and local training programmes.

"Task Force on Land Supply":

It is absolutely not feasible to use Private Recreational Club to make housing recommendations. This will obliterate the history and contribution value of Private Recreational Club in HK. HK is able to develop sport and cultural exchanges quickly because of the existence of Private Recreational Club. And it will let us feel the beginning of another Cultural Revolution.

Others:

In the medium term, the reconstruction of old buildings should be accelerated. The long term should be to open & develop land in the New Territories asap, to extend and develop New Town in the development of the New Territories

Thank you for considering my responses.

Yours sincerely,
Hong Shun Wah

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RE: Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs) & Task Force on Land Supply

Dear Sir / Madam

Private Sports Clubs continue to play a vital role in sporting development in Hong Kong, especially for children. In comparison to other countries HK is still lagging behind in this area, which offers young people the chance to learn discipline, team spirit, resilience and a healthy development. I am very concerned should there be any major policy changes that could seriously change the important steps that these clubs have done for the next generation.

My views on the above two consultation papers are:

"Land Premium": This may stop clubs being able to offer sports and holiday camps for children.

"Further open up": I believe, most Clubs are already opening their facilities to sports association and are open for, children's sports, holiday camps and similar activities.

"Task Force on Land Supply": While housing is vital it remains important for a city to provide ample of sports facilities and green space for it's citizens. To raise a healthy next generation, parents need the chance to enrol their children into different sports at a reasonable price. To foster competitiveness, resilience and team spirit our children need these clubs to try out, practice and train.

Thank you for considering my responses.

With warmest regards
Nikola Kemper

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The Secretariat, Task Force on Land Supply

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Dear Sir / Madam

RE: Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs) & Task Force on Land Supply

Private Sports Clubs continue to play a vital role in sporting development in Hong Kong. I am hopeful there be not any major policy changes that could seriously alter the scene.

My views on the above two consultation papers are:

"Land Premium": This will result in severe, negative financial and operational implications: therefore I am against it since it will reduce the club's financial capability and sustainability to support sports development and also reduce the Club's ability to invest in improving sporting facilities

"Further open up": I support it—a good move.

"Task Force on Land Supply": I do not support this clause. A balanced life is important and clubs provide an opportunity for talented sports people to flourish in our city.

Thank you for considering my responses.

Yours sincerely,

Kapil Kapoor

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Home Affairs Bureau - Recreational and Sport Branch

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TO: Private Recreational Lease and Land Matters Section. Date: 20 August 2018

**Home Affairs Bureau - Recreational and Sport Branch
13/F West Wing, Central Government Offices
2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar, Hong Kong**

Re: The Hong Kong Country Club

(HKCC)

Dear Sirs,

1. The **HKCC** has been notified of a proposed change in the Land Premium to be applied to the Club in the future. As a long standing member of the HKCC I respectfully request that the level of the premium be *fair and reasonable* and calculated with regard to the extensive 'site usage restrictions'. Uncertainty for the families involved is unsettling and members (stakeholders) are entitled to know the proposed method of assessment when "*nominal rent*" is next assessed. The Club provides support in sport and recreation for many families and their concern for the club and it's future is paramount in their minds. The club's financial situation and future would be undermined and unfairly damaged by a disproportionate valuation and rental charge should non stakeholders or third parties' personal interests prevail. This decision will affect the future viability and sustainability of the Hong Kong Country Club and its multicultural and inclusive family membership.

2. The Home Affairs Bureau is well aware that the HKCC has **always** complied fully with the designated lease obligations with eligible *Outside Bodies & Sport Associations* by providing support and access to the Club's facilities. The Club is most willing to increase this commitment to outside Sports Associations on condition that Members are not driven out and penalised by excessive and unsustainable land premiums. Were the HKCC to be penalised with an unsustainable rental increase, HKCC members and their families, as well as *Outside Bodies and Sports Associations* with their young members would lose valuable sports facilities currently funded and supported by the HKCC membership.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my letter. If you have any questions or comments please do not hesitate to contact me at

ajgmiddleton@gmail.com

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Adam JG Middleton

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This message has been replied to.

Home Affairs Bureau (Recreation and Sport Branch)

Email: pri_consultation@hab.gov.hk

The Secretariat, Task Force on Land Supply

Email: tfls@devb.gov.hk

Dear Sir / Madam

RE: Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs) & Task Force on Land Supply

As an international city, Hong Kong is always able to provide the public a wide range of sports activities for their direct participation. The efforts by the Private Sports Clubs are beyond doubt. I note that the relevant policy is subject to a review for which the outcome will have a substantial impact on the upcoming sports development in Hong Kong.

My views on the above two consultation papers are:

"Land Premium": As mentioned, the aim is to provide the public a wide range of sports activities. Keeping the cost incurred as low as possible is the key for more people to get access the relevant sports activities. When constructing the pricing mechanism of the land premium, the number of the participants should be taken into account and should be used as a discount factor on the notional amount of the full market value.

"Further open up": In line with my suggested pricing mechanism, the Private Sports Clubs will be encouraged to open up their facilities to eligible outside bodies hosting domestic, international competitions as well as local training programs ; otherwise, the Private Sports Clubs are required to pay for a close to full market value as the compensation.

"Task Force on Land Supply": Due to the limited Land Supply issue in Hong Kong, the land occupied by the Private Sports Clubs is an inevitable option for the enrichment of the land bank of the Government. To strike for a balance, we would focus on the best interest of the Public. To measure the best interest, the effectiveness and the efficiency should be counted. From the Private Sports Clubs' point of view, the number of participants as well as the popularity, local and international, should be taken into consideration. From the Land Supply perspective, the number of new flats provided, the amount of resources required for the infrastructure, i.e. road, public utilities and etc., as well as the timeline of the construction are vital factors when using the land occupied by Private Sports Clubs for the near term housing solution.

Thank you for considering my responses.

Yours sincerely,

Say Swee Onn

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Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs) & Task Force on Land Supply

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

20/08/2018 12:17

History:

This message has been replied to.

Home Affairs Bureau (Recreation and Sport Branch)

Email: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk <mailto:prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk>

The Secretariat, Task Force on Land Supply

Email: tfls@devb.gov.hk <mailto:tfls@devb.gov.hk>

Dear Sir / Madam

RE: Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs) & Task Force on Land Supply

Private Sports Clubs continue to play a vital role in sporting development in Hong Kong. I am very concerned should there be any major policy changes that could seriously alter the scene. (Amend this sentences to your own wordings.)

My views on the above two consultation papers are:

"Land Premium": the club is for promotion of sports, which operates for the benefits of members for non commercial purpose. Apparently, market value of land is determined on a commercial basis, which is not what the mission of the club. Calculation of land premium equal to one third of full market value is highly inappropriate and is beyond the ability of the club.

"Further open up": subject to capacity and resources being available, I have no objection to open the club to the public partially during non busy hours and is not in competition with club members for use of club facilities.

Thank you for considering my responses.

Yours sincerely,

(Your Name)

No name provided

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PRL Public consultation

[Redacted]

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

20/08/2018 12:34

Cc: [Redacted]

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Sirs

I write to you as a member of the Hong Kong Country Club and Hong Kong resident since 1982 and following the on going PRL Public Consultation, I would like to share the following concerns :

1. Uncertain Land Premium: I fully understand your proposal of a land premium equivalent to one-third of the full market value upon lease renewal but my concern is that this new premium should be fair and reasonable and calculated based on site usage restrictions. Without a clear indication from the Lands Department as how it proposes to determine full market value of PRL sites, there is risk that the additional financial burden on the club will make it unsustainable and generate huge increase for members like me.
2. Further opening-up to eligible Outside Bodies: I fully support for the Club to be more opened and support HAB's proposal for sport facilities to be opened-up by a further 30% upon lease renewal. In the past years, I have seen different programs with the club already opening up to the community and believe that the club has always fully complied with its lease obligations in the past and is fully ready to comply in the future. Yet this will only work if members are not driven out by unsustainable land premiums.

I thank you for taking into consideration my views

Yours Sincerely

Dimitri Goutenmacher

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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

20/08/2018 13:06

Cc:

History:

This message has been replied to.

致民政事務局

本人就有關 "私人遊樂場地契約政策檢討公眾諮詢"， 提交以下意見

(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

A：應修改契約條件，使白沙灣遊艇會能夠符合民政事務局製定的準則和目標。

(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；

A：可優先考慮其他用地，例如棕色地帶、軍事場所和私人開發商擁有的土地儲備。而不是先考慮缺少的體育設施用地。

(c) 契約用地應否繼續免收地價或收取象徵式地價；

A：如果引入高地價政策，許多遊艇會都會認為過高，從而影響他們為香港體育發展做貢獻的能力。即使土地徵費相對較低，也意味著體育會所在政府指定的大部分共同目標上花費較少。

(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

A：人為約束私人遊樂場契約，以白沙灣遊艇會為例，會限制他們向公眾提供設施的能力。建議允許進行契約修改，以進一步開放及提供足夠的設施加強對社會的貢獻。

(e) 契約用地上應該容許哪些設施(包括附屬設施)

A：教室、會議室、行政辦公室、有蓋戶外區域、儲存訓練和安全船隻的船架，及設備齊全的工作坊等都是白沙灣遊艇會緊急需要的設施

(f) 如何加強契約用地承租人的企業管治和透明度；


A：季度匯報突出非成員的參與。

(g) 應否及如何審批新的康體用地申請

A：年度檢查

提出意見者

GARY FONG



20th August, 2018

Private Recreational Lease and Land Matters Section,
Home Affairs Bureau (Recreation and Sports Branch),
13/F, West Wing, Central Government Offices,
2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar,
Hong Kong

Dear Sirs:

Subject: Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases

First of all, allow me to declare that I am a member of the Hong Kong Country Club however my submission below reflects my view as a responsible tax paying resident of Hong Kong over and above my vested interest in the said Club.

In any "International City" as Hong Kong aspires to be, a balanced cosmopolitan populace and support for them are essentials such as international schools, world class medical, cultural, sports and recreational facilities. It may be unfortunate but universal that there exist in all major cosmopolitan cities both public and private facilities to cater to the diverse needs of their residents. The maintenance of both is essential.


Hong Kong is no exception nor should it be and the Hong Kong Country Club is one such outstanding private institution that enables and enhances Hong Kong's International City standing.

I therefore give my unreserved support for the continuation of the private recreational lease enjoyed by Hong Kong Country Club in situ albeit reasonable review of levies/rental rates may be necessary. The suggestion to make the Club more accessible to the public can certainly be studied within the qualitative aspiration of the Club.

Sincerely,



Albert Shu Lok CHENG



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Re: Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs) & Task Force on Land Supply

[REDACTED] to: tfls@devb.gov.hk,
pri_consultation@hab.gov.hk

20/08/2018 17:23

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Sir / Madam

Private Sports Clubs continue to play a vital role in sporting development in Hong Kong. I am very worried if there are any major policy changes that could seriously alter the current scene.

My views on the above two consultation papers are:

"Land Premium":

Imposing a land premium equivalent to one-third of market value on the future leases of private sports clubs will result in very negative financial and operational implications:

1. Shifting the Club's membership profile even more toward to the wealthier people as a result of higher membership fees due to a land premium;
2. Reducing the club's financial capability to support sports development of Hong Kong as a whole ;
3. Forcing the Club to increase facilities charges significantly. It will reduce usage by members and all eligible outside bodies, which is opposite to the original intentions of HKSAR government;
4. Reducing the Club's ability to improve sporting facilities which can now be enjoyed by members and all eligible outside bodies

"Additional Site":

HAB should support existing PRL lessees that may have operational needs for additional sites in order to support sports development needs, increase the provision of sports and recreational facilities with justifications

"Task Force on Land Supply":

I do not support the use of PRL land for housing as proposed on the Task Force on Land Supply public consultation as there are quite a few better options, such as having another 1-2% of country park areas or land reclamation for housing purpose

Thank you for your time

Yours sincerely,

Wing Hong Cheung

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Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs)

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

20/08/2018 17:11

History:

This message has been replied to.

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 Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs)

I am deeply concerned if there will be major changes in government policy that can alter the role of the Private Sports Clubs in sports development of Hong Kong, especially with its connections to the relevant Private Sports Clubs world-wide to promote and to develop the sport facilities that will benefit Hong Kong as an International city.

My views on PRLs consultation paper are:

"Land Premium": Imposing a land premium equivalent to one-third of market value on the future leases of private sports clubs will result in severe, negative financial and operational implications with the following issues --- 1. With the increase, the Club members have to foot the bill, the Club's membership profile will be shifting toward the rich and famous who can afford to foot the bill due to increased membership fees; 2. This shifting will no doubt reduce the financial capacity of the Club to support further sport development; 3. Pressing the Club to increase facilities charges significantly, thus deterring usage by members and/or eligible outside bodies and 4. Reducing the Club's ability to invest in improving sporting facilities.

"Further open up": I fully support the proposal to "further open up" the Club's facilities on top of the current lease requirements, however, this will have to base on the capacity of the Club to support the requirement.

Others: I do not support to use the any land now occupied by the PRL for housing development.

Thank you for considering my responses.

Yours sincerely,

Lai Yu Hoi Frankie

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Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs) & Task Force on Land Supply

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

20/08/2018 16:58

History: This message has been replied to.

Home Affairs Bureau (Recreation and Sport Branch)

Email: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

The Secretariat, Task Force on Land Supply

Email: tfls@devb.gov.hk

Dear Sir / Madam

RE: Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs) & Task Force on Land Supply

Private Sports Clubs continue to play a vital role in sporting development in Hong Kong. I am very concerned should there be any major policy changes that could seriously alter the scene.

My views on the above two consultation papers are:

"Land Premium": Given the sky high valuations of Hong Kong land it would not be fair to impose a land subsidy which would be disproportionately high.

"Further open up": I think it would be a good idea to open up the Club facilities to eligible outside bodies. As we know there is a huge shortage of space in Hong Kong and it makes sense to utilize all we can.

"Task Force on Land Supply": Whilst I recognize the shortage of housing in Hong Kong, there are more suitable areas in which to utilize the land. The infrastructure in the area would simply not support a large number of additional flats in that location.

Thank you for considering my responses.

Yours sincerely,

Jonathan Gordon

[Jonathan Gordon](#)

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Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs) & Task Force on Land Supply

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

20/08/2018 16:42

Cc: [REDACTED]

History:

This message has been replied to.

To:

1. Home Affairs Bureau (Recreation and Sport Branch) at Email: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk; and
2. The Secretariat, Task Force on Land Supply at Email: tfls@devb.gov.hk

From : [REDACTED]

Dear Sir / Madam

Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs) & Task Force on Land Supply

Private Sports Clubs play a vital role in the sporting development in Hong Kong. It has ever since been an important part of our social fabric, contributing in no small ways to Hong Kong's sports development at all levels and to its roles as an international city and commercial hub of choice.

I am very concerned about any major policy changes that could seriously alter the scene, stripping Hong Kong of an essential ingredient of its well proven success factors.

My views on the above two consultation papers are as follows:

1. Land Premium

- a. I have strong views on any scheme that will result in a significant land premium increase.
- b. High land premium will impose severe and negative impacts on the facilities and the sports clubs. It will reduce the sports clubs' financial capability which in turn will adversely affect the sports clubs' ability to support and promote sports development, which as said, is an important part of what has made Hong Kong an international success.
- c. In any case, the "market value", in its laymen sense, for a sports facility is not comparable with that of a residential/commercial property. On the basis of any land premium being not significant, considerations for the "market value" should address the use for sports rather than for any other alternative usages.

2. Further open up

- a. I support the sports clubs to open up their facilities to eligible outside bodies in ways that benefit the sports clubs and the community most.

- b. These “Eligible Outside Bodies” should include bodies such as national sports associations, schools and charities.
- c. The sport clubs should continue focus on the sports activities that they are best at --- eg Hong Kong Cricket Club should, apart from other sports activities, focus on cricket that most other sports clubs consider secondary. It should provide more training hours, host local leagues and international matches.

3. Task Force on Land Supply

- a. I am against the proposal from the “Task Force on Land Supply” of using sport clubs or PRL grounds for housing development.
- b. We understand the need for housing, but using PRL grounds is not the right solution. Instead it will just deprive Hong Kong of a soft and social but crucial ingredient. By doing so, one just creates another problem and makes Hong Kong not as livable.

Thank you and I hope you will find my responses agreeable.

Yours sincerely,

Rufin Mak

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**PRL Public Consultation**

20/08/2018 16:36

To: prl_consultation

Cc: [REDACTED]

Please respond to [REDACTED]

History: This message has been replied to.

To: Private Recreational Lease and Land Matters Section,
Home Affairs Bureau (Recreation and Sport Branch)
email: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

20 August 2018

Dear Sir(s),

Being a member of the Hong Kong Country Club (the Club), I write to state my concerns in response to the public consultation.

1) The Lands Department should be fair and transparent on ways how it intends to determine the full market value of PRL sites to ensure reasonable valuation and consult stakeholders, lest this could have unacceptable financial impact on the viability of stakeholders, including the Club.

2) The Club has always been supportive of its lease obligations to open up usage to Eligible Outside Bodies and Sports Associations. As a member of the Club, I'm fully supportive of our continuous support and even more open-up of such usage to further benefit sports development for Hong Kong; however this can only be achieved if the Club is not driven out of business by unsustainable land premiums (which remains uncertain per point 1 above).

Yours sincerely,
Cynthia Lam

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**Review on Policy of private Recreational Leases**

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

20/08/2018 16:23

History:

This message has been replied to.

I support the promotion of sports as a whole. The community at large will benefit from sports activities in particular on the health aspect and the reduction of expenses on health care.

Though HAB has done work on this area but absolutely not enough and out of proportion. The sports club promoting different sports are in fact helping the Government that does not spend enough in this area. Even if the Government want to do more on this task, it would not be economical to employ so many expertise as it is now with these sports clubs. It is like contracting out this task with minimum cost. In any case the Government would need these land for such sports promotion. To this end, **I do not support the redemption of the PRL for other purpose.**

Many of the these clubs are providing facilities for the community to promote sports at a reduced rate. Any increase in the premium of the leases would likely be bear by these non-commercial institution and in turn deter the promotion of sports. If the increase in premium goes to membership fee, this will only promote those wealthy member of the public to join these clubs and the public at large would less likely have the chance to enjoy the sports facilities and it would not be effective on the use of such land. Increase in premium is not addressing the problem but creating more problems.

On the premises of promoting sport, I support these sport clubs be more open to public to enjoy.

Bobby Ng

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PRL Consultation (with respect to The Hong Kong Golf Club)

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

20/08/2018 15:28

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Sirs

I am writing to respectfully provide my input on the above mentioned consultation. (I am a member of the Hong Kong Golf Club).

I think it is clear that The Hong Kong Golf Club (HKGC) is a vibrant contributor to the sporting life of Hong Kong :

- The facilities are very accessible to the public (Monday to Friday year round).The amount of rounds played by non-members (over 40% of rounds played) is exceptional for a world renowned golf club.
- The club plays a leading part in the development of junior and elite sports development through allowing extensive use of the courses and training facilities by members of the Hong Kong Golf Association's junior and international squads.
- the club is very engaged with the community through : allowing the courses to be used extensively for charity fund raising , for sports events such as long distance running and cross country events, and granting use of the multi sports courts to local schools . The club is also an important employer in the locality.
- the holding at HKGC of well established professional and amateur golfing events including the Hong Kong Open and the Hong Kong Ladies Open are major events in the Hong Kong and International Golfing Calendar. The Hong Kong Open is extremely well regarded internationally and reaches a global TV audience .
- the availability of the clubs well maintained and top quality golf courses to international businessmen residing in and visiting Hong Kong is a significant component of Hong Kong's appeal as "Asia's World City"

In summary the HKGC and its facilities are an important part of the fabric of Hong Kong. I encourage renewal of the club's lease on reasonable financial terms that will not result in usage being diminished because of price pressures. I also believe that any pressure to redevelop the land for housing purposes should be resisted and that there are alternative and better locations to meet housing needs.

Sincerely

Alistair Laband

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**Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases
(PRLs) & Task Force on Land Supply**

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

20/08/2018 17:49

Cc: tfls@devb.gov.hk

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Sirs,

Attention: Home Affairs Bureau (Recreation and Sport Branch) and The Secretariat, Task Force on Land Supply

Private Sports Clubs continue to play a vital role in sporting development in Hong Kong. I am very concerned should there be any major policy changes that could seriously alter the scene.

My views on the above two consultation papers are:

"Land Premium":

I disagree to the plans to impose a land premium equivalent to one-third of full market value.

"Further open up":

I am not against the further opening up of Club facilities to eligible outside bodies and partnering with National Sports Association to provide facilities to host domestic and international competitions and local training programmes.

"Task Force on Land Supply":

I disagree to the use of PRL land for housing as proposed in the 'Task Force on Land Supply' public consultation proposal.

Others:

The Government has many other options which are less disruptive to legitimate users. Not only that resorting to PRL which makes up limited square footage will not help the land supply, it will also have a very negative impact on the Administration's ability to provide solutions.

Thank you for considering my responses.

Yours sincerely,

Adrian Li

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Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs) & Task Force on Land Supply

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

20/08/2018 18:24

History:

This message has been replied to.

Home Affairs Bureau (Recreation and Sport Branch)
Email: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

The Secretariat, Task Force on Land Supply
Email: tfls@devb.gov.hk

Dear Sir / Madam

RE: Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs) & Task Force on Land Supply

Private Sports Clubs continue to play a vital role in sporting development in Hong Kong. Including the vital current and future benefits that individual and team sports provide in character development. I am very concerned should there be any major policy changes that could seriously alter the scene.

My views on the above two consultation papers are:

"Land Premium": This will kill off the current general level of applicants genuinely interested in sport who would be replaced by richer people who often have little interest in sports.

"Further open up": I support this measure

"Task Force on Land Supply": One looks around Hong Kong and there appears to be a lot of land available in the NT currently being used for container storage and car breakers yards, these should be dealt with first

Others: Sport is so important as part of the development of our young people especially at the elite level to show pride in Hong Kong when they represent their country.

Thank you for considering my responses.

Yours sincerely,

Terence John Smith

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**Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases -
Voting AGAINST**

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

20/08/2018 20:43

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Home Affairs Bureau,

I am writing to express my opinion on the policy review of Private Recreational Leases. Private Sports Clubs have been playing a vital role in sports development for Hong Kong, and in my case, tennis. I am very concerned that major policy changes will adversely alter the scene.

I am AGAINST imposing a land premium on the future leases of private sports clubs as it will result in severe, negative financial and operational implications. It would reduce the club's financial capability and sustainability to support sports development, put pressure on the club to increase facilities charges significantly, thus discouraging usage overall, in addition, it further reduces the Club's ability to invest in improving sporting facilities. I was a tennis sporting member at both Hong Kong Cricket Club and Ladies Recreation Club. Thanks to tennis, I later served as a Council and Committee Member for the Hong Kong Tennis Association and supported the numerous fund raising activities for The Hong Kong Tennis Federation in order to give back to the community in Hong Kong. This would not have been possible if it wasn't for affordable programs offered by the private sports clubs.

I do however support to further open up of Club facilities to eligible outside bodies and partner to National Sports Association to provide facilities to host training programs and competitions to benefit sports development and aiding the community in Hong Kong.

Thank you for considering my response.

Yours faithfully,

YUEN John

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Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs) & Task Force on Land Supply

[REDACTED] to. prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk,
tfls@devb.gov.hk

20/08/2018 21:28

History:

This message has been replied to.

Home Affairs Bureau (Recreation and Sport Branch)
Email: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

The Secretariat, Task Force on Land Supply
Email: tfls@devb.gov.hk

Dear Sir / Madam

RE: Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs) & Task Force on Land Supply

Private Sports Clubs is important in less popular sports development in Hong Kong. Especially those sports that are not supported by the government. This can enhance the internationalism of Hong Kong. This is important for the highly multicultural city like Hong Kong. I am very concerned for any major policy changes that could seriously affect it.

My views on the above two consultation papers are:

"Land Premium": the increase in premium will only bias the club facilities to the top privileged small group of people. This won't help the development of less popular sports in Hong Kong that's needed for a highly multicultural city like Hong Kong.

"Further open up": support further open up so that the the club sports, some of which might be less popular, can be promoted to more people.

"Task Force on Land Supply": not supported, it's not effective as the area is near a park scene and can't accommodate high rise building or the skyline will be highly disturbed.

Others: long term development of housing by landfill will give real hope to solve the problem in the long run.

Thank you for considering my responses.

Yours sincerely,

Dora Wong Wai Yin

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PRL Public consultation

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

20/08/2018 22:15

Cc:

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Sir,

I am writing in my capacity as a member of the Hong Kong Country Club (the Club) 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 I understand that the Home Affairs Bureau is under pressure from a portion of the public to change the conditions of the Club leases, we appreciate the difficult situation and I am grateful to have a chance to voice my opinion in this public consultation process.

The Hong Kong Country Club and its members play 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 and to an increasing and significant extent, and it should be a valuable and integral resource to serve the local community and sports development in Hong Kong.

Over the past years, I have noticed the great effort by the management and members of the Club to invite more outsiders e.g. 30 schools and charities, old age homes like St. Mary's Home, and sports teams to come and enjoy the Club's sporting facilities. The Club has made real and genuine efforts to advertise its facilities including placement of advertising in publications, letters sent and calls made and a banner placed at the entrance of the Club.

Scholarships have been given and coaching undertaken. The tennis courts, bowling alleys, table tennis tables and basketball court are often used. Social and charitable organisation frequently use the Club as a place to relax and 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 that more needs to be done and will be done.

The Club also provides a stable workplace to 300 staff which represents 300 families whose children have been educated through salaries earned at the Club. The average tenure of the staff is 14 years so they have become a part of our families.

I have grown up at the Club as have my children and through the cosmopolitan nature of the Club, we have been able to interact with people from all over the world and this gave my family and I a unique opportunity to understand customs, traditions and the way of thinking of many different races.

I personally believe that the Club should continue serving Hong Kong and I

agree to opening our facilities further to the public. We are prepared to pay equitable rent but are concerned about what the level will be, as we want this rent to be at a viable level and not affect the wellbeing of the Club, so that we can continue to provide good facilities for us members and the public.

Regards,

Yolande Ip

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Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs)

[Redacted]

to: pri_consultation@hab.gov.hk

21/08/2018 00:40

History:

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

Email: pri_consultation@hab.gov.hk

Dear Home Affairs,

Private Sports Clubs have been playing a vital role in sports development of Hong Kong, I am very concerned a major policy change can restrict access for youth learning new sports skills as well as developing talent. Market value is irrelevant when it comes to youth development in Hong Kong. Policy change should be about opening up the clubs to national and international sports competitions as well as access by underprivileged youth groups or individuals.

Years ago the private clubs were mostly frequented by expats but this is no longer the case. Locals and expats need these outlets but currently sports enthusiasts have to choose to leave Hong Kong due to lack of sports access for youth. You should see that as a problem.

Thank you for considering my response.

Yours sincerely,

Maureen Rule

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Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs) & Task Force on Land Supply

Cc: tfls@devb.gov.hk, [redacted] to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

21/08/2018 09:08

History:

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Home Affairs Bureau (Recreation and Sport Branch)

Email: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

The Secretariat, Task Force on Land Supply

Email: tfls@devb.gov.hk

Dear Sir / Madam

RE: Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs) & Task Force on Land Supply

Private Sports Clubs continue to play a vital role in sporting development in Hong Kong. I am very concerned should there be any major policy changes that could seriously alter the current arrangements.

My views on the above two consultation papers are:

"Land Premium": I believe it is grossly unfair to impose a land premium on PRLs. Security of land tenure and rule of law are two of the features of Hong Kong's legal system that has helped make the city a leading financial centre and hub of economic activity. The proposed land premium would impose a massive financial burden which could cripple the viability of many private sports clubs. Further, it would likely force clubs to target the super-wealthy and force out many ordinary members, including sporting members.

"Further open up": I believe each club is in the best position to determine the extent to which it opens up its facilities to the general public. There is a balance between providing a private service for members and benefiting the broader public. Therefore I don't believe that the government should mandate or impose any policy on clubs in this regard.

As a member of the HK Cricket Club, I'm proud of the fact that a majority of the Club's members are sporting members, including many young people.

Further, the HKCC makes its facilities available to a number of public sporting events, notably cricket tournaments.

The HKCC, and other sports clubs, therefore play a significant role in supporting the development of sport in Hong Kong, and this should be preserved.

"Task Force on Land Supply": I don't think it is sensible to use PRL land for housing as proposed in the 'Task Force on Land Supply' public consultation proposal. Firstly, there are much more suitable options, such as reclaiming a small portion of nature reserves or redeveloping industrial areas.

Secondly, many PRLs contain beautiful cultivated natural features which should be preserved

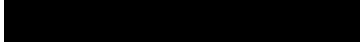
as part of Hong Kong's history.

Others: Private Sports Clubs employ many excellent employees, and in my experience of the Hong Kong Cricket Club, the clubs go to great lengths to look after staff. Club employees are therefore another very important stakeholder in this debate and I strongly believe their livelihood as employees should be protected.

Thank you for considering my responses.

Yours sincerely,

John Koshy

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

21/08/2018 10:38

Cc: [REDACTED]

Please respond to [REDACTED]

History: This message has been replied to.

Dear Sir / Madam,

My wife and I grew up enjoying the use of Private Sports Clubs. We fondly recall how it helped us develop our love for sports. These clubs were pretty much the reason why we spend every weekend playing and training for different sports instead of staying at home palying video games or going out and adopting bad habits. We do think Private Sports Clubs continue to play a very important role in the sporting development in Hong Kong. We honestly believe it's very important for the youth to have the chance to enjoy these private sports clubs as we did when we were younger. We for a fact would love our kids to grow up spending their weekends in these sports clubs learning and playing sports and growing up to be well rounded and healthy individuals. Some of these private sports clubs were instrumental in developing hong kong residents to be international athletes. We are very sure if you were to ask them they would state that being a member of these clubs helped them significantly.

We also want the public to know that the use of these Private Sports Clubs are not limited to members. In fact more than 50% of the competitive sports played at the clubs are by non members. These clubs have hosted and are still hosting several local and international sporting events and they continue to work closely with several local sporting associations. Moreover, these clubs provide a venue for schools and charities as well as boy scouts to carry out their activities. Restrictive use of Private Sports Clubs is a vast misconception.

We are very concerned should there be any major policy changes that could seriously affect the status quo. Our views on the above two consultation papers are:

"Land Premium":

We would like to point out that majority of the members of private sports clubs are youth sporting members. These are kids who just want to have a place to learn, train, and enjoy sports. The entrance fee for youth sporting members are very very minimal, as low as \$2,000. This is even cheaper than what a student will have to pay for a week's tutorial for local schools (which is an even bigger problem in the society if you were to ask us). Putting a land premium on Private Sports clubs will increase the cost of running these clubs. This additional costs will be passed on to the youth sporting members and schools and youth associations as the clubs are non profit. At some point it might make the fees too prohibitive that only the rich can be members of these clubs. Increasing the land premium will also greatly hamper the ability of the clubs to invest on improving their facilities and supporting sporting events.

"Further open up":

We do support Private Sports Clubs further opening up the use of their facilities to more and more people especially for sporting programmes.

"Task Force on Land Supply":

We definitely don't agree to use the PRL land for housing purposes. There is enough land in HK for housing. A lot of it are being hoarded by developers and a lot of the built units are being kept unused by rich investors both local and foreign. There is however a shortage of sporting facilities. I think it is absolutely crazy for me to wake up at 6am trying to book a public facitliy and still not get it. In a year, I will be lucky to have successfully book 4x. This goes to show how inadequate sporting facilities are in HK.

Others:

On the contrary, we think if the government can allocate more land to sporting facilities, it will be very good for the community. There are a number of sports that are virtually not available in HK due to shortage of land like baseball and american football. Sports like cricket, rugby can be further developed in HK if there were more lands available for these type of sports.

Thank you for considering our responses.

Yours sincerely,

Jocson Co and Olivia Sze

Mr. V-Nee Yeh

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

August 20, 2018

Home Affairs Bureau (Recreation and Sport Branch)
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) & Task Force on Land Supply

I am writing in my capacity as a Member of the Hong Kong Cricket Club 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. I am very concerned should there be any major policy changes that could seriously alter the scene.

My views on the above two consultation papers are:

While we understand that the Home Affairs Bureau is under great 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. Without doubts, imposing a land premium equivalent to one-third of market value on the future leases of private sports clubs will result in severe, negative financial and operational implications; the Club would ultimately be suffered and have a pressure to increase facilities charges significantly, thus deterring usage by members and/or eligible outside bodies in a long run!

I understand the Hong Kong Cricket Club and its membership play a significant and positive part in supporting the local community and has a strong ongoing commitment to Hong Kong's sports development. The club works closely with a number of National Sporting Associations including: Cricket Hong Kong; Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association; Hong Kong Netball Association; Hong Kong Squash; Hong Kong Hockey Association; Hong Kong Table Tennis Association and Hong Kong Tennis Association. The club has for several years made its facilities available to outside bodies to an increasing and significant extent, and that should continue to be a valuable and integral resource to serve the local community and the sports development of Hong Kong.

To be continued....

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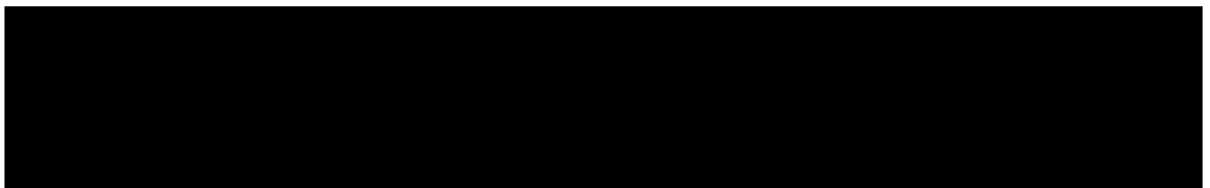
Hong Kong is one of the top Financial Centres of the World, this status was acquired through hard work and gambles taken by multinationals whose executives believed in the future of Hong Kong . Our forefathers came from far way to set up the Hong Kong of yesterday and today. This was achieved by bringing expert talent from overseas. The then Government understood that to help Hong Kong prosper it needed to provide talented leaders with recreational and sports facilities to keep these experts in Hong Kong. In order for Hong Kong to continue qualifying as a Financial Centre we need to provide these very qualified talents facilities for them to relax with their families. Should the public want to take the Clubs away, it will also likely take talent and the jobs they bring with them away. Talented business leaders will prefer Singapore, Tokyo, Shanghai to Hong Kong, Multinationals will relocate from Hong Kong to those cities which will lead to massive unemployment. I doubt that a society can survive on subsidized housing and no income.

Thank you for considering my responses.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. V Nee Yeh



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August 14, 2018

Private Recreational Lease and Land Matters Section
Home Affairs Bureau (Recreation and Sports Branch)
13/F West Wing, Central Government Offices,
2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar, Hong Kong

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to voice my serious concerns over the Home Affairs Bureau's land premium proposal to be levied against private sports clubs. While I certainly understand the severity of Hong Kong's housing crisis, I believe the proposed premium equivalent to one-third of the full market value is purely a reactionary policy that will not fully solve the fundamental issue at heart.

An increase in the land premium can understandably force many private sports clubs to shut down. I can only deduce that such a policy is designed to indirectly increase the amount of land available for housing. Although many would welcome such a reprieve, this solution is only temporary, since it lacks the sort of long-term strategic urban planning required to fully address the housing challenge that Hong Kong faces today.

In addition, I am concerned by the lack of transparency under the current proposal. There is no indication from the Lands Department as to how it will fairly determine the full market value of these private sports sites. Without any guidelines or predetermined criterias, this could potentially have a negative financial impact on the viability and self-sufficiency of private sports facilities.

While the current proposal attempts to address the issue of land supply in Hong Kong, I am also concerned that the unique societal benefits provided by private sports clubs are overlooked and underestimated. Having been an active member of the Hong Kong Country Club for over forty years, I cannot count the number of fellow members with whom I have developed a close professional relationship. These connections have proven to be an invaluable resource for me as an auditor. Many of my clients are from Singapore and Australia, and they often rely on me to make local introductions as they seek to expand their business operations in Hong Kong.

I urge your office to consider the details and impact of the existing proposal and work with all stakeholders to come up with a balanced solution that is satisfactory to all parties.

Yours Faithfully,

[REDACTED]

Baldwin Wong

[REDACTED]



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

I accept that from time to time rents, prices and levies need to be adjusted to meet rising costs and the need to replenish Government coffers but a rise of 5% - 10% is more realistic than 33 1/3%.

My Name: Lyndon Victor Thomas

Hong Kong ID Card No. :



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2018. 8. 16.

香港添馬添美2號政府總部西翼13樓

(主題：私人遊樂場地契約政策檢討公眾諮詢)

一、私人體育會同地確有其歷史價值和達成體育“普及化”、“精英化”及“盛事化”政策目標的直接貢獻。過去不少私人體育會不對外開放，但透過政府的新建議後，私人體育會亦因應政府要求，對外開放設施至一定數目及時限。另外私人體育會的設施，同時能夠補充到政府場地不足的情況，公眾可以經慈善團體及學校機構等，享用體育設施及訓練場地，做到多元化發展，為市民及香港體育發展作出一大貢獻。因此作為一所非政府及非牟利的機構來說，徵收龐大的地價令私人體育會需要把負擔轉嫁於消費者身上，間接扼殺體育發展，對社會毫無益處。

二、我認同要這些私人體育會繳交地租！

本人謹此表達意見。

黃曉)

TO: Home Affairs Bureau

2 April 2018

Dear Sir/Madam,

PRL Consultation Paper

I work in hospitality industry other graduation and have been serving in Private Clubs over 25 years.

Anyong Private Club business has provided a lot of professional career. For the Club that I am now working, has helped developed a variety of sports in Hong Kong. Our programme for juniors, Gappers, has nurtured a number of players for Hong Kong teams. I take pride for myself in working for the Club and for the industry.

I fully support "Opening More Hours and Facilities" to more people, i.e. non members allowing more to appreciate different sport in the Club.

I Briefly object increasing Land Premium,
which will have a strong impact to the
Club Industry, and therefore "negative" effect
in assisting sports development we have
been doing for years. Basically the net
increase is driving the Clubs to be out of business.
There are many other ways to create a
'win-win' situation. We trust that the
government will take my view very
seriously

Thank you

Yours sincerely,

(SEND) TAM.





Hong Kong, 15th August 2018

Private Recreational Lease and Land Matters
Home Affairs Bureau
(Recreation and Sport Branch)
13th Floor, West Wing
Central Government Offices
2, Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar
Hong Kong

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

Subject: Lease extension of Hong Kong County Club

As a long time member of the HKCC I am quite concerned that we are facing some difficulties to renew the lease of our Club. Hopefully, a mutual acceptable solution can be found to continue the operation of the Club – as not just members enjoyed the facilities, but also quite frequently guest users – such as officials of some Government bodies - hosting lunches and dinners to their guests – including from the Mainland – for lunches and/or dinners in peaceful surroundings. Moreover, national and international sporting events were held at the club – in particular tennis competitions – local and international. In addition, many underprivileged bodies – such as old people's homes, schools etc.. were and still are invited and hosted at the club to enjoy all facilities - including lunch and/or dinner at no cost to them.

The Club including all members, will continue to do so and to encourage those who feel they are neglected to apply for a free stay at the Club for one day including the use of all the facilities and lunch/or dinner.

As it would be just a matter to increase the rent of the land premium, I am convinced that an agreement can be worked out – as long as it is fair and reasonable.

I would be most grateful if you could look favorably into this matter again, as it would be a real pity if due to some difficulties – which I believe can be solved amicably – the HKCC can continue to prosper, in the interest of all. In addition, many - jobs around 100 – could be saved – some of whom have 20-30 years' employment records at the Club.

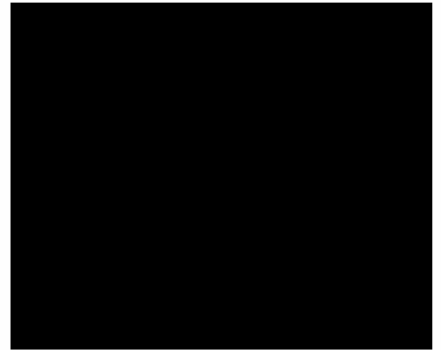
I thank you in anticipation for favorably consider this issue as I am very confident that all difficulties can be amicable resolved.

Best regards,
Hannes Lanz
Member



香港添馬添美道2號政府總部西翼13樓
民政事務局
(主題：私人遊樂場地契約政策檢討公眾諮詢)

我唔認同要 D 私人體育會俾地租！香港回歸嗰陣鄧小平都講過啦！原有的資本主義制度同生活方式五十年不變，所以係講都要 2047 年之後先好拎出黎講啦！更何況係土地供應上面，政府都話其實香港有七十幾個 percent 既地根本就未開發，再加埋近排講緊既東大嶼填海，剩係呢個填海計劃都已經有幾千公頃既地，實際上就大有地在。何必犧牲香港既體育發展去解決一 D 本身就已經有 solution 既問題呢，win win 雙贏唔係仲好咩？！



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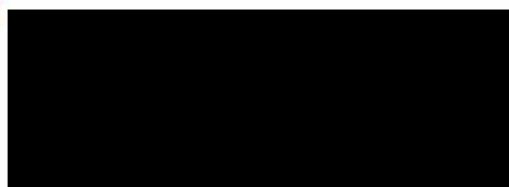
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香港民政事務局

(私人遊樂場地契約政策檢討公眾諮詢)
添馬添美道2號政府總部西翼13樓

本人堅決反對私人體育會要
繳付地價。私人體育會對本港體育活
動的付出、推廣各種運動，政府也希望全
民運動，各私人體育會也開放給公眾也。
推動各樣運動；也給來港工作的事才更
多消閒康樂活動空間，若果要收取昂貴
的市值地價，對他們過去的社會付出和
貢獻；市民對該體育會的貢獻也不
可忽視，當中也製造了很多就業職位，
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2018年8月8日

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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

本人堅決反對私人體育會要向政府繳付地價。作為一位小市民，我當然支持私人體育會開放多些設施予市民大眾。徵收高昂地價解決不了土地短缺的問題，其實問題的根本是人口老化，私營樓宇壟斷，內地移民政策，並不是單一原因。因此我建議政府效法星加坡填海用地，正確解決核心問題，不應用一些指標不根本

的辦法，但求掩蓋政黨
(別有用心)的聲音。

謝謝！


Teresa Lam


日期: 18 / 8 / 2018.

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民政事務局



(主題: 私人遊樂場地契約政策檢討公眾諮詢)

我強烈反對政府徵收地價, 這種做法對多方面都沒有好處

第一, 私人體育會時常都有推動香港體育發展, 如果強行徵收地價的話, 會費及其他費用都會大幅增加, 轉嫁到會員身上, 到時如果本身不是超級富豪的話, 大多數人都會退會, 變相私人體育會更加成為有錢人的玩意, 平民百姓更加沒有機會可以使用, 最終對香港體育發展只會帶來壞處!

第二, 徵收地價3次後, 土地亦不會歸私人體育會擁有, 這樣做法是否公平?

第三, 這種做法對土地供應一點幫助都沒有, 好多私人體育會都已經有一段歷史價值, 當我們可以去填海、發展棕園或開拓大嶼山地區時, 為何要去破壞原有歷史再重建呢? 這種做法是不設實際的!

最後, 我希望政府有更長遠的計劃和目標去發展土地, 而不是去破壞再重建!

邵柏廉

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,

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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:

Li Lau Lai hing Barra

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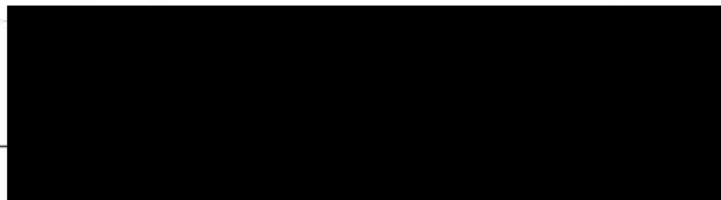
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15 August 2018

Private Recreational Lease Matters Section
Home Affairs Bureau (Recreation and Sports Branch)
13/FL West Wing, Central Govt Offices
2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar,
Hong Kong



Dear Sir,

I am writing in my capacity as a member of the Hong Kong Country Club 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.

The Hong Kong Country Club and its membership play a significant and positive part in supporting the local community and have 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.

On the Sports side, 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. Scholarships have been awarded, coaching undertaken. The bowling alleys are frequently used as are the ping pong tables and basketball court. Social and charitable organizations 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 recognizes 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 Club actively promotes the health benefits of building a habit of regular exercise. Being a member of the Club has encouraged my kids to take up sport, and they have become avid tennis players and swimmers. The Club encourages not only members to take up sport, but also local community and students through the above initiatives.

On the Community side, the Hong Kong Country Club has been a supporter of St Mary's Home and Mother's Choice, The Club welcomes residents and volunteers every month for days of respite. These elderly folks use the lawn, the bowling alleys, play games and bingo in the Clubs rooms and enjoy lunch monthly. Children also visit the Club monthly and use the playroom, the lawn, the playground and the poolside. Why would the Government take the sunshine away from the bleak lives of these underprivileged and deprived children? Would they be denied to enjoy the visits over Middle Island for the sake of more housing in Hong Kong?

The Club also offers work placement for students with developmental disorders in the Club for up to a year. These students work in the Playroom, the Bowling alleys and at the Health Centre and the purpose of the programme is to allow them to gain work experience and life skills.

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 socialize 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. 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.

Hong Kong is an international City. What international City can it be if it does not offer the benefits of private clubs and world class sporting facilities? 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.



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.

Best Regards,



Nelson TSE



15th August, 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

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing in my capacity as Past Chairman of the Hong Kong Country Club in reference to the public consultation process regarding Public Recreation Leases. I am grateful for the opportunity to voice my opinion and advocate for the continuation of these leases and to inform you of the noteworthy contributions the Club has made to the community and to the development of sports in Hong Kong.

The Hong Kong Country Club have always fully complied with our lease obligations and currently have multiple initiatives that contribute to sports and the community. We invite 800 schools each year to make use of the sports facilities and host tennis tournaments such as the Hong Kong National Junior Tennis Championship and the International Super Senior Tennis Tournament. During the Junior Tournament, the Club welcomes the best young players of Hong Kong and opens the Club to their family and friends for the duration of the tournament. The Senior Tournament welcomes the best senior players from Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, Malaysia, the Mainland and Hong Kong and the Club is open to the public.

We support multiple local charities including Mother's Choice and St. Mary's Home for the Aged. Groups of children from the Mother's Choice charity have been visiting the club monthly since 2015 to use the playground, lawn and pool and receive meals free of charge. The Club welcomes elderly residents as well as volunteers from St. Mary's each month for days of respite. They often use the lawn, bowling alley, and play bingo and games in the Club's rooms.

Our Club is actively engaged in initiatives that will provide even more opportunities for the public to access the Club's facilities. This will foster increased partnerships to benefit sports development and continue to promote a healthy lifestyle to the community.





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The proposal of a land premium equivalent to one-third of the full market value upon lease renewal is a valid proposal. However, the premium must be fair and calculated based on the site usage restrictions and the proposed rent needs to be viable to maintain the well-being of the Club, so we can continue to provide facilities for members and the public.

I believe a prosperous future for the Hong Kong Country Club will continue to benefit the community for many years to come.

With kindest regards,

Yours truly,
Daniel K. P. Li



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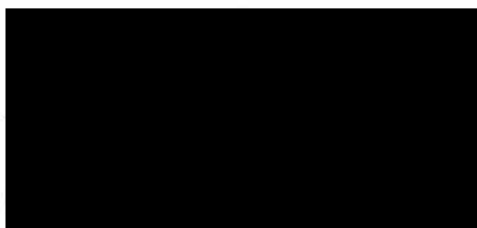
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Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: Public consultation on the Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases

I am a member of the Hong Kong Country Club since over 20 year and do appreciate the privilege of this. Meanwhile the club introduced contributions to the contrib community and to the sports development. Schools may use the club facilities, there is a tennis scholarship program, the club supports charities and NGOs, partnered the Foodlink Foundation. This is just to name a few activities. I fully support the club in doing so and do support all the contributions. Let's share our privileges with the Hongkong community.

Yours sincerely,



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Robert Alderton

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11 August 2018

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Dear Madam, Sirs,

Support for Hong Kong Country Club

My family has had three generations of membership at the Hong Kong Country Club. My father joined the club in 1963, I joined in 1997, and my children grew up at the club in the '90s and '00s.

I grew up under the caring eyes the Hong Kong Country Club staff. I have seen many staff fulfil their careers at the club until retirement, and their own children growing up at the club. The Hong Kong Country Club is a very special and caring community, as well as an important place of recreation. The club's philosophy has created a special passion for life and community spirit amongst both members and staff. The Hong Kong Country Club is a success story of the Private Recreational Lease scheme.

The community projects have been embraced by the members and its very enthusiastic staff, and provides a unique and unforgettable experience. It is a showpiece of public-private recreational and community successes.

Yours faithfully,

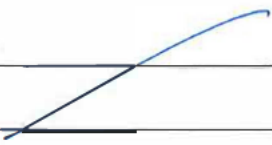
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CHANG SO PIN, JERRY

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Home Affairs Bureau (Recreation and Sport Branch),
 13/F West Wing, Central Government Offices
 2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar,
 Hong Kong
 Monday August 20, 2018.



Dear Sir / Madam

RE: Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs)

Private sports clubs have been a valuable part of Hong Kong's social fabric for well over 100 years. They have proven to be an essential "nursery" for the city's sporting talent and a valuable meeting place for the sort of innovative and influential individuals who have helped make Hong Kong the success story it is today.

The argument that handing over club land to build housing is short-sighted and simply wrong. Would club land be used to build housing for the poor? Of course not. It would simply be sold off to developers to build apartments for rich people. There are plenty of brownfield sites and old industrial areas where more public housing could be built, not to mention redeveloping older, low-rise housing estates to double or even triple existing estate populations.

My views on PRLs consultation paper are:

"Land Premium": When the HK government is consistently posting budget surpluses of HK\$50-80 billion, does anyone honestly believe they need to charge non-profit sporting clubs a higher land premium to make ends meet? This is simply punishing a non-profit organisation to appease a very small number of needlessly-angry legislators who are under the misguided impression that sporting clubs are made up mostly of rich people - something which is patently false.

"Further open up": Within reason, I don't think anyone is against this idea. So long as there is a healthy balance with the needs and rights of private club members - both expatriate and Chinese - who have often paid a high joining fee and waited years to be accepted/admitted into these clubs, as well as paying monthly fees to help maintain the premises.

Others: Until a few years ago, club leases were not an issue, because they shouldn't be. Clubs are non-profit. They exist for the promotion of sport and

members' social activities. They are enjoyed by both expatriate and Chinese members, so this is not a "colonial" issue. Combined, Hong Kong's sporting clubs take up a tiny, tiny fraction of land in Hong Kong. The argument they are needed to build public housing is laughable, particularly as the government is once again looking at reclamation (and rightly so) to provide more land to build housing. And all this at a time when Hong Kong's birthrate is plummeting and the number of mainland Chinese coming to live in Hong Kong dropped off markedly in 2018. So how great will the need for new housing be in 5-10 years time? Sporting clubs are part of Hong Kong's colourful history. Please don't needlessly punish or destroy them.

Thank you for considering my responses.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Sams – Hebe Haven Yacht Club member



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Private Recreational Lease and Land Matters Section,
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2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar
Hong Kong

Date : 16th August 2018

By Email
(prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk)
& Post

Dear Sir,

I write to support the Hong Kong Country Club to continue to rent its current premises.

Hong Kong Country Club is the only club in Hong Kong with a unique nature. Its membership has a balanced ratio of ethnic groups, this exemplifies that Hong Kong is an international city. Hong Kong Country Club has opened its sports facilities to eligible outside bodies and sports associations in full accordance with the lease obligations. This will of course continue in future.

The Home Affairs Bureau has the right to charge a new land premium. This amount however should be a fair, reasonable value based on the space, usage restriction and affordability of the Club. An unacceptable financial impact will affect the running of the Club and future users of the Club in the Southern District.

I hope the officers of Home Affairs Bureau will give this matter a balanced and unbiased consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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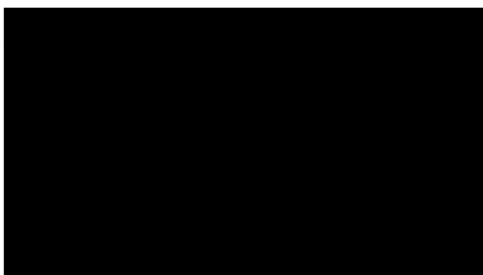
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2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar, Hong Kong
Email: pri_consultation@hab.gov.hk



By mail and email

Dear Sirs,

PRL Public Consultation

I write as a member of the Hong Kong Country Club. I am fully aware that the Government is under tremendous public pressure focusing on policies regarding its private sports clubs leases in face of limited supplies and high demand for land. In this respect, I would like to offer my views as follows:

1. Land Premium

It was proposed that when lease is next renewed, a land premium amounts to one-third of the full market value be levied. While I may not necessarily disagree with it in principle, my concern is that the basis of calculation may be fair, reasonable and consistent among all, taking into account different site usage restrictions. At the moment, there is no predetermined formula to ascertain the full market value of PRL sites. I am overly concerned that the non-stakeholders may force upon their views on the Administration to the detriment of the club resulting in an unacceptable financial levy that impacts the continuity of the club. As you know, the club has its historical features, far more in advance than others, in serving the diversity and inclusiveness of both the local and international communities through its membership allocation. I understand the club will continue to uphold this feature to support Hong Kong as an international city. Its continuity and self-sufficiency are therefore crucial and exceed the general consideration, though important, land supply shortage.

2. More Community Usage

The club is fully aware of its lease conditions regarding its obligations to open up its sports facilities to Eligible Outside Bodies and Sports Associations. In this regard, I understand the club has always been in full compliance. Such requirements and compliance have been shared with members at the Town Hall meeting and in the fact sheet sent to members on



July 4, 2018. The club is prepared to further foster the sports development and supporting the Hong Kong community through a commitment to further increase its open up by 30% but such can only be achieved if the land premium is within reasonable reach of its members.

I submit these for your favorable consideration.

Yours faithfully,

CHAN Shui Shing

Membership no. [REDACTED]

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20th Aug 2018

Re: Public consultation on the Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases

Dear Sir/Madam,

It is my understanding that the government is reviewing all landleases to private clubs in Hong Kong, whether these leases should be extended, how much to charge and worse case scenario whether or not to renew at all or to use said land for housing purposes.

It is my view that private clubs provide a much needed service to any international city and serves a greater public good in terms of employment opportunities, attracting international talent to the city and also nurturing and providing opportunities to nurture and develop sports talent.

Hong Kong Country Club (HKCC)

Over the years, the HKCC has provided and opened up its doors to providing opportunities to the local school communities in finding and nurturing local talent in tennis. It has invited over 800 schools to participate in the club facilities and has hosted several international and local tennis tournaments, serving Hong Kong's public and enhancing its standing in the international community.

The club has also provided community services and opened its facilities to the public in many of its social events that encourages fundraising for certain charities ie. Mother's Choice, St. Mary's Home for the Aged and other similar institutions.

The running of the club supports small local business' to the tune of HKD170 million through the maintenance, refurbishment, renovations of its facilities and also purchases of food and beverages etc. All done through local business' and local labour. The club thus not only adds to the economy but also helps with employment



and creating opportunities which otherwise may be hard to come by.

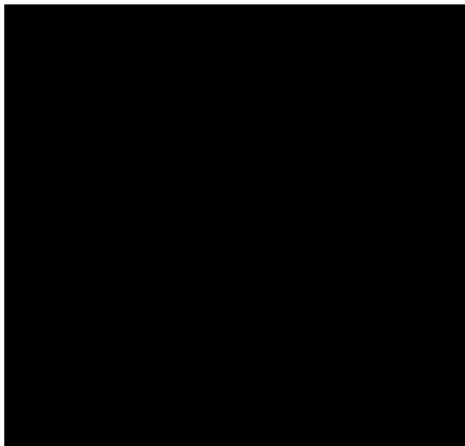
Last but not least, I think it would be a grave mistake to think that taking away a piece of green land can help alleviate the housing crisis that Hong Kong has been facing over the last decade. If every piece of recreational green land was taken away in Hong Kong, it would still not alleviate the long term housing problem.

I cannot imagine an international city that boasts of state of the art communication systems, good traffic system, overall good social and business environment would not have any private recreational facilities/clubs to offer.

The HKCC has been in the community since the early 1960s and has served an invaluable service in both a private and public capacity to the public. I have spent more than 50 years at the club and have seen it evolved with opening its doors to the public and serving the community in many different ways.

The club should be allowed to continue at an equitable rate and thus continue to serve the community at a ^{large} ~~##~~ also providing much respite required from the hustle and bustle of this international city.

Thank you for your attention.



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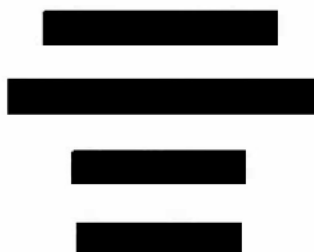
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Private Recreational Lease and Land Matters Section,
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13/F, West Wing, Central Government Offices,
2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar,
Hong Kong

18 August 2018

Dear Sirs,

I am aware that the Home Affairs Bureau is under significant media and political pressure to change the conditions of Private Recreational Leases under which private clubs have operated for many years.

I am a longstanding Member and former Chairman of the Hong Kong Country Club, and I wish to express my opinion on this issue, and in particular to tell you about the significant contribution the Club is making to the development of sports in Hong Kong, to the efforts we have made to benefit and support charitable causes for the community at large, and the important contribution that private clubs make to Hong Kong's lifestyle and development.

SUPPORT FOR SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

The Hong Kong Country Club and its membership strongly supports the local community with deep commitment to Hong Kong's sports development. For several years we have made our facilities available to external sporting bodies. Their activities at our Club are significant and increasing, and our facilities should continue to be a valuable resource to serve the local community and the sports development of Hong Kong.

Here are some statistics on the extent of the use of our sports facilities by the wider community, including many who represent Hong Kong in international competitions:

- 800 schools each year invited to make use of our sports facilities
- 20 local schools regularly using our basketball, bowling, squash and tennis facilities
- Annual hours of use up from 491 in 2016 to 1228 in 2017; 2018 use expected to be at least 1500 hours
- 10 HK Olympic swimmers have trained in our pool
- 6 HK Asian Games athletes have used our facilities
- 4 HK Davis Cup tennis players have used our courts
- 3000 hours of free tennis coaching provided to 26 players under our Tennis Junior Scholarship Programme
- 370 children receiving 3660 hours of free coaching plus travel allowances to attend our Summer and Christmas free tennis and bowling camps
- 19 open days in summer 2018 when the public can use our sports facilities and poolside dining
- Hosting of tennis tournaments open to the public including the HK National Junior Championships and an International Super Senior Tennis Tournament planned for November 2018 – Club Members will sponsor prize money and hospitality to attract top international talent from around Asia for a tournament which will, from 2019, feature on the International Tennis Federation (ITF) calendar.

If the future of the Club is put in jeopardy because of excessive cost imposed through a radical increase of land lease costs, clearly none of these activities will be possible. Along with other private clubs, the Hong Kong Country Club helps to fill the gap between the grassroots sports programmes provided by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, and the elite programmes provided by the Sports Institute. We provide non-Government sporting facilities where promising young athletes can develop to the level where they can even represent Hong Kong; equally, many youngsters who would not otherwise have the opportunity to participate in sports can and do take advantage of the resources we provide.

We make a strong effort to communicate our willingness to host these activities. I believe we can be proud of what we have achieved so far, although of course

much more remains to be done. I can assure you that the Membership wants to do more, and the Management is committed to expanding the community's use of the facilities that the Members have built and maintained over the years.

SUPPORT FOR THE COMMUNITY

The Hong Kong Country Club provides support for a wide range of charitable and community causes, both financially and through providing free-of-charge use of its various sports and social facilities. Some examples are as follows:

- Mother's Choice: two groups of underprivileged children visit the Club every month to use the playroom, lawn, playground and swimming pool. The Club has provided 1300 free meals to these children since 2015.
- \$840,000 has been donated since 2012 to St Mary's Home for the Aged, and its residents use the lawn, the bowling alleys, function rooms on a regular basis. Free meals are provided – 160 per year – with a special 3-course lunch served at Thanksgiving together with musical entertainment by the Club Management.
- \$500,000 raised through Club events for charitable causes, with proceeds benefiting these charities:
 - The Home of Loving Faithfulness
 - Little Life Warrior Society
 - Hong Kong Dog Rescue
 - Playright
 - St James Settlement
 - Helping Hands
- Over 30 charities and Hong Kong schools welcomed for outings, with free use of facilities for sports and games: since 2015, 2800 visitors and 2300 free meals served.
- Work placement provided for students with developmental disorders for up to one year: programme run by the ESF Structural Workplace Programme to allow students to gain work experience and life skills.

It goes without saying that none of this activity and support will be possible if the Club has to close because its financial situation becomes untenable due to a huge

increase in land costs. This would be a significant loss for Hong Kong's disadvantaged people and the wider community.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

The Hong Kong Country Club is a thriving economic entity. It employs some 300 people, so supports the education and lifestyles of 300 families. The staff of the Club tend to stay for a long time – the average length of service is 14 years – because of the stable and congenial working environment. The Club provides money for educational assistance to the children of staff, travel allowances, accommodation and free meals – it is a model employer. I, and my family, have known many of the staff for years: they are true club professionals who might not thrive in the more stressful environment of the commercial hospitality industry. I would be very sad if they lost their jobs because the Club were forced to close.

As a local business, the Club also of course supports local traders of all kinds – providers of foodstuffs, contractors, carpenters, electricians, designers, entertainers, etc – and tries where possible to use small businesses and to support local family enterprises rather than big corporates. Many of these companies have traded with the Club for many years and will feel its loss very heavily – some may even be dependent on it for their own survival.

ROLE OF COSMOPOLITAN CLUBS IN A WORLD CITY

Hong Kong has grown into Asia's World City through a combination of many factors. One of them is the presence of a wide range of people from around the world who have made a huge contribution to the economic development of the territory. They come here because they are attracted by the lifestyle offered by Hong Kong, and an important part of that is the availability of recreational and social facilities where they and their families can meet local and foreign people to help integrate themselves into the community, and enjoy sporting facilities to help them relax and keep fit in their everyday lives.

Every city which aspires to be a leading centre for business and culture has a network of private clubs where people of all kinds can meet and mix while

enjoying activities in which they have common interests. Hong Kong needs to be aligned with this if it is to continue to be an attractive place to live and work, for both the international market and indeed people born and raised in the territory itself.

Our Club is not an elitist place: it has Members from all walks of life. Part of its purpose is to provide a place where Chinese and non-Chinese could meet and enjoy each others' company. My three children grew up in the Club with other kids of all races and creeds, and I can see how this has helped to shape them into being open-minded, responsible and fair members of society. So have the friends they made at the Club.

Hong Kong without clubs like the Hong Kong Country Club will be a very different place. It will be a poorer place, less pleasant to live in, less attractive to international talent, and providing less employment opportunities to local people.

FINAL COMMENT

I strongly believe that private clubs should continue serving Hong Kong. I also believe that the Hong Kong Country Club and other private clubs should open our facilities even further to the public.

I accept that clubs such as ours should pay equitable rent, but I am very concerned about what that level will be, because as matters stand we have no idea how the government will value the land on which the Hong Kong Country Club stands. It is essential that the rent allows for the financial viability and well-being of the Club, so that it can continue to provide good facilities for both the members and the public.

Yours faithfully,

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Antony Tyler

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17th August 2018

Private Recreational Lease and Land Matters Section,
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13/F, West Wing, Central Government Offices,
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Hong Kong

Dear Sirs,

Re: Hong Kong Country Club Land Premiums

I am a long standing member of the Hong Kong Country Club.

Recently there is concern about the land premiums of the Club. I wish to express my views to you that any uncertain land premium will upset the present self-sufficiency of the Club. I fully agree that the present opening to eligible outside bodies to use the Club's facilities will be fair to the general public. I hope this action of the Club will offset the uncertainty of the land premium.

With best regards,

[REDACTED]

Dr Li Wang Pong Franklin
(Membership [REDACTED])



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Response to HAB on the PRL renewal consultation document

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Dear Home Advisory Bureau,

Please find attached my response to HAB on the PRL renewal consultation document.

Regards,

Richard Anderson

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RPA KCC response to HAB.pdf

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Dear Home Affairs Bureau,

My name is Richard Paul Anderson 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 been a member of Kowloon Cricket Club for over 30 years. I have represented the club in many sports including Cricket, Squash and lawn bowls. I have played with, and developed, many of Hong Kong's talented sports persons who have gone on to represent Hong Kong at the highest levels in their sports.

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).

It is my strong opinion that an increase in Land Premium would be extremely harmful to the club, to sports in Hong Kong and to the large numbers of the members of the public and local schools who use the club facilities on a regular basis, which is currently far in excess of the proposed requirement.

I would strongly support the following:

- 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. KCC should continue to do this.
- 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. The club, Hong Kong and the public we support would all suffer as a result of increased land premium.

- 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 strongly 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 strongly 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.

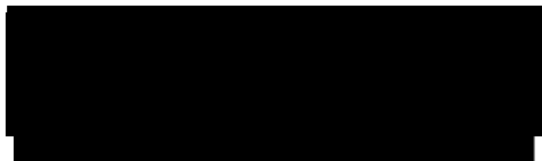
In addition to the aforementioned three points, I would like to add that the sporting facilities in Hong Kong, whilst not perfect, continue to grow and support sports activities within Hong Kong. The mix between private and public venues has allowed Hong Kong to grow and develop sports persons from all walks of life. Utilization of private clubs to develop and train sports persons within set guidelines and measurable targets would continue to enhance the sporting prowess of Hong Kong.

Forcing clubs to pay an increased land premium through its members would have the opposite effect of the original proposal. Those clubs which could afford to support any increased financial burden would become increasingly elitist and isolated. The doors of opportunity would be closed to many of Hong Kong's future sporting talents, especially those from the public sector.

It is clearly stated in the PRL Policy document that many clubs offer sporting facilities that cannot be provided by the public sector. "Killing" these clubs, for land re-use or other purposes would significantly reduce the sporting opportunities available to the people of Hong Kong.

Thank you for considering my views,

Yours Sincerely,

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Richard Anderson



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16th August 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

I'm writing on behalf of Breakthrough Limited to express our support for the outstanding contribution made to our members by The Clearwater Bay Golf and Country Club ("the Club") during this Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases. We would like to impress upon the Home Affairs Bureau that without this collaboration we could not continue the programmes and service to the community we currently offer.

Breakthrough is a non-profit, self-funded organization founded in 1973, with a vision to provide wholistic cares and education to youths in Hong Kong. It is one of our core missions to promote liberal studies through media publication and experiential learning. For the past 10 consecutive years, we are so privileged to be able to partner with the Club in raising funds and awareness for this important cause.

A public running event, ranging from 1-10 km, catered for all age groups was held annually. Throughout the years, over 10,000 runners had participated and all money raised was committed to our youth work directly. To make the day more meaningful, booths / exhibition were also set up to provide fun and learning for participants. Expenses of the whole event were 100% sponsored by the Club with other sponsorships in product, prize and media. We really appreciate the professionalism and passions of the Club Committee and staff members in making the partnership a successful one.

We thank you for this opportunity to share our views and respectfully urge the Home Affairs Bureau to consider the wider impact that any adjustments to the Private Recreational Leases could have on the access to The Clearwater Golf and Country Club we currently enjoy.

Yours faithfully

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MAN Lok Yan Joyce (Ms)
General Secretary
Breakthrough Limited

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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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Central Government Offices,
2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar
(Subject: Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases)



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My Name: MOK WAI LUN ALAN

Hong Kong ID Card No. :



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Dear Secretariat,

16 August, 2018

I'm writing in regard to Private Recreational Leaseholders (PSL's) and to express my objection concerning proposals to change lease conditions for any reason, including but not limited to increasing land supply for potential housing sites.

My children, and many others in my community have benefited from PSL's over the years for sports and leisure development, athletics and other cultural programming. In regards to current housing issues, there are many other proposals put forth by government that will have a greater impact on this issue without destroying benefits for the people of Hong Kong or sacrificing our cultural heritage.

Simply put, PRL's should not be an option for building housing on. Brown field sites, vertical development at existing sites and reclamation away from Victoria Harbour are all more economically viable and impactful solutions.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Anthony Sandeen, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]



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Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs)

[Redacted]

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

21/08/2018 11:09

History:

This message has been replied to.

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 Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs)

I am a member of the Hong Kong Cricket Club (HKCC), and am writing in response to the above public consultation.

Private Sports Clubs have been playing a vital role in sports development of Hong Kong, I am very concerned if there will be major policy changes that can seriously alter the scene.

In particular, HKCC was founded in 1851 and is the oldest Cricket Club in Asia. HKCC was established as a non-profit-making organization to provide cricket and other sporting facilities. This still remains the core aim of HKCC today.

HKCC has provided Cricket, sports and recreational opportunities to members and the wider community for over 167 years.

Other than Cricket, HKCC is also focused on providing the opportunity for multi sports development including Hockey, Golf, Lawns Bowls, Netball, Squash, Tennis and Table Tennis etc. HKCC facilities and usage – practical design, compact and highly efficient site-usage for the development, training, playing and competing across multiple sporting disciplines. All facilities are heavily used by both Members and the public. 66% of Members are joining as Sporting Members.

My views on PRLs consultation paper are:

I do not support the use of PRL land for housing as proposed on the Task Force on Land Supply public consultation.

Land Premium

Imposing a land premium equivalent to one-third of market value on the future leases of private sports clubs will result in severe, negative financial and operational implications:

- Reducing HKCC's financial capability and sustainability to support sports development;
- Shifting HKCC's membership profile toward the wealthier/those with greater resources, as driven by the resulting need to increase membership fees;
- Pressing HKCC to increase facilities charges significantly, thus deterring usage by members and/or eligible outside bodies.
- Reducing HKCC's ability to invest in improving sporting facilities

Further open up

I support the consultation proposal to “further open up” HKCC facilities on top of the current lease requirements for (a) ‘Eligible Outside Bodies’ (to open 30% of total capacity) and (b) sports organizations (to open 240 programme hours per month for individual members of the public).

Others

I support that HAB should support existing PRL lessees that may have operational needs for additional sites in order to support sports development needs, increase the provision of sports and recreational facilities or provide those that are not yet available in Hong Kong, under fully justifiable circumstances

Thank you for considering my responses.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Kwok

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

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

21/08/2018 11:31

History:

This message has been replied to.

Sir, having read the HAB paper on the Review of Policy on Private Recreational Leases I wish to submit my views as below:

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

Given that the economic and social success of Hong Kong over the last decades can be attributed to a great extent to the application of "light touch government" it is a contradiction in terms to now start to impose some kind of complex, difficult to measure and manage, process whereby the various clubs in HK currently exist. By all means if any of the current PRL holders are in any way in breach of the terms of their leases then deal with those specific cases, but the current proposals to implement across the board changes, driven only by some kind of "red eye" public opinion is no more than a "knee jerk" reaction.

The provision of land at zero or negligible cost to sporting clubs is a common practise around the world. Every government recognises the need for the public to have recreational facilities and most countries also recognise that governments are not well placed to provide these facilities themselves, so providing land at low to zero cost for clubs to provide such activities is a well established GLOBAL practise.

Clubs are NOT profit making organisations and indeed rely hugely for their operations on the voluntary inputs from their members, inputs they provide because of their commitment to these clubs. An example of this is the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club which in just a single year recorded over 2000 man DAYS of voluntary UNPAID support for club on the water activities. Voluntary input from members is a key component of club activity worldwide.

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

The Hong Kong government is extraordinarily wealthy, with reserves in the billions if not trillions of dollars. Unlike less well endowed countries or cities this exercise cannot be justified on the grounds of financial needs, leading one to believe it is only being done for the purpose of satisfying some short term public opinions, surely the HK Government is above such exercises?

It is no secret that the overbearing issue in HK these days is about the cost and availability of housing, and that this whole exercise has been largely driven because of some agitators claiming that the Fanling Golf Course should be used for housing. So how does this exercise contribute any value to the housing issue? Does the HAB anticipate that clubs be forced to close under these new PRL's and housing be built in their place? Will this satisfy those politicians who agitate for more housing? Can they ever be satisfied? Or once a few clubs have been closed down will these same politicians be agitating for more recreational facilities?

I wish to particularly focus on the various water based clubs, the Aberdeen Boat Club, Yacht Club and Hebe Haven Yacht Club and the Victoria Recreation Club. These clubs mostly occupy land that is totally unsuitable for any other purpose and certainly not for housing. can we imagine apartments on Middle Island? or building a 40 floor block of apartments on the yacht club land that is directly over the cross harbour tunnel?

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

As a Hong Kong resident, tax and rate payer I believe I have paid more than my fair share of tax to the HK government. Furthermore many of these clubs have made very significant investment in reclaiming the land they occupy.. AT THEIR OWN COST. Would it be fair for the government to charge the same land premium for those lands which have been created by these clubs compared to those who had no such initial cost?

And do not overlook that the clubs are NOT exempt from rates and as they invest their members funds into improving the facilities the rateable value is increased...so the land they use is BY NO MEANS FREE.

AN UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCE of a change to land premium will be to make these clubs MORE exclusive, as membership joining and monthly fees will have to increase, clubs don't have access to some kind of magic money tree, so instead of increasing the availability of these sites to members of the public the reverse will happen, only the super wealthy will be able to afford these clubs.

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;

As far as sports clubs of any types are concerned it is in their best interest to support the development of the sport in whatever way possible and that obviously includes attracting talented individuals. And at the other end of the spectrum I believe many clubs would have a positive approach to supporting activities for those with physical handicaps.

I would however challenge the HAB to be able to develop some kind of system to measure such "opening up", will the HAB employ an army of officials to monitor this process? Look at the whole tree safety program, set up in response to a regrettable yet 1 in a million fatal accident involving a tree falling on an individual....but there are unintended consequences of the government reaction to public outcry, as now whenever an old tree is designated unsafe and requires to be cut down there are howls of outrage from the very same public.

BEWARE OF UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES, WELL INTENTIONED SCHEMES CAN BECOME A NIGHTMARE (e.g. small village house policy)

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

Clearly the main focus of each club should be to provide specific sporting activities, but these also need supporting facilities such as showers and changing rooms, some kind of refreshment options, and also housing for administrative staff. It can be argued that some holder of PRL may have swung too far away from direct sporting involvement and are now more a provider of social facilities, if this is the case then those clubs should probably be put on a warning that they are not observing the terms of their PRL and be given time to make changes.. but to paint all clubs in HK with the same brush would be a mistake.

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

Governments have a poor track record when it comes to monitoring.. and the HK government is no exception. Look at the almost total failure to monitor illegal structures and/or fly tipping in the New Territories..always put down to a lack of resources. Or look at the Tree Management Office of the Development Bureau, charged with ensuring public safety from trees falling on their heads.. yet just today (21 August) a person was killed in New Clearwater Bay Rd by a falling branch.. on a totally windless day!!!!!!

DO NOT overestimate the ability of any government to manage matters..it rarely happens the way its intended.

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

Lets put the horse in front of the cart. The government should be including provisions for new PRL in areas such as the Kai Take development, and in any new town areas such as Tung Chung , TKO etc. and making them available to suitable organisations on low cost PRL to develop and put to good use. An example of this is the planned water sports centre at Tseung Kwan waterfront.

Additionally I would draw your attention to the section of the LCSD web site

<https://www.lcsd.gov.hk/en/watersport/index.html>

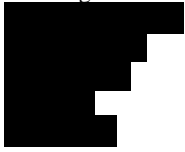
Foreword

Surrounded by the sea, Hong Kong is a wonderful place for water sports. In order to provide more opportunities for the general public to enjoy the great fun of water sports activities and to improve their skills in water sports through participation in various training programmes.

so here you have a government department stating clearly that HK offers fabulous opportunities for water sports..and indeed providing such facilities at their 5 centres.. but can 5 centres really cater to HK's 8 million people? I don't think so .. HK's clubs have a role to play here and any change to the current PRL terms will undoubtedly lead to unexpected outcomes...

Thank You

Bob Rogers



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Consultation on PRLs and Task Force on Land Supply

[REDACTED] to prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk, tfls@devb.gov.hk

21/08/2018 12:45

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Sir / Madam

RE: Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs) & Task Force on Land Supply

Private Sports Clubs continue to play a vital role in sporting and recreational development in Hong Kong. Clearly this applies to members of the sports clubs - that are selected on merit - and also as you will be aware, this extends to non-members and to younger aspiring athletes. Facilities are extended to many individuals (both members and non-members) to benefit the broader sporting community and also to school children that lack both the appropriate facilities and/or the appropriate sports scheduling

My views on the above two consultation papers are:

"Land Premium". This will significantly damage the ability of such a club in providing first class facilities to members and non-members alike. Ironically, the imposition of what is in effect a financial penalty will aid in excluding those that are perhaps in the greatest need of such facilities and an environment that is conducive to development outside of the home and the classroom.

"Further open up": If implemented properly and in a sustainable manner this should aid and encourage further sporting participation and the development of individuals.

"Task Force on Land Supply": While housing is clearly in short supply in Hong Kong, a broader definition, outside that of simply 'houses and apartments' needs to be considered. Sporting facilities play an important part in providing recreational facilities that complement concentrated housing. A well planned city balances both indoor and outdoor needs. The continued depletion of well maintained outdoor sporting facilities (especially on Hong Kong Island) represent a regression, not an improvement, of the quality of life of individuals based in Hong Kong.

Thank you for considering my responses.

Yours faithfully

Robert Worthington

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Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs)

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

21/08/2018 14:18

History:

This message has been replied to.

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 writing in response to your invitation to express views on the content of the "Review on Policy of Private Recreational Leases" paper, dated March 2018. My main area of interest is with regard to the sports clubs, several of which I have been a member of for some years.

There is much talk these days of "Hong Kong Values" as people seek to identify specific differentiators that are unique to this territory. Surely institutions that have been in existence almost from the founding of Hong Kong are prime examples of these values, providing havens for family recreation and forums for the development of their respective sports. The clubs have greatly contributed to the global status and recognition of Hong Kong through the many local and international tournaments that they have hosted.

Government policy towards these clubs has been highly supportive through the granting of special lease terms. These terms have enabled the clubs to operate at reasonable cost levels and have greatly facilitated the development of sport in the community, but have from time to time become a focus for various politically discontented groups. The main current contention appears to be whether they should all be scrapped and the land used to address the housing shortage.

Whilst not addressing the merits or practicality of this proposal, the report correctly notes that closure of the clubs would result in a loss of scarce recreational facilities and thousands of jobs. However, it should be clearly understood that closure of the clubs will be exactly what will happen if the proposal to base revised annual premiums on the Full Market Value of the land is invoked. One has to wonder at the rationale of this proposal – is it to raise scarcely needed revenue or is it to pander to misguided public opinions about privilege and elitism?

The comment that the clubs can meet this levy by "raising subscriptions" does not take into account the current demographics of the memberships. The core base of these clubs is young sporting members who would not have the ability to pay the vastly increased subscriptions that would be required to meet these premiums. In fact, very few members would have the desire or ability to pay subscriptions fees that could be up to ten times greater than those existing. The net result would undoubtedly be the dissolution of these historic and internationally recognised clubs.

The complete destruction of scarce recreational facilities would surely not be in the best interests of Hong Kong, particularly as there is significant potential for them to be opened up for wider use by the general public. I believe that most clubs already operate in such a manner, most notably in regard to junior sports development, and are all supportive of increasing the availability of the facilities for greater public use.

During my forty years in Hong Kong, the topic of Private Recreational Leases has recurred on a regular basis and has generally been dealt with in an equitable manner. I sincerely hope that this will continue to be the case and that the exceptional status and value of the clubs continues to be recognised. They are not profit-making businesses and should not be treated as such.

Yours sincerely

Mike Tinworth

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Hebe Haven Boat club.

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

21/08/2018 15:10

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Sirs,

Hebe is not only a place of sailing for a few but is also accessible for the general public, for young and adults; and the largest centre in the world for passionate sailors who suffer the misfortune of physical and mental impairment. We run dinghy courses for the kids, keelboats racing for the adults and accommodate the sailability fleet in town. We spearhead the elite sailing as being the regional squad base for the HK Sailing Federation and run our own Hebe Dragon Laser Academy. We enable everyone to have the possibility embrace sailing. The introduction of land premium to our club would stop us from running our club as a non-profit making organisation. This would further add barriers for promoting sailing to the general public. For the elite sailing, the club has been not only providing training but also delivering expertise in race management. We are also proud to support a fair ranking system for qualifying sailors to represent the city in the international regattas, which provides a level playing field for our sailors to succeed and to be formidable on par with the international sailors. And, we have engaged and trained experienced sailors in race management and performing jury duties for international events to be held in the city. Indeed, the sailing community needs more support from the Government to celebrate our coastline and to take good custody of it. Sai Kung could be a perfect place for more regattas in our geo-park, which would reinforce it a tourism destination to the sailors and their families. Hebe is crucial to make Sai Kung a place for sailing as we are here for the purpose.

Brian Mahoney

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Comments on the PRL Policy Review

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

21/08/2018 15:48

Cc:

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Sir

I write to express my views in relation to the Home Affairs Bureau review of private recreational leases.

In particular, I write in relation to the private recreational lease held by the Hebe Haven Yacht Club, where I am a member.

The Hebe Haven Yacht Club has been operating for many years providing enjoyment to its members and the broader community.

As an expatriate in Hong Kong, the existence of clubs such as Hebe Haven are a significant attraction when comparing Hong Kong to other expatriate locations. The absence of clubs like Hebe Haven would mean that enjoyment of life for expatriates in Hong Kong would be significantly diminished and hence other destinations would be more popular. In that regard, I note that many other Asian and international hubs are focused on developing and promoting their cities (including clubs and other amenities) so as to be more attractive for expatriates.

In addition to providing significant enjoyment for members, Hebe Haven is active in the broader community. Prior to joining as members, my family and I were involved in various learn to sail programmes which ultimately lead to us becoming members. The Club is very welcoming to non-members in both junior and adult sailing thus contributing the well-being of the broader community.

The Hebe Haven Yacht Club is active in supporting many local charities - notably Sailability for disabled sailors. Further, the annual 24 hour dinghy race and other fundraising activities have supported many charities over the years through the generosity of the Hebe Haven members and broader community.

The Hebe Haven Yacht Club is active in helping the environment through activities such as the annual "Clean Up Pak Sha Wan" day and by educating the community on a variety of environmental challenges.

I urge you to continue to support the Hebe Haven Yacht club by permitting the Club to continue to operate under the current private recreational lease policy.

In relation to the specifics of your review, answers are provided as follows:

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。

Lease conditions should be modified to allow the Hebe Haven Yacht Club to meet the criteria and objectives set by HAB. 應修改契約條件，使白沙灣遊艇會能夠符合民政事務局製定的準則和目標。

A.2

The Hebe Haven Yacht Club provides training bases for the Hong Kong Sailing Federation. 白沙灣遊艇會提供香港帆船運動總會訓練基地。

- The Hebe Haven Yacht Club is a host venue and organizer for both regional and international regattas.

白沙灣遊艇會是區域和國際帆船賽的主辦機構和場地。

- The Hebe Haven Yacht Club is a major contributor to fostering elite participation and encouraging youth sailing. 白沙灣遊艇是促進精英參與和鼓勵青少年航海活動的主要貢獻者。
- 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. 可優先考慮其他用地，例如棕色地帶、軍事場所和私人開發商擁有的土地儲備。而不是先考慮缺少的體育設施用地。

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. 白沙灣遊艇會會員已經支付數百萬元費用支付設備、基礎設施和資源，開發和促進 香港航海運動。

- A nominal fee only is appropriate.

只收取象徵性費用比較合適。

- 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 specified by the Government. 如果引入高地價政策，許多遊艇會都會認為過高，從而影響他們為香港體育發展做出貢獻的能力。即使土地徵費相對較低，也意味著體育會所在政府指定的大部分共同目標上花費較少。

A.5 -

Expanded shower and toilet facilities are required.

需要擴展淋浴和衛生間設施。

- 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. 教室、會議室、行政辦公室、有蓋戶外區域、儲存訓練和安全船隻的船架，及設備齊全的工作坊等都是白沙灣遊艇會緊急需要的設施。

A.6 - Quarterly returns highlighting non-members' participations.

季度匯報突出非成員的參與。

A.7 -- Annual inspections

年度檢查

I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this matter further and my contact details are set out below.

Yours faithfully

Robert Quinlivan

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

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Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs) & Task Force on Land Supply

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

21/08/2018 17:52

Cc: [REDACTED]

History:

This message has been replied to.

Home Affairs Bureau (Recreation and Sport Branch)

Email: pri_consultation@hab.gov.hk

The Secretariat, Task Force on Land Supply

Email: tfls@devb.gov.hk

Dear Sir / Madam

RE: Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs) & Task Force on Land Supply

Private Sports Clubs continue to play a vital role in sporting development in Hong Kong. Private Sports Clubs supplement existing recreational facilities by providing organized coaching and competitive environment necessary for improving Hong Kong's sporting development.

My views on the above two consultation papers are:

"Land Premium": The imposition of a large land premium would result in many clubs closing which will severely restrict the environment for competitive sports. In order for athletes to fully develop, access to facilities must be balanced against robust competition and Hong Kong's system of private clubs are an essential part of this.

"Further open up": As stated above, in order for athletes to fully develop, access to facilities must be balanced against robust competition and Hong Kong's system of private clubs are an essential part of this. A holistic approach that is based on objectives (such as improving participation rates and/or sporting results) rather than a blunt approach should be taken.

"Task Force on Land Supply": While the shortage of land supply is a major problem, this should not be solved at the expense of recreational facilities of which private clubs are a major part of Hong Kong's sporting ecosystem. In fact, as housing continues to be developed, there should be further expansion of recreational facilities to promote sports, improve public health, and reduce potential for anti-social behavior.

Thank you for considering my responses.

Yours sincerely,

Felix Lo

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**PRL Public Consultation**

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

21/08/2018 19:24

Cc: [REDACTED]

History:

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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

Email: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing in my capacity as a Member of the Hong Kong Country Club and thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinion in this public consultation process.

While I understand that the Home Affairs Bureau is under pressure by a portion of the public to change the conditions of the Private Clubs' lease and appreciate the difficulty of the situation, I would like to point out that The Hong Kong Country Club and its membership play a significant and positive part in supporting the local community and have a strong ongoing commitment to Hong Kong's sports development.

For several years, the Club has 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.

Since 2015, the Club has welcomed over 30 charities and local Hong Kong schools on their outings. It offers free use of its facilities for sports, games, team building exercise as well as free meals.

In that time, 2,800 members of the public have visited the Club and 2,300 meals have been served free of charge.

I personally believe that Private Clubs should continue serving Hong Kong in such a way and agree our facilities should be open further for public use and charitable work.

Hence, whilst the Club is prepared to pay a fair and equitable rent, it is concerned about what this amount will be as there are no indications as to how the government will value the land the Club occupies.

Understandably, the rent needs to be viable in order to allow the Club to sustain its operations and continue to provide a good working environment for its staff, as well as good facilities for its members and the public to enjoy.

On behalf of all concerned, I thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Mrs Rey Schmitt Sophie
Member of the Hong Kong Country Club

[REDACTED]

RICHARD J.I. STOCK
[REDACTED]
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Date: 20 August 2018

Private Recreational Lease and Land Matters Section,
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Dear Sir / Madam,

Re: Policy of Private Recreational Leases

I am writing in connection with the review of the Policy of Private Recreational Leases presently being conducted by the Home Affairs Bureau. My interest stems from my membership of the Hong Kong Country Club (HKCC), which I joined over ten years ago.

My family and I are daily users of the HKCC. In a city where space is constrained and sporting facilities are limited, the HKCC has provided a venue at which our children have learned to swim, have learned to play tennis, and have observed role models involved in swimming and tennis. Our children have also used other facilities at the HKCC (squash courts, basketball courts and bowling alley), even if their interests ultimately took them toward other pursuits.

Importantly, the HKCC also makes these sporting facilities available to non members. The HKCC facilities are made available to around twenty schools, and sports scholarships are made available to promising young sportspersons. The HKCC facilities are also used to host international and local tennis tournaments.

In addition to making available its sporting facilities to the community, the HKCC also contributes to the community in other ways. My family are long standing volunteers at The House of Loving Faithfulness (a charity), and the HKCC has supported events to raise money for the HOLF. The same is true of many other charities, some of which were

unfamiliar to us until the HKCC promoted them. The HKCC's support is not limited solely to fund-raising; the HKCC facilities are made available to a broad range of NGOs, including Mother's Choice and St Mary's Home for the Aged.

I understand that the Home Affairs Bureau is considering the terms applicable to the renewal of leases for clubs like the HKCC. A review is appropriate given the public debate over land use. I am writing to submit my view that:

- the continued existence of recreational clubs (such as the HKCC) is critical to the development of sport in Hong Kong; re-designating the land used by recreational clubs for alternative use would deprive our future generations of the opportunity to develop sporting skills;
- I support a policy which encourages recreational clubs to make their facilities available to persons from the broader community and outside bodies. Of course this can occur only if the recreational clubs continue to exist, and so the policy adopted by the Home Affairs Bureau must be carefully balanced to achieve this objective;
- I have no objection to the concept of a land premium being paid upon lease renewal. However, this makes sense only if the premium is set at a level that permits the relevant recreational facility to continue to exist. If the land premium causes the collapse of the relevant recreational facility, then the facilities will no longer be available to anyone – member or non-member. This would be a tragic result for all concerned.



Richard Stock

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Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs)

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

21/08/2018 21:12

History:

This message has been replied to.

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 Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs)

Private Sports Clubs have been playing a vital role in the sports development of Hong Kong. I am very concerned if there will be major policy changes that would seriously alter the scene, which I can imagine would not benefit members of the community at large, based on the substantial contribution these clubs have offered both locally and internationally.

My views on PRLs consultation paper are:

"Land Premium": I oppose raising land premium.

"Further open up": can be considered bearing in mind what these clubs are already doing.

Thank you for considering my responses.

Yours sincerely,

Christina Lee

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RE: Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs) & Task Force on Land Supply

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

21/08/2018 21:29

Cc: tfls@devb.gov.hk

History: This message has been replied to.

Home Affairs Bureau (Recreation and Sport Branch)

Email: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

The Secretariat, Task Force on Land Supply

Email: tfls@devb.gov.hk

Dear Sir / Madam

RE: Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs) & Task Force on Land Supply

Private Sports Clubs continue to play a vital role in sporting development in Hong Kong. I am very concerned should there be any major policy changes that could seriously alter the current arrangements. I agree with my co-member John Koshy, and have considered many of his points in my own response below.

My views on the above two consultation papers are:

"Land Premium": I believe it is grossly unfair to impose a land premium on PRLs. Security of land tenure and rule of law are two of the features of Hong Kong's legal system that has helped make the city a leading financial centre and hub of economic activity. The proposed land premium would impose a massive financial burden which could cripple the viability of many private sports clubs. Further, it would likely force clubs to target the super-wealthy and force out many ordinary members, including sporting members.

"Further open up": I believe each club is in the best position to determine the extent to which it opens up its facilities to the general public. There is a balance between providing a private service for members and benefiting the broader public. Therefore I don't believe that the government should mandate or impose any policy on clubs in this regard.

As a member of the HK Cricket Club, I'm proud of the fact that a majority of the Club's members are sporting members, including many young people.

Further, the HKCC makes its facilities available to a number of public sporting events, notably cricket tournaments.

The HKCC, and other sports clubs, therefore play a significant role in supporting the development of sport in Hong Kong, and this should be preserved.

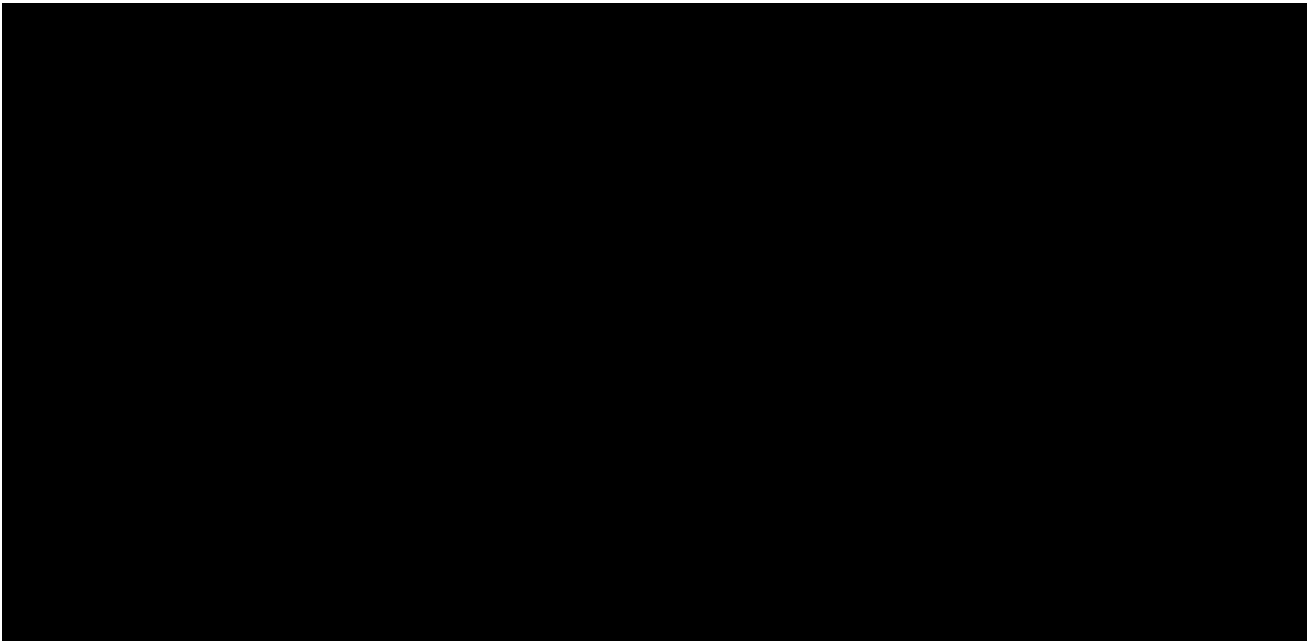
"Task Force on Land Supply": I don't think it is sensible to use PRL land for housing as proposed in the 'Task Force on Land Supply' public consultation proposal. Firstly, there are much more suitable options, such as reclaiming a small portion of nature reserves or redeveloping industrial areas. Secondly, many PRLs contain beautiful cultivated natural features which should be preserved as part of Hong Kong's history.

Others: Private Sports Clubs employ many excellent employees, and in my experience of the Hong Kong Cricket Club, the clubs go to great lengths to look after staff. Club employees are therefore another very important stakeholder in this debate and I strongly believe their livelihood as employees should be protected.

Thank you for considering my responses.

Yours sincerely,

Alexander Li



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Public consultation on policy review of private recreational leases

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

21/08/2018 21:59

History:

This message has been replied to.

I write to put forward my view: I support the Hong Kong Cricket Club and oppose land premium.

Regards,
Raymond Law

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Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs) & Task Force on Land Supply

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

22/08/2018 05:00

Cc: [REDACTED]

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Sir / Madam,

RE: Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs) & Task Force on Land Supply

I am a member of the Hong Kong Cricket Club and the Aberdeen Boat Club. They are those of Private Sports Clubs continue to play a vital role in sporting development in Hong Kong.

Over the years, the Hong Kong Cricket Club provides training and matches to promote various sports including cricket, tennis, squash, rugby etc and the Aberdeen Boat Club provides training and racing for various water sports and sailing competitions. I am very concerned should there be any major policy changes that could seriously alter the scene. My views on the above two consultation papers are: "Land Premium": To introduce land premium to these private clubs would create financial burden on them and may in return reduce their contribution towards training and promoting sports. Regarding the proposal of "Further open up" of Club facilities to eligible outside bodies and partnering with National Sports Association to provide facilities to host domestic and international competitions and local training programmes is a good suggestion. I would suggest all private recreation clubs should follow this suggestion, if they have not already done so.

"Task Force on Land Supply": I agree that there is a pressing need for the government to increase land supply for housing. However the use of private recreation clubs' land for housing as proposed in the 'Task Force on Land Supply' public consultation proposal is considered unrealistic. Most of the land held by the private recreation clubs is not easily accessible by public transports and they are not within the residential zone plan. In fact, the private creative clubs can help to reduce population density and provide recreational space and sporting facilities to the community. Hong Kong is a world city. What is a world city, if it does not support top class sport facilities?

Thank you for considering my responses.

Yours sincerely,

Sam Cheng Sum Hing

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Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs) & Task Force on Land Supply

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tfls@devb.gov.hk

22/08/2018 07:30

History: This message has been replied to.

Home Affairs Bureau (Recreation and Sport Branch)
Email: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

The Secretariat, Task Force on Land Supply
Email: tfls@devb.gov.hk

Dear Sir or Madam

RE: Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs) & Task Force on Land Supply

Private Sports Clubs continue to play an integral role in sporting development in Hong Kong as well as promoting healthier lifestyles through participation of sport. I am very concerned should there be any major policy changes that could seriously alter the scene.

My views on the above two consultation papers are:

"Land Premium": I fear the proposal to significantly increase the amount land premium charged will catastrophically impact the membership of the HKCC by pricing out its members and external bodies. The affect of such a policy will unquestionably damage the plethora of sports, as well as the health and fitness activities that are facilitated by and offered through the club and its staff. Falling revenue would also significantly impair the club's ability to improve sporting facilities

"Further open up": The HKCC has a proud history of making its world class facilities 'available to all.' It is worthy of note that **over 50%** of the competitive sports played at HKCC are by **non** -members. In addition a number of charities rely on the HKCC for access to sporting facilities and space such as the Boy Scouts and Po Leung Kuk and Tung Was Group schools. In fact only last year 2500 hours of usage was made up from outside bodies. HKCC has a long association with many NSA's with Hong Kong Cricket naturally welcoming the use of the grass cricket pitch and additional training facilities. HKCC extend beyond the cricket world however and, in establishing close ties with numerous sporting associations in Hong Kong, have offered its venue and facilities for the betterment of sport i.e HK Lawn Bowls, HK Squash, HK Netball, HK Table Tennis and HK Tennis. Not intent on resting on their laurels the club supports the proposal to further open up its facilities (to 30% of total capacity) and open 240 hours/month of sports programs to the general public.

"Task Force on Land Supply": I firmly object the use of PRL for housing
The sporting opportunities made available to so many people at HKCC across a wide age range and socio-economic backgrounds is something I feel the club should be proud of - providing a pathway to healthier living that is so important in today's fast paced world.

Removing such wonderful opportunities would be fundamentally wrong.

Thank you for considering my responses.

Yours faithfully

Andrew Hall

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Private Recreational Leaseholders (PRL's) consultation for Hong Kong Football Club

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

22/08/2018 07:32

History: This message has been replied to.

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you regarding the consultation of Private Recreational Leasehold for the Hong King Football Club.

I feel very strongly that the lease arrangement for the Hong Kong Football Club (HKFC) should not be changed for a number of reasons:

The land the HKFC occupies is wholly unsuitable for building private dwellings or offices as part of it is located within the Happy Valley race course. The entire inside area of the race course is used by sports facilities and to turn one of them into housing or building of any sort would be odd, especially as the rest of the sports facilities have recently been refurbished.

Hong Kong need sports facilities. There are very few sports facilities in Hong Kong which has an impact on the general activity levels of people living in Hong Kong. Instead of contemplating turning existing sports facilities into different uses, energy should be expended to make more facilities available. Countries with good facilities have a better record at elite sporting events. Even small countries can do well as shown by Croatia, which has a population of just over 4.2m people but reached the final of the FIFA World Cup.

Effort should therefore be directed to get more people into sport, and improve facilities to allow all level of competition to take place.

The HKFC plays an integral part of the Hong Kong sports infrastructure. It provides courses for everyone, not just members, in internationally important sports like football, rugby, hockey and tennis. It further opens its facilities for a myriad of other sports for all ages. Again, participation in sports is not just for members but for the public.

As I said, these programmes are important to get young people involved at grass roots sports.

Further, the HKFC hosts public events covering international rugby matches, and matches for other sports which are open to the public to enjoy. Some of the events are televised and entry fees are very reasonable.

Coming back to the youth sports. My own two daughters have taken up playing rugby and learning the value of team work and the joy of physical exercise from a young age. These will be important skills for any youngster to be successful in life.

I myself started to get involved in coaching and working with children and learning new skills.

In summary, the HKFC is an integral part to the sports infrastructure in Hong Kong, both at grassroots and elite level. The club is an innovator with new sports formats as shown by the Rugby 7s and most recently by the rugby 10s. It's programmes and sporting events are open the public to participate and enjoy and the lease of the facility should therefore not be changed.

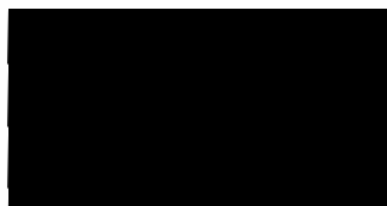
Many thanks,
Frank Henze



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多一些地方給市民做運
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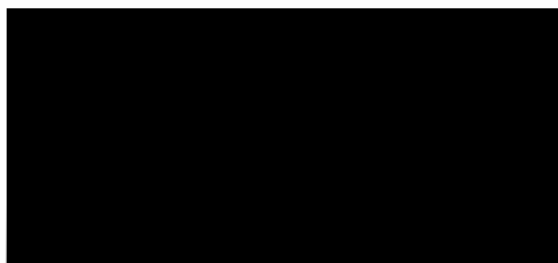
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民政事務局
(主題：私人遊樂場地契約政策檢討公眾諮詢)

本人堅決反對私人體育會要向政府繳付地價，本人服務私人體育會逾三十年。見證它們紮根香港，為香港經濟帶來一定的發展。

土地短缺是長久問題，並不是私人體育會強行佔地衍生而來，私人體育會也履行營運條件，定時向政府繳納差餉和地租；更為慈善團體，制服團體及學校等，提供場地培訓及康體設施。為什麼它們再要繳付一個懲罰性的地價呢？這能解決土地短缺的問題嗎？



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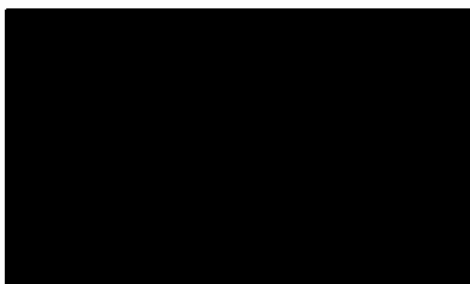
Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: Public consultation on the Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases

I have been a member of the Hong Kong Country Club since the 1970's. Over all these years, my family & I have not only been able to enjoy the facilities such as the Health Club swimming pool, tennis courts, etc, but have witnessed the Club extending these facilities to nearby schools & charitable organisations, such as Mother's Choice, etc. This not only offered facilities to young people to improve health of mind & body, but also helps to nurture young talent, who eventually went on to win recognition overseas. Charitable organisations not only use the Club's facilities but are also offered free meals.

Besides these and many other advantages of maintaining the Club, The Hong Kong Country Club is a prestigious venue to hold dinners or parties for foreign dignitaries or for various functions.

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
- 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

日期: 9/8/2018

香港添馬添美道, 港政府總部西翼 13樓
民政事務局

(主題: 私人遊樂場地契約政策檢討公眾諮詢)

作為香港市民, 本人知道土地問題一直嚴重, 每一個城市規劃中, 應跟據市民大眾的需求及政府的施政而作出改動, 並非因某些個別少數的聲音而改變土地使用原則。

現在政府因房屋需求問題, 建議將所有私人遊樂場收回或不獲續約, 望能增加土地, 興建房屋。作為市民, 已有疑問, 收回的土地真得會為市民興建廉價房屋或公屋嗎? 市場空置房屋也不少, 但主因樓市太貴, 並非單單由土地不足引致的。市民也會懷疑該土地也會興建高價的私人房屋嗎?

再有, 香港學校也一直推崇德智體群美, 體育是不可或缺的, 香港政府一直也忽略體育發展, 直到李麗珊為香港奪得金牌, 為港增光, 才被政府關注及大眾所認知。其後, 政府也加強各項運動發展, 望能有更加香港運動員參加世界大賽。在這方面, 私人遊樂場也大力支持。政府也關心港人的健康問題, 因而推行全民運動日, 鼓勵市民能多運動, 注重身體健康。但收回私人遊樂場為解決香港房屋問題, 而衍生出運動設施不足的問題該如何解決?

望政府能重新檢討有關建議或對私人遊樂場作出有效的規管, 如增加開放時間, 提供為學校課外場地, 甚至可善用會所內的設施為市民增加另一個休憩場所。

屈美琳



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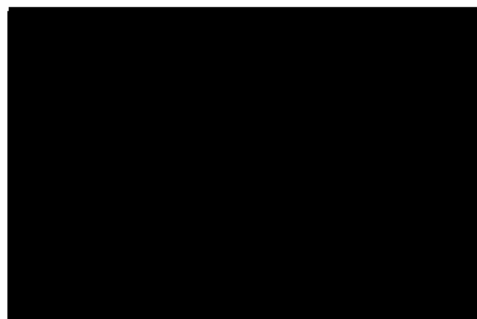
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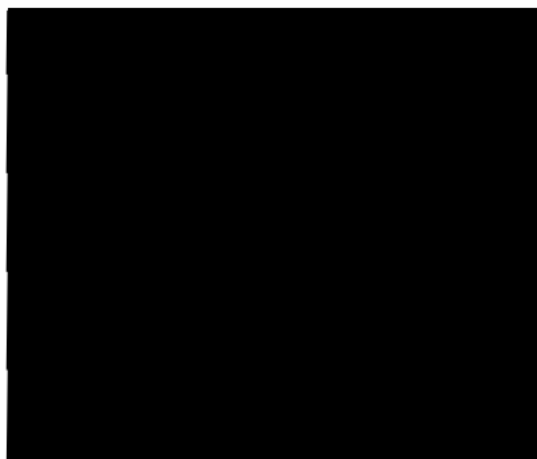
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民政事務局
(主題：私人遊樂場地契約政策檢討公眾諮詢)

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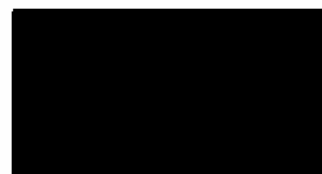
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Public Consultations on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases

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

22/08/2018 11:11

History:

This message has been replied to.

Sir/Madam –

I am a regular user of the excellent sports facilities at Hong Kong Football Club. My two children have learned to swim and play rugby at the club. As a family we all enjoy the many facilities the club has to offer on a weekly basis, and spend most of our summer enjoying the swimming pool and focusing on improving our swimming skills. I personally represent the club playing squash and hockey.

The facilities are made available to both the public and club members throughout the year for a broad range of activities from league fixtures and international tournaments to charity fund raisers and junior coaching and development.

I would urge Government NOT to impose any additional charges or premiums on HKFC or other Clubs holding PRLs . The Clubs are non-profit making and any charges will simply have to be passed on to public users of Club Facilities inevitably restricting access and reducing Hong Kong's already meager supply of quality facilities for sports and recreation.

Faithfully,

Kate Geary

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**Public Consultations on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases**

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

22/08/2018 12:37

History:

This message has been replied to.

Home Affairs Bureau

13th/F, West Wing, Central Government Offices

2 Tim Mei Avenue

Tamar

Subject: Public Consultations on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases

By email to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

Sir/Madam –

I am a regular user of the excellent sports facilities at Hong Kong Football Club. My two children have learned squash, football and rugby at the Club.

The facilities are made available to both the public and club members throughout the year for a broad range of activities from league fixtures and international tournaments to charity fund raisers and junior coaching and development.

I would urge Government NOT to impose any additional charges or premiums on HKFC or other Clubs holding PRLs . The Clubs are non-profit making and any charges will simply have to be passed on to public users of Club Facilities inevitably restricting access and reducing Hong Kong's already meagre supply of quality facilities for sports and recreation.

Faithfully,

Malcolm Kerr

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Hong Kong Football Club



to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

22/08/2018 12:37

History:

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I have just recently learnt of the possible upcoming changes that might be happening and I plead with you not to make any such changes.

I use the superb facilities at HKFC on a daily basis with my daughter and we have tremendous fun there. Not only do I use the club for social aspects but, it is also my place of business where I have worked for 15 years.

I beg of you, please do not make any such plans to change what is already a perfect place to teach, learn and have fun

Yours Sincerely

Matt Robinson



Kind regards

Matt Robinson

LI WOO MO YING JUDY

BY EMAIL

22 August 2018

Home Affairs Bureau
(Recreation and Sports Branch)
Private Recreational Lease and Land Matters Section

Dear Sir,

Response to Private Recreation Lease (PRL) Consultation

My husband has been a member of the HK Country Club (the Club) since the 1970's. I have enjoyed membership since then as his spouse. My daughter is a member. My late father and my late father-in-law were members since the early days of the Club's establishment.

The Country Club has been very much a part of our family life. It is a well-run family club which is cosmopolitan in nature.

In this response, I would like to bring to your attention: (1) The contribution which the Club has made and is making to sports; (2) The contribution it has made and is making to the community and (3) Having such a Club is conducive to maintaining Hong Kong's position as an international financial centre and as Asia's World City. I would urge that having regard to the foregoing, it is in the public interest for the PRL to the Club to continue on such reasonable terms as can ensure that it can continue to thrive.

Contribution to sports

The Club has made and is continuing to make a substantial contribution to the development of Hong Kong sports.

- (1) It invites some 800 schools each year to make use of the Club's facilities and about 20 local schools use them regularly. The number of hours of usage is expected to rise from 1228 in 2017 to some 1500 hours in 2018.
- (2) A Tennis Junior Scholarship Programme was launched in 2016 to provide 12 young players with 100 hours of free coaching. 26 players have so far received 3000 hours of free coaching.
- (3) Since 2016, the Club has organized free tennis and bowling camps for young people. By the end of Summer 2018, 370 children will have received some 3660 hours of free coaching as well as travelling allowances to attend.
- (4) The Club has opened to the public for the Sports For All Programme to promote a healthy lifestyle. In the summer of 2018, the Club opened its doors for 19 days for this Programme.
- (5) The Club has been hosting the HK National Junior Tennis Championships since 2015 and is planning to host an International Super Senior Tennis Tournament from 2018 onwards.

Contribution to the community

The Club has made and is continuing to make a substantial contribution to assisting charitable NGOs in their activities.

- (1) The Club has been supporting Mother's Choice by inviting two groups of children to visit monthly to use its facilities and have meals.

- (2) The Club has been supporting St Mary's Home for the Aged in inviting their residents and volunteers for monthly visits. The elderly folk use its facilities and have meals.
- (3) Since 2014, the Club has raised monies (more than \$500,000) for many charities through various events.
- (4) Since 2015, the Club has welcomed 30 charities and local schools on their outings, using its facilities and having meals.
- (5) The Club offers work placements for students with developmental disorders for up to a year.

I believe that in the coming years, the Club will be taking even greater proactive efforts to enhance its already substantial contribution both to sports and to the community.

Maintaining HK's position

The Club is a cosmopolitan club which includes members from different countries and various races. Having such a Club is conducive to maintaining Hong Kong's position as an international financial centre and Asia's world city.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours Sincerely,

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Li Woo Mo Ying Judy

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Public Consultations on Policy of Private Recreational Leases

[REDACTED]

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

22/08/2018 13:00

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I'm a frequent user of the sports facilities at the Hong Kong Football Club, so are my two children... my 5 year old son is about to start learning to play football. The training is open to the public and not just members.

I hope the Government **does not** impose any additional charges on HKFC or other Clubs holding PRLs... otherwise, I fear the extra costs will marginalize those that can't afford to pay more given that the HKFC would need to pass on the additional PRL charges to facility users.

Kind regards,

Mark Squires

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Comments on the PRL Policy Review

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

22/08/2018 13:04

Cc: [REDACTED]

History: This message has been replied to.

Hello,

Hereby I would like to express my concern about the looming danger that seems to be closing in about 1) rise of premium to be paid by PRL clubs (of which Hebe Haven Yacht Club) and 2) the risk of land being re-classified as site for housing (or worse).

I am a volunteer member of Sailability that is a charitable organization for disabled persons, mostly younger of age, to be able to enjoy sailing, that actually benefits their wellbeing as well. We are using the facilities of Hebe Haven Yacht Club and the dangers expressed above would mean we would also most likely become 'homeless', with an added risk of not being able to continue operations!

I truly hope the HK government will also appreciate the need for both PRL clubs as well as organizations as Sailability instead of just looking at income and land duties and that the government will also take their responsibility for the wellbeing of their population, including the disabled ones!

Thank you very much
&
Best regards,
Erik Leenders

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Public Consultations on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

22/08/2018 13:11

History:

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Home Affairs Bureau

13th /F, West Wing, Central Government Offices

2 Tim Mei Avenue

Tamar

By email to: prl_consultations@hab.gov.hk

Sir/Madam –

I am a member of the Hong Kong Football Club (HKFC). I joined the HKFC about 10 years ago as a Sports Preferred Member and have been playing squash for their league team ever since. As a member I can testify that the excellent sports facilities at HKFC are made available to both the public and club members throughout the year for a broad range of activities from league fixtures and international tournaments to charity fund raisers and junior coaching and development.

I can also testify that the excellent facilities at HKFC is instrumental for development of elite athletes in HK. My two children both use the facilities at HKFC regularly and they both participate in sports at elite level. My son carries out regular weight training at HKFC and plays ice hockey for the HK Youth National Team (represented HK in the U21 World Championship at New Zealand earlier this year). My daughter practises squash at HKFC regularly and is an elite junior squash player (Winner of HK Junior Championship 2017 in GU11, Winner of Japan Junior Open 2017 in GU11, Finalist of US Junior Open 2017 in GU11, etc). Their stories are not unique and I personally know of many other elite athletes that train at HKFC.

I would urge Government NOT to impose any additional charges or premiums on HKFC or other Clubs holding PRLs. The clubs are non-profit making and any charges will simply have to be passed on to public users of club facilities inevitably restricting access and reducing Hong Kong's already meagre supply of quality facilities for sports and recreation. This is particularly true for HKFC which recruits mainly Sports Preferred Members and does not charge a large joining fee to do so. I believe imposing additional charge to HKFC will only force the HKFC to change their policy to recruiting fewer Sports Preferred Members and more Corporate Members, which will be detrimental to sports development in HK.

Faithfully,

Simon Ho

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**Public Consultations on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases**

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

22/08/2018 13:53

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have lived in Hong Kong for over 20 years and the Hong Kong Football Club (and other sports club facilities) is a major reason why I am still positively contributing to Hong Kong society. For the past two years, as a life-long squash enthusiast, I have run the Junior Squash Section at the HKFC, which invites the children of both members and importantly non-members to try this fabulous sport (where we have a number of highly ranked world class players due to initiatives like this). We charge very little (\$2,000) for a whole season of coaching via the Junior Squash Programme as most of the coaching is done by passionate squash playing HKFC fathers wishing to give back to the sport. The Squash Programme is replicated across the football, rugby and hockey sections of the club, giving access to sport to hundreds of less privileged youngsters.

I feel that if the government imposes Land Premiums on the clubs like the HKFC it will have a hugely negative impact on affordability of clubs to the sports lovers who run these junior programme initiatives. The club would only be affordable to the hugely wealthy individuals and corporations who would not have the passion for sport that I presently see in the club. Affordable junior coaching opportunities such as those for squash, football, rugby and hockey would end and opportunities for Hong Kong's youngsters to learn sport would end. This would be a tragic development for Hong Kong where the health of our children is worsening.

I implore you to NOT change the PRL land use terms as I fear for the future of Hong Kong if our precious sports clubs become only affordable for the very wealthy.

Yours sincerely,

Keith Frith

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Public Consultations on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases

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

22/08/2018 13:54

History:

This message has been replied to.

To Home Affairs Bureau

Sir/Madam –

We are parents of 2 children age 10 and 16, and frequently use the sports facilities at Hong Kong Football Club. My two children have learned squash, and football at the Club. The Junior Soccer is an excellent public program which are run professionally.

Football club has been known to be providing lots of community service for both members and general public so I would humbly request that the Govt would not increase the rate rental for any cost would simply be passed to the public and members.

Best Regards,

Ng Lap Yan

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Public Consultation on policy review of private recreational leases

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

22/08/2018 13:56

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a local HK citizen currently serving as a doctor in the public sector. I am also a regular user of the excellent sports facilities at the Hong Kong Football Club. My wife and I have long been members of the club and regularly enjoy the use of its sports facilities including squash and swimming. Our son, now 18 months old, also shares the use of the swimming pool and in future would take up other sports in the club.

The facilities are made available to both the public and club members throughout the year for a broad range of activities from league fixtures and international tournaments to charity fund raisers and junior coaching and development. Not only that it also serves to improve local talent and inspire our young to get better results internationally in their sports, providing much support and training given its plethora of sports programs. By increasing the size of HK in international sports, it can only bring honor, tourism and other sources of revenue for the city.

I would urge Government NOT to impose any additional charges or premiums on HKFC or other Clubs holding PRLs. The Clubs are non-profit making and any charges will simply have to be passed on to public users of Club Facilities inevitably restricting access and reducing Hong Kong's already meagre supply of quality facilities for sports and recreation.

Thank you very much for your kind attention.

Sincerely yours,
Euan Soo

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RE - Public Consultations on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases

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

22/08/2018 14:08

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Sir/Madam,

Since my childhood days, I have been utilizing the facilities offered by Hong Kong Football Club. Thanks to the club, I have been able to hone in my squash, tennis and swimming skills. The club has been very friendly and welcome outsiders to join through their sports membership program and it's also the way I joined the club in my late 20s.

I am aware that the club's facilities have been made available to both public and club members throughout the year for a wide range of activities from league games to international tournaments to charity fund raising activities as well as other coaching and development for the juniors.

I would sincerely urge the Government to NOT impose any additional charges or premiums on Hong Kong Football Club nor any other Clubs holding PRLs. Clubs are non-profit making and if charges are increased, it will simply be passed to public users of the Club Facilities as well resulting in restricting access and further reducing Hong Kong's already very limited supply of recreational space.

Yours sincerely,

Soo Tsung Lee, Gene

[REDACTED]

Sports Clubs: Policy is the Exact Opposite of What is Needed.

Hong Kong's government has indicated that it is intending to require sports and social clubs in the city to pay possibly greatly increased fees for the use of any land that they occupy. These increased fees may result in some clubs having to close down but at the very least will likely increase operating costs and possibly result in clubs curtailing their sports activities and facilities.

This policy is precisely the opposite of what government policy should be doing. Here is why.

Hong Kong's fiscal policy and land policy dictates that land costs will almost inevitably be high. The policy where virtually all land is controlled by the government and drip fed slowly on to the market has produced a situation where Hong Kong housing is amongst the most expensive and most unaffordable in the world. This situation is totally within government's control and has destined Hong Kong's population to live in the worst housing conditions (by many metrics) in the developed world. Families are forced to live in shoe box size housing conditions where the average apartment size is roughly half that of any other country or city in the developed world. Given that Hong Kong is one of the richest cities on the planet, with one of the highest per capita GDP it seems that the housing conditions that it imposes on its people housing is way out of synch with its economic conditions.

Because homes are so crowded, small and often poorly fitted, people are almost forced to look outside the home for sources of pleasure, enjoyment, social activities. Sports clubs have for many years provided at least some avenues for people to escape the much less than satisfactory housing conditions that their government dictates they suffer.

Government's latest policy initiatives seem to be aimed at reducing the ability of clubs to provide much needed sports facilities. Hong Kong's crowded living conditions are far from healthy. Clubs provide places where families, children and adults can engage in healthy sporting activities.

A great many also provide for international and regional competitive events. Such events attract people to Hong Kong, boosting tourism and business for various industries. This is done at no cost, or very little cost, to government.

If anything, rather than making life more difficult for sporting clubs, government policy should be doing the opposite. It should be providing MORE facilities and spaces for existing sports clubs. It should be encouraging the development of MORE private clubs by allocating free or cheap land to suitable groups and organisations. In this way government should be helping to COMPENSATE its citizens for the hugely expensive and shoddy housing that their fiscal and land policies dictate people have to suffer.

Any casual visit to major cities in the developed world will notice large numbers of facilities and land dedicated to sports and leisure activities - Football, rugby, cricket, baseball pitches, swimming, sailing and rowing clubs, archery, tennis, squash, basketball, athletics, you name it. Hong Kong is massively underprovided with facilities for sporting activities, activities that help keep people fit and healthy, not to mention providing a source of real pleasure. More sources of healthy sporting and social activities would ease the discontent that people feel from a housing situation that is amongst the worst in the developed world.

Hong Kong is woefully lacking in healthy sporting and recreational facilities. Government policy is aiming to make it even worse. This current policy is exactly the opposite of what it should be doing.

Peter Churchouse

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Public Consultations on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

22/08/2018 14:40

History:

This message has been replied to.

Sir/Madam –

I was born in HK and, from as early as I can remember, I had the great opportunity to be a member (first family, now individual) of the Hong Kong Football Club.

I also played junior squash at a HK-representative level, and have for many years since been a player in the highest club levels of the HK Squash League. It was through diligent practice and training in a club such as the HKFC where I could contribute towards HK squash and all benefits that come with such a facility:

- Junior and adult squash leagues, servicing both members of HKFC and the public to carry out these matches.
- The opportunity to broaden my sporting experiences, such as with tennis & rugby, all in one location.
- More recently, the ability to spectate international sporting tournaments across the spectrum of sports HKFC offers members AND the public.

I wish that the Government does not impose any additional charges or premiums on HKFC or other Clubs holding PRLs.

I understand that these clubs are not always financially easily accessible to all HK citizens, but they certainly entertain talent at affordable membership prices. I understand from Club communications that the Clubs are non-profit making and any PRL charges will have to be passed on to members of all financial statuses.

There aren't a large number of recreational clubs in HK already, so please don't diminish their valuable contribution to the actively participating community.

Sincerely,

Andrew Ward

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Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs) & Task Force on Land Supply

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

22/08/2018 15:39

Cc: [REDACTED]

History: This message has been replied to.

Home Affairs Bureau (Recreation and Sport Branch)
Email: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

The Secretariat, Task Force on Land Supply
Email: tfls@devb.gov.hk

Dear Sir / Madam

RE: Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs) & Task Force on Land Supply

Private Sports Clubs continue to play an important role in sporting development and provision of recreational facilities in Hong Kong. I am very concerned should there be any major policy changes that could seriously alter the scene.

My views on the above two consultation papers are:

"Land Premium": I don't agree that the Government should impose a premium as high as one third of the market rate as this does not sufficiently take into consideration the contributions of the clubs to the well being of the community.

"Further open up": The club is already fully utilized during holidays and weekends. Further opening may be considered in consultation with the club management to utilize the idle time slots.

"Task Force on Land Supply": There are plenty options for large scale land acquisition eg., reclamation of the reservoirs and sea, NT lands 棕地 etc. HK won't be a world city if it hasn't got these private clubs for the middle classes and expatriates. It will have difficulties in attracting talents to HK. Furthermore the joining of a private club provides an upward mobility incentive for hard working professionals.


Thank you for considering my responses.

Yours sincerely,

SS Yuen

[REDACTED]

Robert YC Ho



Private Recreation 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

18th August, 2018

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: PRL Public Consultation – Hong Kong Country Club

My family and I are long time members of the HK Country Club and I am writing to provide support to the Club in regard to the above Public Consultation.

Firstly, I would like to reiterate that our Club has always complied with the terms of its lease of opening-up to Eligible Outside Bodies and Sports Associations.

For example, throughout the year:

- The Club regularly and constantly offers its facilities for use to various local charities and NGOs, along with venue or in-kind sponsorship or donations
- The Club regularly offers its sporting facilities for use to outside groups with the purpose of the development of sports within HK

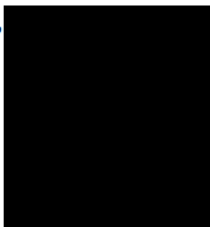
Secondly, in relation to the proposed land premium upon the Club's lease renewal. I have no objection in principle to such a premium. HOWEVER, the premium must be fairly and reasonably calculated, AND based on present site usage and restrictions. It cannot be based on a full market value (of different lease conditions). Such a premium would potentially impact the financial viability and self-sufficiency of the Club.

I hope you will take into account my comments on this matter.

Thank you for your attention,

Yours Sincerely,

Robert YC Ho



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Public Consultations on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases

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

22/08/2018 16:50

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to request that you do not impose any charges or premiums on HKFC- I have learnt to play squash there and feel my health has improved due to this. I also use the gym on a regular basis.

My children have taken part in various sports activities which otherwise may not have been possible.

I know it is a non profit organisation and respect this.

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Thank you

kind regards

Sati Matharu

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Hong Kong Country Club -land lease

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

22/08/2018 17:13

Cc: [REDACTED]

History:

This message has been replied to.

Private Recreational Lease & Land Matters Section

HAB-Recreation and Sport Branch

13f West Wing Central Gov Offices

2 Tim Mei Ave, TAMAR, HKG

prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

Dear HAB- Sports & Recreation Branch

I am writing in concern as a member of the Hong Kong Country Club.

I am writing to say that as a member I value our club and environs and there are a few matters on which I would like to comment:

1/ Uncertain Land Premium: as a member I am concerned that the land lease renewal from the HK Govt. be fair and calculated based on our site usage restrictions. This will maintain the self sufficiency of the club and we can continue to offer our space for Eligible outside bodies.

2/ As members we are happy to further open up the club to outside Eligible Bodies. These relationships benefit the wellbeing of HK people. But this can only happen if there is no unsustainable land premium that we cannot afford moving forward. At the moment we have youth coming to play tennis, swimming training, the elderly coming for events and festivities. We are happy to see this opening of the Club to the HKG public.

We hope that you will consider the voiced concerns.

Thank you you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Sabina Sutch

Member Hong Kong Country Club

[REDACTED]

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Dicky H. M. Sung
[REDACTED]
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14 August 2018

BY E-MAIL & MAIL

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,

Re: Hong Kong Country Club (PRL Public Consultation)

I am a member of the above Club for over 30 years. My parents were members since the Club first opened and I grew up spending many happy times in the Club and so did my son who is now 22 years old.

The Club is a great place for families at which to spend quality time. It also fosters a feeling of community with other Club members who are of different nationalities and backgrounds. This is sorely needed in today's world.

While we realize the public's concern for shortage of housing, the resumption of lands granted to private clubs is not the answer. One must realize the shortage of housing is caused by the large demand of housing from non-Hong Kong nationals, who have unlimited budgets to purchase properties in Hong Kong. If this issue is not addressed, no amount of land can accommodate the demand from the North.

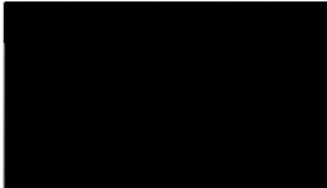
We realize the granting of private club leases at nominal rent is not compatible in today's environment. We are not adverse at paying a reasonable rent, provided it is derived at fairly and openly.

The club also encourages public participation at sports in the past by opening up the Club to the public, and it shall continue to do so.

Private sports clubs are an asset to Hong Kong as an international city with large numbers of expatriates, majority of whom are members of such clubs.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Yours respectfully,

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hebe Haven Yacht Club

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

22/08/2018 17:51

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Sir or Madam

I am writing to oppose the proposal that would mean Hebe Haven Yacht Club having to pay extra costs or lose land.

HHYC does so much for our local community. My son has sailed from there for the last three years and it has changed his life. For HHYC to face costs or conditions that prevent its future operations would deeply affect our Sai Kung community and all the children, adults and sail ability members who get so much from the club.

I do hope you take these views into consideration,

Mrs Susan Holt



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Public Consultations on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

22/08/2018 18:06

History:

This message has been replied to.

To whom it may concern:

I have lived and worked in Hong Kong for more than 25 years and have been a member of Hong Kong Football Club (HKFC) for 12 years. I am a regular user of the first class sports facilities at HKFC.

HKFC is an integral part of the sporting fabric of Hong Kong and a great supporter of sport in Hong Kong generally. HKFC's facilities are used by members and the public alike for league fixtures, national, regional and international tournaments, the coaching and development of junior sportspersons and charity fundraising through sport. HKFC also makes its facilities available to many National Sports Associations for training, matches and Tournaments on a regular basis. The extent to which HKFC makes its facilities available to the public and other outside bodies goes way beyond the terms of its current PRL and is done because HKFC is a multi-sports club that is committed to supporting and developing sport in Hong Kong.

In my opinion the Government should not impose any additional charges or levies on HKFC (or any other sports clubs operating under PRLs). To do so would be a backwards step and contrary to the Government's objective of sports development in Hong Kong and the promotion of "Sports for All!" through a wide range of sports facilities, as is espoused in the Kai Tak Sports Park objectives. This is because any additional costs charged to the clubs would have to be passed onto the users (members and public alike) which would almost certainly further restrict access or worse still result in a reduction in the sports facilities in Hong Kong.

There is a great passion for sport among the people of Hong Kong, but "Asia's World City" is woefully under-provided with sports facilities. If Government is serious about developing sport in Hong Kong, it should rethink its Kai Tak Sports Park plan. Hong Kong does not need a new (and very expensive) 55,000 seat stadium with a retractable roof as it will not support or make a significant contribution to sports development in Hong Kong. Aside from one weekend per year when it hosts the world class Rugby 7s, it will not be regularly used for competitive sporting purposes. Government should use Kai Tak to provide the sports pitches, courts and facilities for public and community use that the city so badly needs.

As regards housing, taking back land from sports clubs for housing is a pointless exercise as it will not make a significant impact on the shortage of land for housing that currently exists. The current housing problems should be addressed without delay by bold thinking and bold plans. Government should proceed immediately with ELM, or better still Our Hong Kong Foundation's EELM proposal, which will provide the required land for the City's housing needs.

Yours sincerely

Neil Roberts

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Public Consultations on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases

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

22/08/2018 22:41

History:

This message has been replied to.

Sir/Madam,

I am a regular user of the sports facilities at Hong Kong Football Club. My family and friends enjoy the club facilities and it makes our time more treasurable.

The club facilities always available to both the public and club members throughout the year. A wide range of activities from league matches and international tournaments to charity fund raiser are held within the club and gave numerous opportunities for people from different sectors to meet and learn from each other in the past years.

I would urge Government NOT to impose any additional charges or premiums on HKFC or other clubs holding PRLs .

Any rising charges and changes to the usage of land will simply destroying the good balance of such quality sports club which enhancing the connection between people and promoting sports/recreation around the area.

Yours faithfully,

Ho Fai CHIU

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**Task Force on Land Supply**

[REDACTED]

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.
hk

23/08/2018 09:24

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing in regards to the recent proposals to consider using Private Recreational Leases as one of the options to help alleviate some of the short term land shortages in Hong Kong.

I feel very strongly that this option should NOT be used. As stated in your proposal, land is at a premium and the thought of taking away land that is used regularly by children and adults to learn and practice sports from a general level to a very high /professional level, stay healthy and mix socially will be detrimental to Hong Kong.

There is no point building more and more properties when there is no place to go outside your apartment. A city needs a diverse mixture of housing and areas to play and relax, by taking these facilities away, it will be to the detriment of the city and the people you serve.

So, to summarize, I object strongly to the option of using Private Recreational Lease sites for the potential land to build housing.

Regards,
Derek Titterington

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**Hong Kong Country Club**

[REDACTED]

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

23/08/2018 10:21

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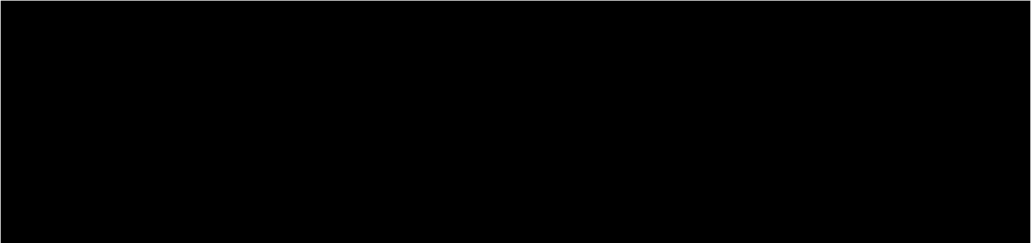
I understand the above club is the subject of the recent PRL review. I strongly support extending its lease for the foreseeable future and would question the raising of land premium.

1. The club has done a lot of community work in recent years.
2. The club has been opening up its facilities to schools and other local organisations whenever possible.
3. The imposition of a high land premium will inevitably lead to higher joining fees and monthly subscriptions which in turn will make the club even more inaccessible to ordinary people.

Charmaine Lee Yuen Ching

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23rd August 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

Dear Sirs,

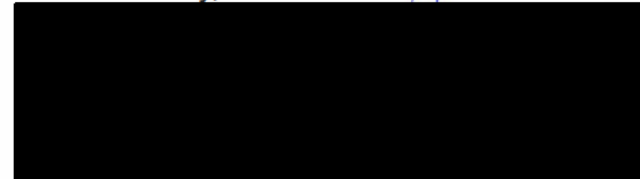
Fine Vintage (Far East) Ltd "the Company" was established in 1986 to supply fine wines, spirits and sake to the on trade in Hong Kong and Macau. We are private family owned company with eight shareholders. Four of the shareholders are currently employed to run the business. We employ a total of twenty five people in our offices in Chai Wan, Hong Kong.

Our key customer base comprises of hotels, restaurants, bars, private clubs and high end retailers. One of our most important markets is that of the private club business in Hong Kong. Hong Kong is one of the World's great cities for private clubs and it is a key revenue generator for the City. Private Clubs provide great employment opportunities for Hong Kong residents as well as significant recreation facilities for the residents to enjoy whether privately or in the public domaine.

The nature of our business means that private clubs are a key driver of our turnover and any reduction in their scope would certainly adversely affect that and consequently our ability to employ as many employees as we do. This would be in addition to any loss of employment from the Club's themselves which could be highly significant.

We respectfully request the Home Affairs Bureau to consider very carefully the potential repercussions on employment should the private club industry be adversely affected by policy changes on their Lease conditions.

Yours faithfully,



Howard Palmes
General Manager
Fine Vintage (Far East) Ltd.



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Re: Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases

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

23/08/2018 11:04

History:

This message has been replied to.

Noted with thanks.

On Thu, Aug 16, 2018 at 10:07 AM [REDACTED] wrote:

1. These are the views from the perspective of an extant member of a Private Sports Club (PSC), an organisation or entity which has been granted the use of a site by the government before and after 1997 in the form of a Private Recreational Lease (PRL) at nil or nominal premium. The writer wishes to remain anonymous, no personal data appearing in this email or in connection therewith may be disclosed by the recipient to any third party.

2. Table 3 of the Consultation Document on “Review on Policy of Private Recreational Leases” (Consultation Document) lists out the 24 PSC holding 27 PRL sites. All of them originate from land policy before July 1997. Paragraph 1.1 of the Consultation Document states: “In the past, especially in the early colonial days, there was an acute shortage of public sports and recreational facilities in Hong Kong. People interested in the promotion of sports development and provision of recreational and sports facilities established non-profit making sports clubs and applied to the Government for grant of land to develop such facilities.”

3. Such land policy adopted by the government before July 1997, granting land to non-profit making sports clubs, formed by individuals residing in Hong Kong, at nil or nominal land premium, while leaving members of the club to finance, build, maintain and manage, on their own, the structures and facilities on the site, reflect the then government’s recognition of people’s freedom of association. Such policy has, through the years, facilitated many individuals and their families to bond and grow up, together with other individuals and their families, who share and pursue interests in common - sports and recreational activities, on the sites granted by the government, and facilities developed by the club. These clubs have also become a part of Hong Kong’s social landscape and ladder which continue to attract the younger generations of the community to join and become members. The cores of the PRL policy have arguably become a facet of Hong Kong’s previous capitalist system and way of life which should continue after July 1997.

4. Any review of the PRL policy after July 1997 must be conducted in accordance with the Basic Law. When the HKSAR Government exercises its power and function to formulate and implement policies in relation to land in the context of sports,PSC and PRL, the Government should not lose sight of an important policy underlying the Basic Law, which is set out in Chapter I of Basic Law under the heading “General Principles” - “The socialist system and policies shall not be practised in the HKSAR, and the previous capitalist system and way of life shall remain unchanged for 50 years” (Article 5). Also important is Hong Kong residents’ right to freedom of association, guaranteed by Article 27 of the Basic Law. Hong Kong residents are guaranteed the right to associate and form clubs, organisations or entities to pursue their common interests, including interests in sports. While the right is not absolute, any measure imposed by the Government which would effectively curtail or frustrate the individual right may be disproportionate even if a

legitimate public interest is sought to be served. Members of existing active PSCs have exercised and enjoyed their right to freedom of association on the sites granted by the government in the form of PRLs from very early days long before July 1997, the PRL policy should not be modified in such a way, or to such an extent that these members can no longer, or can't afford to, enjoy or exercise their right on the sites.

5. None of the matters set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 above appears to have been taken into account by the Working Group in the Consultation Document. This is most unfortunate as the law requires the the Government, in its decision making process on policy review of PRL, including whether or not the PRL sites should be retained, and whether charging nil or nominal land premium for the use of the PRL sites should continue, to take into account all relevant matters. Such relevant matters must include those matters set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 above.

6. The writer urges the Working Group to take note of these views in the policy review of PRL, and to propose modifications on the PRL which are lawful and consistent with the Basic Law, for the consideration of the Chief Executive in Council.

A member of a PSC

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Hong Kong Country Club land lease

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

23/08/2018 11:07

Cc: [REDACTED]

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

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to take this opportunity to share my views with respect to the review of the Hong Kong Country Club's land lease and the currently ongoing public consultation. As a long time member of the HKCC and former member of the Hong Kong Davis Cup team, I am deeply familiar with the contribution the HKCC has made to sports development over the years. I also support and encourage the increasing opening up of the Hong Kong Country Club's facilities to deserving outside bodies. If the land lease is eventually extended with a financially viable land lease premium, I hope to be able to continue to support the worthy sports development mission of the HKCC and to build on the significant contributions this club has historically made to sports development in our city.

To illustrate the historical point, my own history with the club may be instructive. I was fortunate to join the HKCC as a child with my family, where I then started with both swimming and tennis instruction. Under the supervision of the superb training staff, which included former professional tennis players who coached me from a young age, I eventually became the number one ranked male tennis player in Hong Kong in 12, 14, 16 and 18 and under age groups. Internationally I reached a career best of number 5 in the world in the ITF junior rankings in the 18 and under age group. I played on our city's Davis Cup team and, among other matters, played in the junior Wimbledon, junior French and junior US Open tennis tournaments representing Hong Kong. I remember my time representing Hong Kong in global tournaments with great pride and satisfaction, and I know that the HKCC played a pivotal part in allowing me the space and facilities to reach the standard necessary to compete at that level. Relative to other athletes that I competed against at the time, many of whom came from less densely populated places where the necessary facilities were much easier to come by, the HKCC to me appears to be particularly important as it supplements the otherwise relatively limited training capacity available in Hong Kong.

I deeply encourage the relevant decision-makers to take this into account as the land lease renewal is considered and any premium is set. Given the restrictions that I understand will be applied to any such land lease renewal, may I also urge the government to keep the use limitations in mind in any premium that might end up being determined. As a former athlete who represented Hong Kong with pride, I very much hope that the next generation of Hong Kongers who have the talent, drive and ambition to represent our vibrant city will have the same benefits that I was given. For my part, I am dedicated to the further build out of the HKCC's opening up to deserving athletes and will work within the club to help develop this important goal.

On a final note, as someone who was born and raised in Hong Kong by European parents, I think it is important also to highlight the unique nature of the HKCC community and its strong commitment to diversity in its membership and interactions with the broader Hong Kong community. I believe the HKCC occupies a unique position within the broader Hong Kong community as a shared space of the broad ethnic diversity of our singular city. Throughout my life this has served to broaden the reach and understanding of an exceptional cross-section of Hong Kong that, I believe, has come with broad benefits to our city and society. I urge you to keep this very positive and unique aspect of the HKCC in mind as you consider the renewal of the lease and the appropriate premium that may be applied.

Kind regards,

Sven Koehler [REDACTED]

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

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

23/08/2018 12:37

History:

This message has been replied to.

I would like to add my objections,

T Jackson





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 August 2018

Dear Sirs,

Hong Kong Country Club: PRL Public Consultation

I write to you regarding the above.

My family and I have been members at the club for the last year and rely heavily on the social amenities it provides.

The Hong Kong Country Club has always fulfilled their lease requirement of opening to Eligible Outside Bodies and Sports Associations and the club newsletter often details such activities. These benefits can only be enjoyed if the club remains operational.

It is vitally important that any land premium should be fair and reasonable. In addition it should be calculated taking full consideration of the club's site usage restrictions, rather than on a commercial basis.

If the club's financial viability and self-sufficiency were to be impacted then the benefits provided to the community, through the opening of the club to EOBSA and the employment of 250 staff, would be put in jeopardy.

We realise that we are privileged to be members at Hong Kong Country Club. We also understand and sympathise with the problem for government in addressing public concerns and demand for public housing particularly in Hong Kong where land is limited. However, we feel very strongly that introducing unsustainable land premiums is not the way to achieve this in the long run.

Yours sincerely,

James Horsburgh
Member



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

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

23/08/2018 13:12

Cc: **[REDACTED]**

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Sir/Madam

Please find below a few comments on the PRL.

Q1

- 1) Of course PRL's Site should continue to operate under the policy.
- 2) May be lease can be reviewed 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.

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.

- The Club promotes water sports and sailing activities for non-members by offering membership access at very low prices.

- Recreational land is like open forest area – one cannot assign a value – these spaces are required for the local population to continue to live and breathe fresh air.

Assigning an HKD value will compel wrong decisions to be made. I cannot imagine a scenario where all parks/recreational grounds in HK SAR are used to build high-rise buildings because that has more economic value.

Thanks very much

Regards - Sanjay Gupta

(ABC member)

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Land consultation.

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

23/08/2018 13:32

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Sir,

I was extremely saddened to hear of the possible plans you have for clubs with private recreational leases.

I am a member of Hebe Haven Yacht Club and have been for 10 years.

As you may be aware the club is a non profit organisation operating for the promotion of sailing and racing yachts as well as other watersports.

The club is a fantastic club where 1000s of children learn to sail every year. Every week there are 100s of members and non members learning to sail and experience other watersports.

The sailing centre is open to both members and non members and has a fantastic learn to sail program. Several of the best sailors were recruited from open days and are local children who would not have had this opportunity to learn to sail without this club. Some of these sailors are now reaching the top of their sport sailing for Hong Kong - they are beginning to win overseas regattas and have really helped Hong Kong be recognised as an up and coming sailing centre in Asia. This could not have been done without the facilities at Hebe Haven Yacht Club.

We provide local and International schools with a base to learn to sail and have many after school sail training programs for these schools to enjoy.

The club is also home to Sailability in hong kong, again we see scores of disabled sailors sailing each weekend together with a host of local volunteers who are mostly non members. This is an amazing opportunity to promote sailing for disabled people in HK and we have had some fantastic results - one of our sailors won gold in the para olympic asian games and competed in the para olympics.

We have a youth development fund which subsidises local children and children who could not otherwise afford to sail to enter regattas, train as instructors and also compete in overseas regattas.

Hebe Haven also hosts many sailing regattas and events throughout each year both International and local events for sailors around Asia. In addition we have also hosted the para sailing olympics in the past.

We also provide a base for the HKSF laser training for Hong kong.

We also provide many opportunities for yacht racing throughout the year. Hosting yacht racing series. These are open to the public and both non members and members can crew on boats in these events developing or learning crewing skills. I would expect that around 80% of the crews on these boats are not members of the club, but without the club hosting and supporting events such as these, these non members would not have the opportunity to experience yacht racing in Hong Kong.

The club also hosts a range of events throughout the year such as the 24 hour charity dinghy regatta raising money for children's cancer foundation, sail away days, open days etc. These all provide an opportunity for the public to learn about sailing and contribute to local charities. In addition the club provides a local venue for weddings and events for the public.

The club has been in dire need of renovation in order to meet the needs of these events and provide a proper base for the sports it offers. This has been hampered lately by the lease renewal and difficulty getting permission to build anything. The children's sail training etc

are currently operating in a marquee because they are not allowed to build a proper structure. This is in bleak contrast to our competitors such as the Singapore Sailing federation and Japanese and Thai sailing clubs who all have state of the art facilities, with proper function rooms, teaching rooms and showers etc. Many of these also have gyms which enable sailors to work on strength and agility training. If we want HK sailors to be able to compete with our Asian neighbours we need to be encouraging and supporting better facilities not trying to close them down which your proposals will effectively do to Hebe Haven.

The club needs proper showers, a proper function room to host International sailing events, training rooms and an enhanced slipway and storage facilities etc if we want to promote sailing in the Sai Kung area.

I sincerely ask that you consider continuing to allow Hebe Haven yacht club to operate under its current private recreational lease and pay the nominal fee it does at the moment. To increase the fees based on the land we have would cripple our club, would prevent us from offering the sport of sailing to all of these local children and adults and eventually mean that we would have to close. The club simply could not afford it.

The clubs finances are monitored closely and as a non profit we cannot make much profit, this again has an impact on the facilities we can develop. If you want to ensure that the fees and club is appropriately used and open to non members I suggest that annual inspections are completed by your officials and figures for spending and opportunities for non member participation at the club are submitted to the appropriate government officers.

In actual fact I would ask that you allow HHYC to extend both their land and facilities in order to provide a better service for the local community. With better more modern facilities and more land we could have more boats, host more International events and offer more sailing opportunities for local people. The government in many countries subsidises the development of facilities local clubs such as this so that more young people can learn to sail through them. This is how our competing Asian countries are enabled to develop such outstanding facilities and train better sailors than we can.

The club is in desperate need of the following facilities in order to provide more opportunities for sailing in Hong Kong:

- A function room for prize giving and reception when we are hosting International and local sailing events such as regattas and training events
- Better office facilities so the office staff can
- More showers and bathrooms for when we host events and school/open day sailing events
- More boat racks and land space so that we can house more sailing boats and safety boats for after school sailing, weekend sailing, sailability, and International Events
- A workshop for members and the sailing centre to repair boats
- Training classrooms

We ask for your support in allowing us to develop the club and therefore allow sailing to thrive in the local community of Hong Kong and be a strong competitor in Asian sailing competitions.

Kind Regards,
Tony herbert.

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review of the Private Recreational Lease (PRL) policy

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

23/08/2018 13:51

Please respond to

History:

This message has been replied to.

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 prl_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).

I would like to comment as follows:

QUESTIONS [all pages refer to the Review]

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).

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.

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.

Teresa Cheung



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Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs) & Task Force on Land Supply

prl_consultation@h
to: ab.gov.hk,
tfls@devb.gov.hk

23/08/2018 14:01

History: This message has been replied to.

Dear Sir / Madam

RE: Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs) & Task Force on Land Supply

Private Sports Clubs continue to play a vital role in sporting development in Hong Kong. I am very concerned should there be any major policy changes that could seriously alter the scene.

My views on the above two consultation papers are:

Land Premium: Private members clubs serve a valuable purpose in HK, creating spaces where everyone can enjoy facilities either through membership or through community engagement. The clubs work hard to ensure that they cater to wide range of the multi-cultural population in HK and that should be celebrated. A "market determined" land premium would stop that usage in an instant by ensuring that membership fees were so high that only the really wealthy HK residents would be able to join. The clubs would need to become very business orientated which would stop the wide range of activities on offer.

"Further open up": I think this is an good idea and should be explored further in terms of communication with the public. Without adequate communication about what the clubs can offer the public become misinformed by sensationalist journalism.

"Task Force on Land Supply": The task force has a duty to look at every idea for creating spaces for new residential areas in HK. I do think however that investigating the re-use of large industrial buildings should be considered first as many other cities have done in the past. This would regenerate existing communities and be a much greener way of reusing the existing built environment.

Thank you for considering my responses.

Yours sincerely,

Penny Hubbard-Brown



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HEBE HAVEN YACHT CLUB. CONSULTATION.

Cc: tfls@devb.gov.hk

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

23/08/2018 14:29

History:

This message has been replied to.

For Home Affairs Bureau.

There have been discussions about the renewal of the H.H.Y.C. lease coming up very soon.

I am not certain of the full ramifications of the proposals by Govt. to provide us with a new lease, but I would

like to make the following comments please :

1. The H.H.Y.C. has flourished over the last fifty years or more and has grown into a fully fledged concern offering water sports facilities to its membership and outsiders under the present lease arrangement.

Please be reminded that this has ALL come about solely to the effort of the membership and the expertise of the H.H.Y.C. Management.

As far as I am aware no outside monetary assistance has been provided by Govt. over the last fifty years or so.

In short,

H.H.Y.C. has done it all on its own bat, most successfully.

Govt. in turn has assisted us in providing the existing lease to enable us to get on and continually improve our facilities.

2. The Future.

If we were to receive a new lease which 'burdened' our membership, we would inevitably have to provide for these additional 'burdens' at our own cost, thereby increasing our membership fees and expenditure.

Further capital outlay for new facilities will not now be easily accomplished, to the extent that they may not be possible in the longer term,

The resultant being that the H.H.Y.C. stagnates.

Be reminded, we at H.H.Y.C. have done all this ourselves, you in Govt. have done nothing, except to provide a lease which has enabled us to make good progress.

We are now in a position whereby if you decide to change our lease to less favourable terms, that you 'have killed the goose that laid the golden egg'.

3. Land Supply.

Please note that H.H.Y.C. is in desperate need for more space, we have applied for permission from you to develop that small parcel of land on our southern boundary (the Old Shell Station plot) to no avail. You have not prevailed, almost as if you were not concerned.

This is a great shame, and I believe you have not attacked our request with adequate vigour or reasoned explanation.

Certainly, nothing has been achieved, this plot is an eyesore, desperately in need of attention – your land, your responsibility.

H.H.Y.C. is now full to capacity, current membership can not increase unless we have more space and permission to build a new club house (at our own cost).

Current facilities for non- members to be invited to the Club on a regular basis are simply not large enough to cope, and would inevitably lead to overcrowding and inconvenience all round – particularly at weekends and holiday times.

4. Conclusion.

We need each other:

- We need you to provide us with a situation which allows us to expand.
- We in turn provide you with an outlet for the local community to be trained and to use the local waters in the Saikung area in safety and with pleasure without any extra 'burdens'.

Captain N. J. Robinson.

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22 August 2018

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

Reference: Hong Kong Country Club - Member L.W. Price (number P201)

I write to you with reference to two issues currently being examined by your goodselves as they concern the Club

1) The Uncertain Land Premium

We are unaware of the basis being utilized to determine the current market value so the future of the viability of the Club remains uncertain until this is disclosed.

I believe a more intimate consultation should take place to determine what level of increase can be afforded by the club and its members.

The Government in my opinion has a cultural obligation to ensure the future of its long-standing institutions in the Country - it should not always be about the money.

2) The Opening up to Eligible Outside Bodies

Whilst I am uncertain which bodies this will entail as this has been raised by the Government, one must assume these are government related bodies.

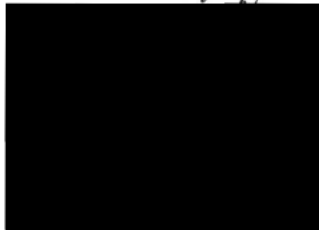
Even if not, it would assist all the club members in understanding this request if we had examples of which bodies the government feels should qualify and on what basis they should be allowed access to the club.


One has to beg the question if there are registered outside Bodies lacking proper facilities why the government does not support them as a separate issue.

If this refers to individuals, then I believe that is easier to deal with as the Club has limited facilities, has a long-standing membership and can only function properly if it is able to service its membersthere are international comparatives that the Government and The Club could utilize to determine what increase in membership the facility can physically absorb.

The Hong Kong Government has an impeccable record of being fair in how they deal with issues like these - it is a highly efficient professional and cohesive organization long known internationally for its stable and deep thinking policies, so my appeal is to investigate this issue more deeply and without artificially imposed timelines.

Yours sincerely

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Leon Price
Member 

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Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs) & Task Force on Land Supply

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23/08/2018 15:12

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Home Affairs Bureau (Recreation and Sport Branch)
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The Secretariat, Task Force on Land Supply
Email: tfls@devb.gov.hk

23 August 2018

Dear Sir / Madam

RE: Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs) & Task Force on Land Supply

Private Sports Clubs continue to play a vital role in sporting development in Hong Kong. I am very concerned should there be any major policy changes that could seriously alter the scene.

My views on the above two consultation papers are:

"Land Premium": This would have an extremely negative impact on many of the clubs and associations with PRL's, and a number of them may close or dramatically reduce the quality of their sporting facilities. At the same time the impact on the anticipated land shortage will be nil. Therefore there is little logic in increasing the rent. Private Sports Clubs are an essential part of the fabric of Hong Kong life, having developed over more than 150 years. No policy should be adopted which would risk the demise of this important part of HK's competitive advantage. For obvious reasons, once lost, they can never be replaced.

"Further open up": This is an acceptable request of clubs with a nil or peppercorn rent, but it should be done in a sympathetic and phased way. The existence of private members clubs, particularly the sporting related ones, is an essential part of HK expat life. Without the clubs, many families of expat workers would leave HK earlier than they do now. Expat workers are an important part of HK's competitive advantage and the Government markets HK to companies globally, with such companies naturally bringing in some expat staff. It would be irrational for the Government to initiate any policy which makes HK less attractive to expat workers for such little gain, at the same time as trying to attract the same expats to HK. Quality clubs already provide facilities to the public and international teams which would otherwise need to be provided by the Government/public facilities.

"Task Force on Land Supply": It is not appropriate to re-designate PRL land for residential

construction. The amount of land is relatively insignificant and the negative impact on life in HK would be material. The alternative sources of land are superior.

Others: Given the development in Guangdong Province on the borders of the New Territories, the best approach is to develop more land in the NT and ensure that the transport communications in both directions (to Kowloon and to the Mainland) are built to service these developments.

Thank you for considering my responses.

Yours sincerely,

Vincent Warner

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Review on Policy of Private Recreational Leases

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

23/08/2018 15:31

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I support the promotion of sports.

I agreed **the recreational lease(s) must be maintained as the SAME** since let the expert do their jobs to promote respective sports, especially for the young people. If the young people occupy their leisure hours by sport is better than doing something harmful to the society.

Promote sport in return is promoting healthy residents in HK. This will reduce money spending for health care. I do think HK Government needs to put more effort in promoting sports.

I support all PRL sites should continue as existing lease agreements.

I do not agreed the sport site(s) or recreational site(s) should return to Government for development. Society needs to have a balance life, this is not a good town planning if every land is for development. HK already got very limited area(s) for sports. **If everything is for development then HK will not be a healthy society.**

If policy wants to promote sport in order to have healthy HK residents, then I guess should be minimum charge, especially those community organisations.

I really hope there are more semi private sport club(s) around every corner in HK (especially NT) with different sport facilities, therefore more people can enjoy their favourite sport(s) nearby, and is not to pay expensive rate to join the club, and travel a long distance. Please be reminded that promote sport is promote happy society too.

Thank you for your attention.

Regards,

Sandra Wong

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

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk,

23/08/2018 16:22

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear consultants,

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 Club has developed the land over the last 50 years and has supported the community with sailing programs and education.

Please consider that PRL's enhance the community and provide special expertise of sports and recreation in many ways. Closing these clubs down would achieve nothing in comparison to the benefits they supply not just to members but also to Hong Kong in many ways.

In response to the questions , see below

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;

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.

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 a quality environment, they should not be threatened 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;

I'm sure they would happily open the doors to enhancing sport development in the community.

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

Any in line with the ethos and M&A of each clubs.

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 the bad ones be helped to correct their ways.

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

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

Yours sincerely,

Rob Daniel

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**Private Recreational Leases**

[REDACTED]

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.
hk

23/08/2018 18:10

History:

This message has been replied to.

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in regards to the proposal to change the lease conditions of Private Recreational Leaseholders. I want to express my concern about using this oasis within Happy Valley for housing purposes as I think the community benefits loads from the sports facilities also the Hong Kong Football Club provides - for members and non-members!

I have been an active member of the HKFC and hope to be one for many years to come.

Best regards,
Sebastian Beer

Private Recreational Lease and Land Matters Section,
Home Affairs Bureau (Recreation and Sports Branch)
13/F, West Wing, Central Government Offices,
2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar, Hong Kong
23rd August 2018

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Safeguarding and sustaining the future of Hong Kong Country Club

The sole reason why I am writing this letter is because the Hong Kong Country Club is not just any club for me and my family, I have been here for over 30 years. That same old metal swing that my father once used to push me is now where my lovely 3 kids are making fond memories. That tennis coach is the very same one that taught me is now teaching my children. There is always a strong sense of sustainability and continuity within the club and amongst fellow members. We treasure this place as our home away from home.

I am writing for the hope that the issue of nominal rent of the club would be reasonable and fair for the members. Considering our club has always been community focused by fostering the public and many other charitable organization and educational institutions such as old age homes and schools as much as we could and as often as we would like to. By opening our facility to the larger public, the club is happy to bear all the significances of extra wear and tear, cleaning up etc to benefit sports development and aiding the community in the HKSAR.

However, it is important to note that this will only be achieved on the condition that we are not driven out by unsustainable land premiums.

Yours faithfully,

Alexander W W Ho

Member 

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Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs) & Task Force on Land Supply

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

23/08/2018 23:41

History: This message has been replied to.

Home Affairs Bureau (Recreation and Sport Branch)
Email: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

The Secretariat, Task Force on Land Supply
Email: tfls@devb.gov.hk

Dear Sir / Madam

RE: Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs) & Task Force on Land Supply

Private Sports Clubs continue to play a vital role in sporting development in Hong Kong as similar to their peers in any other modern cities in the world. While there are major issues on land supply for housing in the territory, the government should not choose the wrong approach to react by overdoing any major policy change on supporting private sports club facilities which will at the end severely jeopardise the contributions of private sports club to the sports development in Hong Kong.

My views on the above two consultation papers are:

"Land Premium": I cannot agree to impose 1/3 of market value of the future leases for private sports club. This will severely affect the financial ability of these clubs. At the end the cost will be transferred to the members and the membership of private sports clubs will be polarised towards the very small amount of the richest people in Hong Kong. Furthermore, such policy will also completely jeopardise the clubs' abilities to make continuous investment on sporting facilities. The sports industry, which more and more citizens in Hong Kong taking pride in, will heavily suffer.

"Further open up": I am of the view that further open up of club facilities to support the sports industry in Hong Kong should be considered both for the benefits of more optimised utilisation of the facilities and also for the benefits of helping the clubs to raise their standards of the involved sports.

"Task Force on Land Supply": I am of the view that the Government should make every effort to increase housing capacity through land reclamation and investing in infrastructure to enable the use of unused land capacity. However, sacrificing the private sports clubs to address housing needs cannot be a wise decision nor an approach that meet global standards in terms of city and land use planning, benchmarking any other parts of the world.

Thank you very much for your kind attention.

Yours sincerely,

Vincent Ma

The sender requested to keep his/her name and submission
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**Lease as a Sports Club - HKFC**

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

24/08/2018 07:50

History:

This message has been replied to.

Good morning,

I am writing to you as a member of HKFC and this message is with specific regards to the land supply issues in Hong Kong.

Whilst I agree there is an issue with land supply and viable options for development, I do not think that "elite" sports clubs should be the answer to such a problem.

HKFC and other clubs do a lot for elite level sports in Hong Kong. HKFC has provided several professional footballers to the premier division as well as numerous football and rugby players to the national teams. This has been achieved through careful planning and influence, often from junior level all the way to the top. Taking away or limiting the space would put a limit on how many children can make such leaps and also may reduce the likelihood of children to want to even attempt it.

Obviously, due to the position of the Football Club within the race course it cannot be used for housing. Perhaps a deal can be reached where even more is done with non-members but I am informed that the club already does it's fair share in this regard.

Also, I feel strongly that a significant increase in rent will not be the answer either. A problem the general public have is that the clubs are elitist due to their high fees etc, but if you raise the fees it will simply make it more elitist than it is already perceived to be.

I hope you consider these points and think carefully on how to proceed.

Kind Regards,

Jamie Green

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**Land Supply Consultation**

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

24/08/2018 08:32

History:

This message has been replied to.

I strongly object to one of the consultation proposals, namely to change the lease conditions of Private Recreational Leaseholders. This is not the solution to the land supply problem in Hong Kong. PRLs provide places where the normal people of Hong Kong can improve their quality of life, including providing venues for children to enjoy sports and get fit. Changing the lease conditions and increasing premium payments will simply put the place out of reach for normal people and work in favour of the "elite".

I also strongly object to more reclamation. This will simply provide further areas to be abused by land developers. The video mentions people want bigger spaces to live - but developers are making smaller flats and charging the same price. Property developers are a major cause of the land supply problems in Hong Kong.

The best solution is to scrap the small house policy and to develop the new territories along urban lines, BUT without interfering with country parks or green zones. The small house policy is outdated and no longer fit for purpose. It is widely abused by developers and village associations alike.

Best regards,

David Williams

24 August 2018

prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk
tfls@devb.gov.hk

Home Affairs Bureau
Land Supply Task Force,

Support for the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club

I am an Authorised Person in Hong Kong, I own and operate a consultant Architecture and AP firm. I have been resident in Hong Kong since 1994 becoming permanent resident and an AP in 2001. I design club facilities for Hebe Haven Yacht Club and VRC and ABC. I am a member of the RHYC since 1995.

RHKYC is a “not-for-profit” organization and puts all its revenues and resources into sports development, from facilities and equipment to managing races and providing training courses.

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.

The proposal from government to charge a commercial premium on the lease will simply mean that there is no money to develop the facilities and promote the sport in the community and it will thrust Hong Kong sailing facilities into a back water and we will lose our position as a leader in the sport in China and south east Asia.

In addition to which the expat talent in Hong Kong makes up a significant portion of the membership of the PRL clubs and there will be a drain on the talent as these expats choose other locations to be headquartered where the facilities are better.

There are clear double standards emerging in the list of policy issues expressed on the HAB web site.

Government cannot charge a commercial discretionary premium and then expect the clubs to be able to fund ongoing improvements and world standard management of the sport. Something will fail, and it will be the facilities and training and staging of events, as all the money will go to Government. Will the Government then instigate a program of grants to the sports clubs to allow the Clubs to afford to continue to develop the sporting excellence for the benefit of the community and maintain Hong Kong's reputation regionally and internationally?

If the clubs are asked to open their facilities up even more than they do now to 240 sports hours per month, 60 hours per week 12 hours per day. What does that figure mean? Is it single man hour so that would be equivalent to a group of 12 people for one hour per day Monday to Friday? This seems to be a confusing metric.

Edward Fielder Billson

No	Issue	Response
a	Granting new special purpose leases (instead of PRLs) to sports clubs	The lease conditions are in need of re-drafting. SPL provides an opportunity to re-draft the lease conditions and remove clauses that are not relevant and add clauses that recognize the new powers of the HAB and relationship with the DLO.
b	Keep PRL lease conditions but significantly modify to better meet the dual needs of supporting sports development and optimising land use;	The Leases are in need of re-drafting as above.
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;	HAB have already instigated an overhaul of the assessment process of the performance of the clubs. The metrics are still not making sense to the clubs but over time I am sure that sensible meaningful metrics can be developed.
d	Private sports clubs to pay one-third of the full market value land premium;	This is just an arbitrary figure and the sports clubs provide a function that commercial enterprise simply cannot provide. Therefore any measure against the "commercial value" is meaningless. The "premium" should be measured against what the club can afford to pay and the obvious metric here is a percentage of the club operating revenue.
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;	The clubs are very happy to open up their facilities but government cannot ask for premium payments, SPL conditions and opening up of club facilities. There has to be a balance between all these different forms of payback to the community. It has to ultimately be affordable.
f	Drawing up the list of allowable sports supporting facilities and ancillary facilities for PRLs;	Similar to a) and b) above.
g	Enhancing the monitoring of PRLs and the corporate governance of the lessees; and	The HAB have already begun this process.
h	Defining the principles in approving applications for new sites for sports and recreational use.	Similar to a) b) and f)

Edward Fielder Billson

Yours sincerely,

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Edward Billson

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PRL Public Consultation re The Hong Kong Country Club

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

24/08/2018 10:54

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Sir,

I am writing in support of the Hong Kong Country Club of which I am a member.

1. Uncertain Land Premium:

I understand that to address the issue of nominal rent, HAV has proposed a land premium equivalent to one-third of the full market value upon lease renewal.

Although in principle this doesn't seem unreasonable, this premium must be fair, reasonable, and calculated based upon the Club's site usage restrictions.

As far as I know there is no current indication from the Lands Department as to how it proposes to determine the full market value of PRL sites.

There is thus a real concern that if this is not handled equitably and based on the views of the genuinely interested parties who are keen to ensure a fair and reasonable solution, rather than outside non-stakeholders who may have no such motivation, then there could potentially be a very significant and indeed unacceptably expensive impact on the viability of the Club.

2. Further opening up to Eligible Outside Bodies:

I understand that HAB has recently proposed that sports facilities at private clubs are opened up by a further 30%, upon lease renewal.

The Club has always fully complied with its lease obligations here. The Club is happy to foster increased partnerships to benefit sports development and aiding the community in the HKSAR.

Indeed since 2015 the Club has opened up over 5,000 hours of sports facilities to Eligible Outside Bodies such as schools and sports associations; it remains committed to opening up facilities still further and to allocating yet more resources to the needs of deserving outside bodies.

In addition, caring for the community is a core value of the Club. Here the Club supports a range of NGOs and charities with special emphasis placed on those supporting children and the elderly. Here the Club offers access to non-sporting facilities, such as use of the lawn, playground, and dining facilities, to such bodies as well.

It cannot be stressed strongly enough:

all this will only continue to be achieved if members are not driven out of the Club by an ultimately unsustainable and indeed excessive land premium, which will in turn lead to an unaffordable level of membership fee, again threatening the viability of the Club itself.

Regards

Robert A Young- Herries

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Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs)

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

24/08/2018 10:58

History:

This message has been replied to.

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 Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs)

Private Sports Clubs have been playing a vital role in sports development of Hong Kong, I am very concerned if there will be major policy changes that can seriously alter the scene.

My views on PRLs consultation paper are: "Land Premium"
Land Premium will affect the operation of all Private Sports Clubs in Hong Kong. Private Sports Clubs is essential to any international city around the world, and Hong Kong should be no exception to it. The housing issue is important, but it is also necessary to provide sports facilities to all walks of life in this beautiful cosmopolitan city. Keeping the capitalist system in Hong Kong is a part of the Central government policy, we must keep protecting the value of Hong Kong.

Yours sincerely,
Kelly Sze

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Private Recreational Lease consultation

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

24/08/2018 10:58

Cc:

History:

This message has been replied to.

I am writing in support of the sports clubs that hold leases under the Private Recreational Lease (PRL) scheme, and in particular in support of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club. I have the following comments to make on the consultation document:

1. A modern city needs to have recreational facilities in order to provide its citizens with an opportunity to live life to the full
2. Sports clubs are an efficient way to provide those recreational facilities
3. Without the sports clubs the government will have to operate and fund the activities currently funded by those clubs
4. The RHKYC is the driving force behind sailing in Hong Kong. Without the club's support Hong Kong would struggle to host international events (such as the Volvo Ocean Race Hong Kong stopover this year and the World Coastal Rowing Championship next year) in Hong Kong, and there would be many less Hong Kong people representing Hong Kong at overseas events.
5. The RHKYC is a key and critical supporter of the Hong Kong Sailing Federation and provides both people and equipment to enable HKSF to run sailing events.
6. The RHKYC is not a profit making organisation. All 'profits' are spent on the facilities and the sports.
7. If the sporting clubs (including the RHKYC) need to pay more to remain in their sites then the results will mean
 - a. The clubs will become more expensive to join, and
 - b. The clubs will not be able to invest in their sports as they do at the moment, and
 - c. Costs would have to be cut. As the main costs of the RHKYC are salaries this would inevitably mean job losses.

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**Private Recreational Leases**

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

24/08/2018 13:00

History:

This message has been replied to.

To whom it may Concern,

I'm writing to you regarding the governments proposed change to the Private Recreational Leases. There are hundreds of children involved in the youth development system at the HKFC not only members but also non-members. The HKFC pathway has improved over the years now gives talented individuals the platform to improve and go on to represent the Hong Kong National Team in various sports. With the escalating obesity issues within young Children around the world do you not think our Children should be given the chance to exercise in a safe environment?

I've lived in HK for over 20 years and have seen land being sold to large property developers time and time again who then sell a large number of these units to overseas investors. In my opinion, the government has not done enough to slow this trend and I guess this has created the problem you are now trying to solve but why should the children suffer because of this.....

John Pimlott

FROM THE DESK OF

JONATHAN CHENG

24 August 2018

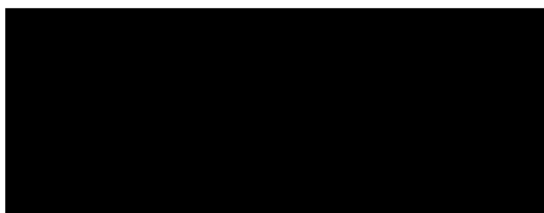
Private Recreational Lease and Land Matters Section,
Home Affairs Bureau (Recreation and Sport Branch)
13/F, West Wing, Central Government Offices,
2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar, Hong Kong
Email: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk, Fax: 2519 7404

Dear Sir/Madam

Having grown up in Hong Kong I have seen first hand the role that private sports clubs, in particular the Hong Kong Country Club, played in contributing to sports development in the territory. While the concept of charging a partial land premium upon lease renewal, as proposed by your Bureau, is a reasonable concept, a major variable is the way in which the land premium is calculated given the existing site usage restrictions. I am therefore concerned that if sufficient consideration is not given to the benefits of having, and having had, such clubs in Hong Kong, the land valuation exercise might otherwise levy an unfair negative financial impact on the viability and self-sufficiency of the club.

The Hong Kong Country Club has had a history of compliance regarding its lease obligations, including in particular the opening up of its facilities to the public. It would therefore be detrimental to Hong Kong should this club, and its existing and potentially growing positive public impact, be affected by an unsustainable financial impact caused by unreasonably high land premiums.

Respectfully yours,



Jonathan Cheng



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Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs) & Task Force on Land Supply

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

24/08/2018 13:26

History: This message has been replied to.

Home Affairs Bureau (Recreation and Sport Branch)
Email: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

The Secretariat, Task Force on Land Supply
Email: tfls@devb.gov.hk

Dear Sir / Madam

RE: Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs) & Task Force on Land Supply

Private Sports Clubs, including Hong Kong Cricket Club ("The Club") where I am a subscriber member continue to play a vital role in sporting development in Hong Kong. I am very concerned should there be any major policy changes that could seriously alter the scene.

My views on the above two consultation papers are:

"Land Premium": Imposing a land premium equivalent to one-third of market value on the future leases of private sports clubs will result in severe, negative financial and operational implications:

- Reducing the club's financial capability and sustainability to support sports development;
- Shifting the Club's membership profile toward the wealthier/those with greater resources, as driven by the resulting need to increase membership fees;
- Pressing the Club to increase facilities charges significantly, thus deterring usage by members and/or eligible outside bodies.
- Reducing the Club's ability to invest in improving sporting facilities

"Further open up": Along with The General Committee of Hong Kong Cricket Club, I support the consultation proposal to "further open up" Club's facilities on top of the current lease requirements for (a) 'Eligible Outside Bodies' (to open 30% of total capacity) and (b) sports organizations (to open 240 programme hours per month for individual members of the public).

"Task Force on Land Supply": I do not support the use of PRL land for housing as proposed on the Task Force on Land Supply public consultation

Others: I further support that HAB should support existing PRL lessees that may have operational needs for additional sites in order to support sports development needs, increase the provision of sports and recreational facilities or provide those that are not yet

available in Hong Kong, under fully justifiable circumstances.

Thank you for considering my responses.

Yours sincerely,

Caroline Court- HKCC Member 

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**PRL Consultation**

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

24/08/2018 14:16

History:

This message has been replied to.

To: Secretary for Home Affairs

I am very concerned about the proposal of raising land premium for private clubs. Charging the market rate for clubs like HKCC is going to make it unaffordable for joining the club. Consideration should be given to opening up its facilities for the community instead.

Thank you for your serious consideration !

Regards ,
Stanley TO

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Public Consultations on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases

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

24/08/2018 14:44

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have been a member of the HKFC for a number of years now, and this is where both my daughter and son have learnt their Football and Squash.

The facilities have been made available for members of HKFC and the public, and I regularly attend the kids and adult tournaments which are held at the club.

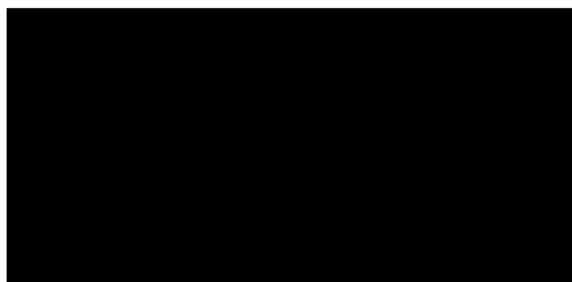
I would kindly request the government NOT to impose any additional charges or premiums on HKFC- the club is essentially non profit making and all premiums being charged would be passed onto members and the public- this may reduce the amount of time we spend at these facilities as a result.

Faithfully,
Arun Kirpalani

[REDACTED]

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



23 August 2018

Private Recreational Lease and Land Matters Section,
Home Affairs Bureau,
13/F, West Wing, Central Government Offices,
2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar,
Hong Kong

Dear Sirs

The Hong Kong Country Club ("the Country Club")

I write with reference to the proposal by the Home Affairs Bureau, to which I strongly object, that private clubs in Hong Kong, including the Country Club of which I have been a member for 28 years, be required in future, as a pre-condition to its continued existence, to pay premium of an amount disproportionate to its finances and in addition, further expansion of the use of private club premises and facilities to outside bodies.

I believe the proposal thus promulgated is based upon a presumption of unfairness, in that members of a private club, being only a small segment of Hong Kong residents (and often mistakenly described as belonging to an 'elite' class) are, as members, given the use of a piece of land to the exclusion of non-members.

One should not forget how private clubs came about. The first clubs, some of which were established more than a century ago, were places where like-minded individuals gathered together to exchange views, socialise, and pursue their common interests, or where they shared a common background (of ethnicity or religion, for example). This became such an integral part of the social fabric of Hong Kong that its usefulness was recognised and encouraged by our previous government (the one before reversion of sovereignty) who made available resources in support. Private clubs today play the same role of fostering and facilitating social intercourse to meet the needs of Hong Kong's diverse and multi-cultural population.

It is true that clubs costs money to join, but only because of their inherent financial composition. Most clubs, including the Country Club, are non-profit making entities. It is however a misconceived supposition that only the rich or privileged can join. A great number of club members are from ordinary backgrounds who recognise and appreciate the benefit of club membership as a platform for networking and intermingling with their peers, whether for business or recreation.



The value and significance attached to private club membership has not changed, as shown by the ever-increasing number of applications to join, as well as the lengthy waiting list.

On the second proposal, granting non-members further concession by allowing increased access and usage would, I believe, undermine the value of membership. This is unjust to all members of private clubs, if it is done only for the purpose of placating a minority who call for it as a matter of principle, but without proper understanding and appreciation of the underlying concept.

Yours faithfully,

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Rin C K Lee

Private Recreational Lease and Land Matters Section,
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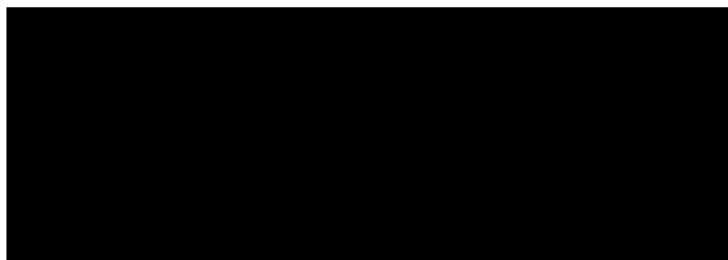
RE: Public consultation on the Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases

Over 30 years that I have become a member of the Hong Kong Country Club. I am always supportive of the Club's initiatives and efforts to promote healthy lifestyles and contribute to the community. Sporting activities and voluntary work contribute to the development of stronger social networks and more cohesive communities - for participants, volunteers and supporters.

I sincerely hope that the Club continues to serve Hong Kong by providing good facilities for members and the community.

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Yours sincerely,



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

香港添馬添美道 2 號

政府總部西翼 13 樓

民政事務局

(主題：私人遊樂場地契約政策檢討公眾諮詢)

敬啟者，

本人認為私人體育會所對本港體育發展有重要的貢獻，應該繼續存在。本人不同意向私人體育會所徵收高昂的地價如市值地價的三份之一，以免影響它們的生存權利及妨礙體育發展。本人認為特區政府應繼續向私人體育會所徵收象徵式地價，以持續推動體育發展。

本人對民政事務局於 2018 年 3 月份就「私人遊樂場地契約政策檢討」的諮詢文件有其他意見：

本人的姓名：

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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: LAU MING FAI

Hong Kong ID Card No. :

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Contact Telephone No. :

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TO : PRIVATE RECREATIONAL LEASE AND LAND MATTERS SECTION

ATTN : HOME AFFAIRS BUREAU (RECREATION AND SPORT BRANCH)

TEL NO. :

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FAX NO : 25197404

DATE : 23RD AUG 2018

DEAR SIR,

I HAVE BEEN A MEMBER OF THE HONGKONG COUNTRY CLUB FOR ABOUT 3 YEARS AND IT IS DEFINITELY ONE OF THE BEST RECREATION AND SPORT CLUBS IN THE CITY.

THIS CLUB HAS BEEN FULFILLING THEIR LEASE REQUIRMENTS OF OPENING UP TO ELIGIBLE OUTSIDE BODIES AND SPORT ASSOCIATIONS. HAB HAS PROPOSED THAT SPORTS FACILITIES ARE OPENED UP FURTHER 30% UPON LEASE RENEWAL. THE CLUB IS RESPONSIBLE AND ALWAYS FULLY COMPLIED WITH ITS LEASE OBLIGATIONS. THE CLUB IS HAPPY TO FOSTER INCREASED PARTNERSHIPS TO BENEFIT SPORTS DEVELOPMENT AND AIDING THE COMMUNITY IN THE HKSAR.

IT IS THERFORE IMPORTANT AND MY REQUEST THAT THE LEASE BE RENEWED AT A VERY REASONABLE RATE SO THAT THEY CONTINUE AND IMPROVE ON THE EXISTING PRACTICE OF SUCH SPORTS DEVELOPMENT.

THANKING YOU
YOURS SINCERELY

PRAKASH NAGRANI
MEMBER [REDACTED]

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

22 August 2018

Dear Sir / Madam,

Next year, I will be celebrating 40 years in Hong Kong. As I am sure you can imagine, I have seen Hong Kong in many stages of its development.

I am a member of the Hong Kong Football Club and the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, by way of sports commitments, which I have enjoyed in Squash and in Sailing for a number of years.

Now, my children are using the clubs' excellent facilities to learn swimming, gymnastics, netball, badminton etc.

I understand that both clubs are in a prime location, but, specific to these two private clubs, they are not just great foundations for sport in Hong Kong, they are part of the Hong Kong landscape.

Imposing additional charges/premiums on the clubs will inevitably result in members having to pay exorbitantly more for monthly dues, and consequently putting an end to **active** private clubs in Hong Kong in the medium term, being that members usually join by way of sports commitment and not debentures or costly social memberships.

I just don't understand the logic behind the government initiative. Not everything must be determined by land sales. Hong Kong should look to other cities to see that governments are instead increasing the access to greener space and to sport in the heart of the city. Hong Kong government could be far more active to develop its brown field sites into housing, convert old industrial spaces into housing or commercial space for the smaller retailers, negotiate with the indigenous villagers specifically on plots of land that could be adjoined to existing new towns and infrastructure. Such private active clubs are part of Hong Kong's heritage, they are part of the city's culture, landscape, and should not be made to ultimately disappear because of the easy option to build some new expensive residential flats or more shopping malls in the center of town, which will ultimately benefit the developers and the wealthy, and not the ones that need it the most, the grass roots.

Private clubs charge members fees but remain non-profit because the fees that are paid are for the betterment of the facilities of the clubs. Not to be disrespectful, but people turn to private simply because public does not remotely come close to what is on offer in these private clubs. Hong Kong has to remember that other cities are aggressively seeking talent and the city is not as attractive as it once was...

HKFC and RHKYC have and continue to play a great part for the community, with facilities made available to the public throughout the year and organizing local and international events that would never happen otherwise.

Personally, I think the government should instead embrace such active clubs and do more **WITH THEM** to find ways of growing the outreach to the community and increasing the member numbers (including sponsored local youth) so as to give Hong Kong a better opportunity to develop sports and a sportive lifestyle in Hong Kong. Should I also mention that healthy living means lower medical costs?

So in conclusion, please do not impose additional charges or premiums on HKFC and RHKYC as well as other clubs doing their part for the wider community aside from its members. It would just be bad management for the city to do so.

Yours Faithfully,



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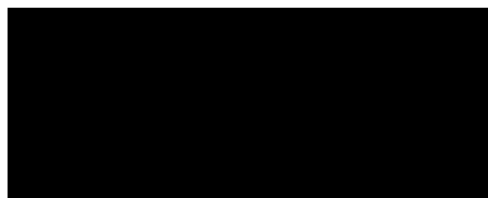


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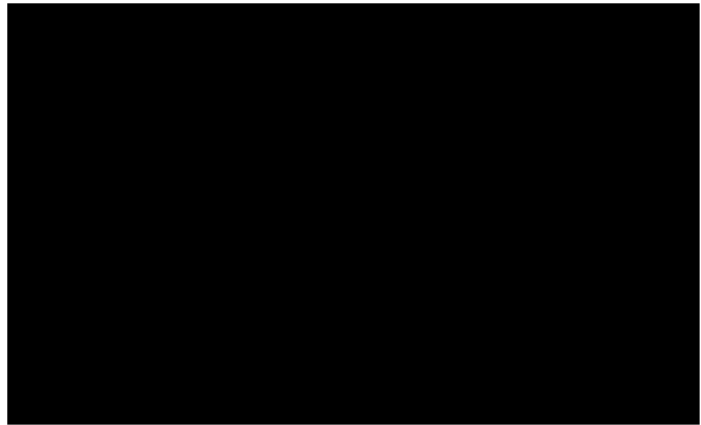
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徵收十足市值地價三份一，不合理。

本人是球總會職員，也有機會去不同私人會所做活動，頗頻密，亦不收費（租場）。

如果你地政府收地租，到頭來還不是影響我們球會去搞比賽和活動？

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日期：9/8/2018.

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香港馬基道2號政府總部西翼13樓
民政事務處。

主題：私人遊樂場地契約政策檢討公眾諮詢

我認為徵收地價解決不了土地供應問題。其實政府一直維持高地價政策，縱容外資炒賣房屋、房屋政策短視，以上都是土地供應不足的問題。如不解決以上問題，其他方法都是杯水車薪。

郭永泰

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24th August 2018

SENT VIA EMAIL

Honourable LAU Kong-wah
JP Secretary for Home Affairs
Home Affairs Bureau
Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
Tamar, Hong Kong

Dear Hon. Mr. LAU Kong-wah,

Re: Municipal Services Staff Recreation Club Limited (MSSRC)

Amid public concerns on the better utilization of sites operated under Private Recreational Leases (PRLs), I am writing to bring your attention to MSSRC located at Wylie Path, King's Park, Kowloon.

MSSRC describes itself in the website as *a recreation place for Municipal Services Staff*. Public records show that it is governed by a board of 18 directors who are presumably serving members of Leisure and Cultural Services (LCSD). Despite not strictly operating in a *quasi-public* nature, the *Review on Policy of PRLs* considered it as a *community organization* to which a special purpose lease would be granted later.

As a Hong Kong resident by birth, I applaud the dedication of our civil work force and appreciate the importance of recreation. However, I also view that the land provided for MSSRC as valuable as any other PRL sites, and the welfare of civil personnel are no more or less essential than that of their counterparts in the private sector.

As a user of MSSRC for over ten years, I sincerely doubt the key justifications to granting MSSRC the status of community organization. I also perceive a potential conflict of interests arising from a working group of civil servants assessing a civil staff facility. I hope you will find my views useful.

Limited facilities on prime land

MSSRC occupies 4402 square meters of land in the urban areas of Ho Man Tin. It is predominantly a tennis club comprising 4 tennis courts, a small hall with two ping pong tables, and a two-storey historic building with locker rooms on the lower level and the front desk along with a staff quarter on the upper.

Of these, Tennis Courts 1 & 2 are good for day plays but not for evenings due to poor lightings; Court 3 has inherent space limitations; and Court 4 has been rotten and unsuitable even for social games for many years. A large part of the hall has been a workshop and filled with debris for a long time.

In sum, a sizeable piece of land is used by MSSRC to provide a limited scope of services chiefly for the benefits of a selected group. The value for money of this PRL appears low.

March 2018 Review on Policy of PRLs

Although MSSRC aims to serve a restricted LCSD community except for the *opening-up scheme*, Section 3.2.3 of the Review considered MSSRC, along with the Hong Kong Chinese Civil Servants' Association (HKCCSA), as *community organizations* claiming they *provide facilities at low cost to a large number of civil servants and their families*.

The Review justified the claims by citing membership and annual fees of around 20200 and 80 respectively, along with a membership size of 21480.

Low fees

The demonstration of low fees seemed selective. In practice, MSSRC has three tiers of membership/entrance fees (Exhibit 1): permanent members (50000); sponsored members (15000); and young athletes (100). There are also three types of annual dues: sponsored members (1800); retired members (500); and sport pass (80). Why the higher fees and dues were not relevant in the review was unexplained.

Unlike other PRL sites such as HKCCSA, MSSRC provides no publicly accessible information on the eligibilities of the different categories of membership and their benefits. For example, are young-athlete memberships and sport passes open to all eligible Hong Kong residents and what distinguishes between them? Anecdotes implicate that either of them is offered as a way to make a case of low fees and to allow for coaching as well as to recruit players for tennis league competitions. How would the so-called elite players, who are entitled to numerous free practice hours together with some of their guardians for a mere 80/100 a year, be fairly admitted?

Large number of users

With a big membership and limited services, one would expect overwhelming usage of the facilities most of the time. Rather, I always see the same 3 to 4 small groups of people in tennis actions during daytime and generally empty courts in the evenings.

The large membership is expected to have brought in remarkable income as well. Using the cited amount of 20200 for membership fees as reference, the club would have generated tens of millions one-off income over the years. Annual dues would be in the millions even if all members paid only small amounts. Usage fees would be handsome too. With these income streams and a small staff and facility to maintain, MSSRC would have had hefty surpluses each year. However, there have been claims to the contrary.

Taken together, it is plausible that the 21480 figure may not be attributable to the actual number of people joining the club with some form of membership fees and dues. I infer the size to be derived from: a theoretical or prospective universe of civil servant families eligible for admission; an unspecified category of membership automatically granted to certain people at zero or nominal fees; or a large number of absent and inactive members who are on the membership roster by name only and do not pay dues or use the club at all.

If the above inference is relevant, could other PRL clubs use similar justifications to report their membership size as well?

Club matters

For many years, caretaking of the property has been performed by a hardworking married couple who live on site with their family members. This primary residence, occupying almost the entire upper floor of the Grade 3 historic building complete with balcony and immense outdoor space, would envy most Hong Kong average citizens who face housing concerns. This arrangement has puzzled many.

There is no other on-site staff besides the caretakers who handle all site affairs ranging from general membership matters, bookings of facilities, maintenance, bookkeeping, cashiering, to security. A manual system is used to log usage and membership fees which are cash-based. Receipts for charges on fees, snacks and drinks are hand-written without duplicates and official chop.

In many ways, MSSRC could be viewed as an independent kingdom which members show a sense of superiority over outsiders (Exhibit 2). Rules do not apply uniformly to all members either. For instance, certain prime-time slots of the better courts are routinely blocked for certain *old boys*, without no show charges on how many people actually show up to play. These players could play as long as they want even when others in-waiting. Private coaching is permitted even for non-members while House Rules prohibit so. In fact, coaching is being done by people who are not appointed by the club and conduct commercial activities for their own gains.

These situations reminded me of the older days in Hong Kong when bullies occupied public sports fields as their own. I am startled that this kind of wicked behavior is still blatantly exposed, and more so in a staff facility of LCSD which is responsible for keeping the order of public sports and recreation facilities!

Hong Kong Chinese Civil Servants' Association

Although the above comments are directed at MSSRC, I hold the same view to the reported membership size of 54250 for HKCCSA, which is operated as a union. I also found that HKCCSA offers only limited sports and recreation facilities along with contracted food & beverage operations. Visibly, the tennis courts are in disrepair and often used as free parking lots working in tandem with a designated parking garage which charges by the hour.

Closing remarks

I hope you will take an initiative to further review the proper and fair conduct of PRLs granted to the concerned sites. It would be unjust to the general public when precious land resources serve only a small number of privileged users.

I respectfully request anonymity in the event this letter is to be distributed beyond the intended recipients.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Michael Y.S. HO

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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cc: pri_consultation@hab.gov.hk

**2017 - 2018 年度文康市政職員遊樂會
收費表(二零一七年九月一日生效)**

項目	收費 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾
永久會員	\$50,000
贊助會員	
1. 入會費	\$15,000
2. 年費	\$1,800
3. 保留會籍費	\$500
退休會員年費	\$500
年青運動員入會費	\$100
體育証年費	\$80
網球場租用費	
1. 會員	⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ 每人每個時段\$53
2. 非會員	⁽¹⁾ 每人每個時段\$70 (星期一至五) ⁽²⁾ 每人每個時段\$90 (星期六、日及公眾假期)
3. 二十八歲以下運動員	⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ 每人每個時段\$27
4. 學校	⁽³⁾ 每場每小時\$45
5. 合資格人士/機構	⁽³⁾ 每人每個時段\$63(星期一至五) ⁽³⁾ 每人每個時段\$74(星期六、日及公眾假期)
網球場電燈收費	每場每小時\$60
乒乓球桌租用費	
1. 會員	⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ 每人每個時段\$40
2. 非會員	⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ 每人每個時段\$50
3. 十二歲以下兒童	⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ 每人每個時段\$40
4. 學校/合資格人士/機構	⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ 每人每個時段\$50
儲物櫃年費	\$500

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- (2) 星期六、日及公眾假期，收費分三個時段(分別為上午八時至正午十二時、下午二時至六時及下午六時至晚上十時)
- (3) 只提供網球場第三號及第四號，星期一至五，時間為上午十時至下午六時；及星期六/日/假期，時間為下午六時至晚上十時

文康市政職員遊樂會

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通告

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楊廣田
網球部召集人

2018 年 7 月 13 日

August 23, 2018

Dear Home Affairs Bureau,

My name is Indra Lal 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 regarding the first proposal:

- 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).

Whilst I agree that the club should continue to pay the rates and rents set by the government, I do think it is unwise for the government to additionally charge the KCC an additional land premium cost. This is because a club such as the KCC that provides heavily subsidized training and coaching to all members of the public (who are not KCC members) would have great difficulty coping with the additional government expenses. Additionally, as you know the KCC provides a world class grass pitch on which it hosts many international events – some of which are televised which greatly benefits Hong Kong's sporting reputation. The KCC grass pitch is of better quality than most government public sports grounds that I have visited. As you must be aware, the cost of constant upkeep of such grounds is tremendous. Sadly, if the government introduces the newly proposed premium, I don't believe the KCC would be able to maintain the grounds - or the club for that matter. Many children, my daughter included, have trained on the grass pitch at the KCC club in their soccer program that is open to all members of the general public – not just the KCC members. Many of these players have gone on to become members of the Hong Kong National soccer team and have represented Hong Kong in many international tournaments. If the KCC can no longer provide such exceptional coaching and facilities due to increased costs, it would be a loss for the up and coming sporting talents of Hong Kong as well as a loss to Hong Kong in general. Additionally, many studies have shown that communities that promote sports and sports related activities effectively build resilience of at-risk youth, who otherwise may lean towards crime in absence of sporting outlets. If the government were to charge the KCC the additional land premium, I truly believe the KCC would cease to exist and along with it all the supporting opportunities for Hong Kong's youth that the KCC provides. This could have far reaching consequences for Hong Kong society as a whole.

Please consider my views.

Kindest Regards,

Indra Lal

Warren Chan, [REDACTED]

陳志海 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

24th August 2018

Private Recreation 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 Sirs,

The Hong Kong Country Club

I have been an active member of the Club since the early 1990s.

Hong Kong is an international city. Many people come to work in Hong Kong. It is in the interest of Hong Kong to maintain a sufficient number of clubs, so that not only can we attract them to come here, but also make them stay here.

The Club is a very good family club. People from different countries and different cultures (including, of course, children) mix together happily. They talk, play and eat together happily. For those who leave Hong Kong and leave the Club, they have happy memories of the Club, and of Hong Kong. Thus, the continuation of the Club is itself a contribution to the continuation of the prosperity of Hong Kong.

My feeling is that many of the members of the Club are kind of middle or upper middle class people, who cannot afford substantial entrance fees and/or monthly contributions. The Club may not have a future or its character may change if such fees and/or monthly contributions will have to be substantially increased.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Chan Chee-hoi, Warren

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HKFC

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

24/08/2018 15:45

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Sir

I arrived in Hong Kong 14 years ago and joined Hong Kong Football Club to actively play soccer.

In that time I have been able to meet and socialise with local and international people who are members and also those who visit playing for other teams.

I have served the club on committees for over 10 years giving up my time for free and have set up a scheme for underprivileged children to learn to play football from Po Leung Kuk home. These children attend every week, we provide them with kit, shoes and food and they are now playing for the teams. None of the other children know where they live and they all play together just as it should be.

HKFC gives sport to the community not just to participate but also to watch and without these facilities I really feel that it will devalue the community. All work and no play in life is neither attractive or healthy and my feeling is that the country will no longer attract high calibre individuals or retain them in the workplace if there are no outlets for their spare time.

I understand the need for greater levels of housing but there is land in places like Lantau that could be used more effectively than removing a community facility that is over 130 years old.

Kind Regards

JENSEN, Neil Andrew



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Private Recreational Lease and Land Matters Section
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2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar
Hong Kong

Email: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

15th August 2018

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Public consultation on the Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases

I am writing in relation to the consultation paper on private recreational leases. I am a firm believer in the active participation of private recreational clubs in the broader community and supporting sports development beyond their membership and as such, I support the consultation paper's general aims.

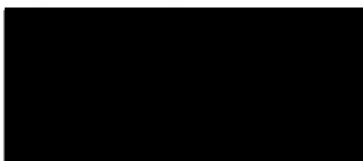
As a member of the Hong Kong Country Club, I have always been a strong supporter of the Club's contribution to the local community through the regular access to non-sporting facilities provided to social and charitable organisations; in the past three years, for example, the Club has played host to more than 30 charities, NGOs and local schools, entertaining more than 2,800 people. It is a pleasure being able to witness the enjoyment of the senior citizens or children from these organisations as they enjoy making use of the Club facilities. For a charity such as Mother's Choice, which serves the many children without families in Hong Kong and which visits the Club 24 times a year, the Club has been able to provide a wonderful safe open space for the children to play in and to enjoy a meal by the pool. The Club is also active in fundraising for selected charities, through sports events and sales on its premises.

Likewise the Club continues to be committed to its role in sports development, specifically for tennis in Hong Kong. More than 800 schools have been invited to use the Club's facilities, of which around 20 are now regular users. From less than 500 hours in 2016, school usage of the Club's courts is expected to rise to 1,500 this year. Under the Club's Junior Tennis Scholarship Program, 26 talented young children have already received approximately 3,000 hours of coaching free of charge. And on top of hosting many local and international tennis tournaments, including being one of the hosts for the HKTA Leagues, the Club regularly participates in LCSD's "Sport For All Day" campaign.

This all reflects how the Club has always been committed to meeting its obligations to open-up to Eligible Outside Bodies under the terms of its lease. I agree that such activities could be increased further, in line

with HAB's proposal to open-up sports facilities by an extra 30% upon lease renewal. However, equally I feel strongly that in order for the Club to carry on making or indeed increasing its contribution to the community and sports development in Hong Kong, its financial viability needs to be maintained. To this end, I am concerned at the lack of clarity with regard to the proposed land premium payable upon lease renewal and how it might be calculated. I am sure the government understands the importance that any such premium needs to be calculated in a transparent, fair and reasonable manner, with due regard to the site usage restrictions placed upon private recreational clubs. And that according to the government's stated intention of carrying out the review in a fair and transparent manner, the method of calculation of the premium will be clearly communicated to all relevant parties for comment.

Yours faithfully



Alistair Griffin



RE: Public Consultation on Club Lease Conditions

24/08/2018 17:35

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From: [REDACTED]

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

Cc: [REDACTED]

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Minor edit paragraph 3.

DOUGLAS ALEXANDER THOMSON

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, 24 August 2018 5:37 PM

To: 'prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk' <prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk>

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Public Consultation on Club Lease Conditions

Importance: High

Dear Sir / Madam of the Private Recreational Lease and Land Matters Section of the Home Affairs Bureau, Hong Kong,

It has been brought to my attention that a public consultation is in process regarding Lease conditions affecting some 27 Clubs in Hong Kong and I would like to write in support of Hong Kong Country Club and other Club's that my company currently conducts business with via the supply of wine and related products and services.

Please allow me to be clear in that I am not personally a member of the Hong Kong Country Club or any of the potentially affected 27 Clubs under this public consultation – my support of Hong Kong Country Club is therefore not biased and is purely objective and from a business and economic viewpoint. I would also like to add that I am a long term permanent resident of Hong Kong and my business interactions with many Clubs in Hong Kong began 20 years ago. I therefore feel that I have an informed view regarding the positive impact that the Hong Kong Country Club and other Club's have on the community and society's economic well-being.

It cannot be overstated that Club's are much more than premises that provide recreation for members – Club's collectively employ vast numbers of staff be they full time, part-time or casual not to mention the many suppliers, producers, vendors and business partners that rely in significant part on Club's for sales or revenue. Club's also help significantly with Hong Kong's overseas image as a number of these Club's are preferred venues in the HKSAR for showcasing new products or services be they a highly sought after premium Bordeaux or Burgundy wine or to host a class leading seminar. Club's also have tremendous

synergy with the Hospitality and Food & Beverage Industry helping to provide Hong Kong with some of the leading and best trained service professionals in the World.

The positive social and economic reach is far beyond members benefits – I am sure many local businesses with employees who support families would be affected should the Hong Kong Country Club and or other Club's face an uncertain future or were to cease / reduce operations.

I faithfully hope the HAB will duly consider the dynamics of Club business and operation and not just what is visible at face value.

Yours sincerely,

DOUGLAS ALEXANDER THOMSON



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**Private Sports Clubs Concessionary Premium**

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

24/08/2018 17:54

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Secy for Home Affairs,

I object to charging private sports clubs concessionary premium of market value land premium.

If this is done, the sports clubs will have to pay a high land premium. As a result, the club members will have to pay a high entrance fee and monthly fees. Due to high fees, sportsmen members would likely withdraw their membership. Furthermore, the high entrance fee and monthly fees will likely deter other sportsmen from joining private sports clubs. This will curb the development of sports and recreation in HK; and is not in the interest of HK as a whole.

CHUI Wing Man Alfred

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

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

24/08/2018 21:41

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Sir / Madam,

I refer to the consultation on the potential return of Private Recreational Lease Sites in order to appear fair or to increase land supply.

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

I am a member of the Aberdeen Boat Club and of course I sincerely hope that I will continue to have access to a club where my children can swim and learn to sail, perhaps to international competitive level. Leases need to be secure enough to allow clubs to develop and make investment.

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

When assessing the value of sites, we must make sure we measure their value not their cost. It's not the fault of the clubs that they were offered the term they were in the last century. Clubs can be measured on how well they meet their lease conditions, and for the sporting clubs their contribution to providing sport for the community, and for promoting excellence and encouraging international participation.

I am a school teacher, and we are only able to run sailing as a sport with the cooperation of the Boat Clubs.

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

The clubs were established on the basis of a nominal rent, and that was not unreasonable at the time. The government does not need the money, but a sudden imposition of a massive premium payable in advance might force some clubs to close. What is the rationale of that? Clearly the reduce cost of land has allowed the clubs to develop and hence offer the facilities that they do - perhaps that would not have happened without the concessions.

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;

I am aware that the clubs do already open up their facilities, only today RHKYC hosted a sailing day for Pok Oi hospital. At ABC today school sailing sessions were running.

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

The clubs should be allowed to both provide facilities that are necessary to serve the purpose

for which they were set up, and further should not be prevented from making minor adjustments such as the layout of car park spaces for greater efficiency.

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

I understand that there is considerable monitoring of lease conditions already

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

As our population grows either in size or expectation there is surely going to be a demand for more facilities. New clubs should be allowed where there is a need. I would imagine that new clubs would rather avoid the rather restrictive conditions of PRL leases, but may be unable to afford to do so,

Although an expatriate I have lived in Hong Kong for a long time, and recognise the value of the Clubs, recognised both by myself and many visitors. They re an asset built up over many years - do not destroy them in for petty reasons.

Yours sincerely

C Rebecca Price (Mrs)



St. Helier Yacht Club *Est. 1903*

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[REDACTED]

Dear Sirs

Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases

I write in connection with the proposed review of Private Recreational Leases and in support of the activities of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club. Our club has had reciprocal arrangements with the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club for many years and as such I am aware of some of their activities and achievements over the years.

As an independent yacht club based in Jersey, in the Channel islands, we share many of the same aspirations and activities as the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club. In particular, we provide considerable focus on the training and development of young sailors and rowers from the adjacent rowing club, and help these individuals develop their skills and progress in the sporting world. These activities include introductions to our sports, further training and additional formal qualifications if appropriate. This enables young people and other members of our society to join a new sporting activity and develop their skills in a structured environment.

I am aware that the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club has a wide variety of introductory, and development courses available for potential sailors, rowers and paddlers and provides an essential conduit for new talent to be developed. The club is proud of the very many sailors and rowers that have been brought into the sports, and indeed a number of athletes have been selected to represent Hong Kong at the upcoming Asian games and these successes have happened because of participation in programs organised by the club in the past.

The club has also been recognised for its excellence by being awarded the Best Asian Yacht Club, Best Asian Regatta, and Yacht Club of the Year in recent years and this is testament to the organisation of the club and the services that it provides to its members and nonmembers. This demonstrates the ability of the club to run international sporting events in Hong Kong at a high level, and to support the aims of the development and broadening of opportunities for young people in society, allowing them access to the international sailing and rowing communities.

Our club wholeheartedly admires the Hong Kong Yacht Club for its goals for the future and I am happy to provide this letter in support of their activities.

With thanks,
Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

Steve Pearl
Commodore
St Helier Yacht Club

24/08/2018

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Public Consultations on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

25/08/2018 11:24

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Sir/Madam

I am a regular user of the work class sports facilities at the Hong Kong Football Club. My two children learned rugby, football, squash and netball at the Club. The facilities are open to both club members and members of the public. The juniors and mini sports programmes are the best in the whole of Hong Kong judging by attendance and it is open to the public. There are regular international sporting events held at the Club. Charities and school events are held here regularly as well.

I would urge the **Government NOT to impose any additional charges or premiums on HKFC**. HKFC is non-profitmaking and any charges will simply be passed back to the public users of the Club facilities. Asia's World City requires world class sporting facilities.

The government should consider **ABOLISHING THE SMALL HOUSE POLICY** as this policy discriminates against Women, and also unfair on other taxpaying residents of Hong Kong. This policy was never meant to be permanent. Land earmarked for this should be released for development that is properly planned to ensure safety, maximisation of land efficiency and balancing preservation of greenery. This policy is inconsistent with our City's aspiration to be a World City.

Yours sincerely,

Fredric Teng



25 August 2018

Private Recreational Lease and Land Matters Section
Home Affairs Bureau (Recreational and Sport Branch)
13/F, West Wing, CGO
2 Tim Mei Ave, Tamar, HK

Dear HAB,

I am writing as a member of the Hong Kong Country Club ("HKCC") and as a concerned citizen of Hong Kong. While I support the government's efforts to alleviate the housing crises, I DO NOT believe it should be at the expense of members of HKCC or of other private clubs. Members of our club represent a cross-section of HK residents and a place where citizens of variously nationalities can meet.

Commonly, they represent some of the territory's highest taxpayers and contribute in many other ways to Hong Kong, eg. by serving on government, corporate and NGO's. In addition, I am concerned about the additional costs the Club may incur due to the uncertain land premium. To date, the Lands Department has not clarified on how it will determine the full market value of the club sites. If the premium is set too high, I'm afraid our Club may no longer be financially viable nor sustainable by its members.

Furthermore, I will note that HKCC has more than fulfilled its responsibilities to be a good corporate citizen by opening up its facilities to outside bodies and sports association. As a member, I am happy to do this and do even more to support this program especially for youngsters, as long as the Club remains financially viable.

In consideration of the above, I respectfully request that you consider the interests of all of the stakeholders. This should include the members of Hong Kong Country Club as well as the general public. In that light, we hope that setting of the land premium will be more transparent and fair to our Club as a whole.

Sincerely,

/signed original

Julius Wang



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HK Country Club

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

25/08/2018 12:19

History:

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25th August 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

Dear Sirs/Madams,

RE: Lease Renewal of the HK Country Club

As a corporate member of the HK Country Club, I write to express my concern on the subject matter.

Being a Hong Kong Company established 30 years ago like many other sustaining Brands in Hong Kong, the HK Country Club offers a social platform to exchange views with people from all walks of life & people from the World.

The well balanced mix nationalities of member in the Club created a reflection of what Hong Kong long standing's position – A World City.

As a World City, Hong Kong, like many other world class cities, the existence of Clubs, indeed, has its value & position within the business & social community.

What I have seen in the Club in the past years, more community outreach works have been done & never cease in creating more opportunities in benefiting NGO or charity parties. More caring works would be anticipating as the Club would be opening up extra facilities for the outside bodies.

I sincerely hoping that the Lease Extension can be granted, if Land Premium is needed, on a fair & just basis, to maintain this long history club in Hong Kong.

Thank you very much.

Bruce Kong



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Land Lease at The Hong Kong Country Club

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

25/08/2018 13:30

Cc: [REDACTED]

History:

This message has been replied to.

Private Recreational Lease & Land Matters Section

HAB-Recreation and Sport Branch
13f West Wing Central Gov Offices
2 Tim Mei Ave, TAMAR, HKG

prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

Dear HAB- Sports & Recreation Branch

I am writing to you to express my concern, as a long-time member of the Hong Kong Country Club, about the land premium that the Club might have to pay. This might well jeopardise the existence/continuation of the Club itself.

I wanted to express to you that I - as a member - hugely value the Club (complete with location and facilities). There are few matters that I'd like to state:

First, I am hopeful that the impending lease renewal by the Land Dept/HK Govt. will be conducted on a fair basis; that is, it will be calculated based on the prevailing restricted usage rights of the site. Fair renewal would both guarantee the future of the Club and enable the Club to continue to offer some of the facilities/space out to eligible non-member bodies.

Second, as a member I would be happy to see the scope of our facilities (breadth and amount of time) for use by eligible non-members, be extended from the current level. We are very conscious of the well-being of all Hong Kong residents and hence we are very willing to open our Club up to a wider audience (not just the members alone). Evidently, however, this can only be achieved if a fair (sustainably affordable) levy / land premium is imposed on the Club. Today we have youths coming to play tennis and swim. And some of the elderly also come for other events and festivities.

I do hope that you will place heavy consideration on these above concerns.

Thank you for your consideration.

Your sincerely,

Jeremy R P Sutch

Member Hong Kong Country Club [REDACTED]

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Private Recreational Leases

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

25/08/2018 13:34

Cc:

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Sir

I am moved to write in support of the tremendously good work done by Hebe Haven Yacht Club.

I have a son who was a victim of some mental and verbal abuse earlier in his life when living overseas.

When he came to live with me 3 years ago he was in a personal self confidence crisis, suffered learning difficulties, and unable to attend school.

We introduced him to sailing at Hebe in July 2017.

The team at Hebe took this broken kid and got him sailing.

In his boat, he is the captain, he makes the decision and calls the shots.

Within 3 months he was in the Hebe Dragon's Greenfleet team, quickly progressing to Main fleet.

Within 1 year he is Hong Kong 10 & Under Champion, and won outright the Macau International Regatta, 8th in Taiwan, 9th in Japan.

I can hardly begin to describe what this has done for his self confidence, his self belief, his standing amongst his peers, and his school work. He went from not attending school to being Student of the Month in June of this Year.

A huge part of this amazing personal turnaround has come from the Hebe sailing family, the coaches, the sail training centre. He has received so much encouragement as well as professional tuition.

This is a huge success story for Hebe Haven Yacht Club and for the benefits of the sport of sailing.

This Club has turned sailing from an exclusive sport for the rich, into an inclusive sport for all to enjoy and benefit from.

The also are home to the largest centre in the world for sailors with physical and mental difficulties.

So much of this work is done with the support of an army of volunteers.

People who so believe in what is being accomplished here they freely give their time to support this club.

Take the 24 Hour Charity race which is held annually essentially to raise money for 4 different charities including local charities.

Hebe is a non profit organisation and the low cost lease that is afforded to it is crucial to enabling this club to be accessible to all, especially the local community. It would be a disaster for the club if this was withdrawn as it would immediately force the club to raising its subscriptions and fees turning it into an exclusive club which is contrary to everything that is being achieved for the local community.

On the contrary in my opinion, and witnessing the amazing benefits to my son, I believe Hebe to be worthy of more government support, deserves a bigger land allocation, to expand its sail training facilities, and the 'Sailability' centre.

I would welcome any opportunity to meet with you and discuss face to face how passionately I believe in Hebe.

Please do take very careful consideration not to damage what has been

achieved here, and actually consider Hebe worthy of even more support.

Yours sincerely

Harvey Jessop

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Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs) & Task Force on Land Supply

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

25/08/2018 14:54

History:

This message has been replied to.

Home Affairs Bureau (Recreation and Sport Branch)

Email: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

The Secretariat, Task Force on Land Supply

Email: tfls@devb.gov.hk

Dear Sirs,

RE: Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs) & Task Force on Land Supply

Private Sports Clubs continue to play a vital role in sporting development in Hong Kong. I am very concerned should there be any major policy changes that could seriously alter the scene.

My views on the above two consultation papers are:

"Land Premium": I am strongly against increasing the "Land Premium " to be paid by private sports clubs to one-third of market value, as this will lead to higher membership fees making clubs less accessible. Also any additional premium will impose a huge burden on the clubs' finances which will negatively affect the clubs' role in the development of sports in Hong Kong. Increasing the Land Premium will have a negative impact on the clubs' ability to invest in equipment, training facilities, coaching and staff.

"Further open up": I support private sports clubs in further opening up their facilities to eligible outside bodies and sports organizations for training and sports developments programmes and partnering with National Sports Association to provide facilities to host domestic and international competitions and local training programmes.

"Task Force on Land Supply": I do not support the use of PRL's land for housing as proposed in the 'Task Force on Land Supply' public consultation. Sports clubs play a significant role in training young people in sports development and using PRL's land for housing will have a negative effect on access to sports facilities. This will seriously affect the ambitions and opportunities of our young generations to take part in and represent Hong Kong in sports competitions.

Moreover PRL sites are not suitable for public housing. The hectares of brown field sites in the New Territories which are an environmental and planning blight should be developed for housing.

Others: Hong Kong Cricket Club is already making a vast contribution to sports in Hong Kong for the development of multi sports including cricket, hockey, golf, lawn bowls,

netball, squash, rugby, tennis, table tennis and swimming. We have professional coaches for all these sports. It is absolutely vital for the future sports in Hong Kong that the HKCC continues.

Thank you for considering my responses.

Yours faithfully,

Jacqueline Wong

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Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs)

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

25/08/2018 15:26

History:

This message has been replied to.

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 Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs)

Private Sports Clubs have been playing a vital role in sports development of Hong Kong, I am very concerned if there will be major policy changes that can seriously alter the scene and facilities available to citizens.

My views on PRLs consultation paper are:

"Land Premium": For recreational clubs/facilities there should be no change to the existing premiums/rates as they provide facilities for social interaction and avenues to develop sports talent for Hong Kong. Any change would limit the usage of the clubs and talent development.

"Further open up": if the current government run facilities are not enough, they yes of course the club facilities can be available, however, the government should invest in more facilities for this use rather than ask private clubs to open up. Private clubs should continue to provide facilities for their members. They are paying a membership to the clubs to enable them the usage of the club facilities.

Others: The government should consider controlling immigration, as the current influx is not sustainable, nor is the government able to provide housing similar to the HDB in Singapore.

Thank you for considering my responses.

Yours sincerely,

Izumi Kobayashi

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Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs) & Task Force on Land Supply

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

25/08/2018 15:32

Cc: tfls@devb.gov.hk

History: This message has been replied to.

Home Affairs Bureau (Recreation and Sport Branch)
Email: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

The Secretariat, Task Force on Land Supply
Email: tfls@devb.gov.hk

Dear Sir / Madam

RE: Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs) & Task Force on Land Supply

Private Sports Clubs continue to play a vital role in sporting development in Hong Kong. I am very concerned should there be any major policy changes that could seriously alter the scene. (Amend this sentences to your own wordings.)

My views on the above two consultation papers are:

"Land Premium": (insert your views on the plans to impose a land premium equivalent to one-third of full market value)

I disagree with the imposition of land premium at the suggested level because this will add financial pressure on sport clubs and draw resources away from their development of sports and promotion of sports among the communities in HK. If the clubs cannot bear with the financial pressure, they will be forced to close down. All of these highly specialised experience, skills and knowledge in the sports will be gone to ashes. Please refer to my views in the third question below for further discussions.

"Further open up": (insert your view on further opening up of Club facilities to eligible outside bodies and partnering with National Sports Association to provide facilities to host domestic and international competitions and local training programmes.)

I agree with further opening up of private clubs to public. It has indeed been their social responsibilities to share their in-depth sporting experience and facilities to enhance the sporting culture in HK. As mentioned below, private clubs has profound experience in the sports they specialise in - it will do HK community a greater good if the public can have more exposure and experience in those sporting events.

"Task Force on Land Supply": (insert your view on use of PRL land for housing as proposed in the 'Task Force on Land Supply' public consultation proposal.)

I strongly disagree with the use of private club lands for housing. At the moment, a lot of private clubs are offering sport activities which are not commonly found in HK (eg cricket, net ball, sailing, lawn bowling etc).

These private clubs have been in operations in HK for many decades. They also represent HK in a lot of international competitions. All of these highly specialised experience, skills and knowledge gathered over the years will be gone to ashes if they are being forced to close down for housing purposes. It will definitely be a loss to HK, further undermining HK's status as an international city.

Others: (insert any other views you would like to provide to the Government.)

Thank you for considering my responses.

Yours sincerely,

MC Ho

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Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs) & Task Force on Land Supply

to: pri_consultation@hab.gov.hk
tfls@devb.gov.hk

25/08/2018 16:07

History:

This message has been replied to.

Home Affairs Bureau (Recreation and Sport Branch)

Email: pri_consultation@hab.gov.hk

The Secretariat, Task Force on Land Supply

Email: tfls@devb.gov.hk

Dear Sirs,

RE: Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs) & Task Force on Land Supply

Private Sports Clubs continue to play a vital role in sporting development in Hong Kong. I am very concerned should there be any major policy changes that would cause irrevocable harm to the development of sports.

My views on the above two consultation papers are:

"Land Premium": I am strongly against increasing the "Land Premium " to be paid by private sports clubs to one-third of market value, as this will lead to higher membership fees making clubs less accessible. Also any additional premium will impose a huge burden on the clubs' finances which will negatively affect the clubs' role in the development of sports in Hong Kong. Increasing the Land Premium will have a negative impact on the clubs' ability to invest in equipment, training facilities, coaching and staff.

"Further open up": I support private sports clubs in further opening up their facilities to eligible outside bodies and sports organizations for training and sports developments programmes and partnering with National Sports Association to provide facilities to host domestic and international competitions and local training programmes.

"Task Force on Land Supply": I do not support the use of PRL's land for housing as proposed in the 'Task Force on Land Supply' public consultation. Sports clubs play a significant role in training young people in sports development and using PRL's land for housing will have a negative effect on access to sports facilities. This will seriously affect the ambitions and opportunities of our young generations to take part in and represent Hong Kong in sports competitions.

Moreover, PRL sites are not suitable for public housing. The hectares of brown field sites in the New Territories, which are an environmental and planning blight, should be developed for housing.

Others: Hong Kong Cricket Club is already making a vast contribution to sports in Hong

Kong for the development of multi sports including cricket, hockey, golf, lawn bowls, netball, squash, rugby, tennis, table tennis and swimming. We have professional coaches for all these sports. It is absolutely vital for the future of sports in Hong Kong that the HKCC continues and expands the important role it plays in sports training and development.

Thank you for considering my responses.

Yours faithfully,

David Forshaw

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review of the Private Recreational Lease (PRL) policy

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

25/08/2018 19:45

History:

This message has been replied to.

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- > I would like to comment as follows:
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- > QUESTIONS [all pages refer to the
- > Review]
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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).
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- > 2. 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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- > 3. Whether charging nil or nominal land
- > premium for the use of these sites should continue;
- > (Refer to pages 19- 25).
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- > 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).
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- > 5. What types of facilities should be
- > allowed on these sites (including ancillary facilities);
- > (Refer to pages 30-31).
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- > 6. How to enhance the monitoring on the
- > governance and transparency of the lessees;
- > (Refer to pages 31-33).
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- > 7. Whether and how to assess
- > applications for new sites for sports and recreational use;
- > (Refer to pages 33-34).
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- > Q1
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- > 1) Of course PRL's Site should
- > continue to operate under the policy.
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- > 2) May be lease can be review in a way
- > to better meet land use and sport development.
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- > 3) Yes and leases should be longer than
- > just 15 years to allow better development
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- > 4) Over regulating such frail business
- > model could jeopardize the survival of many.
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- > Q2
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- > 1) Best sports promotion in the
- > community assessment tool to be defined
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- > 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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- > 3) Best development of elite sports
- > option and sponsorship to be demonstrated
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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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- > 5) How the PRL'S site are providing
- > sufficient % of sport promotion against recreation
- > activities and facilities
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- > 6) How the PRL's support their duty
- > of opening to NSA and eligible outside bodies.
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- > 7) The quarterly report sent to HAB by
- > all PRL for the last 6 or 7 years should give the answer to
- > that.
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- > 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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- > Q3
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- > 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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- > 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.
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- > 3) The definition of spots against
 - > ancillary facilities is necessary but inexistent so far how
 - > this can affect the premium no one knows yet.
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- > 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.
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- > 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.
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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.
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- > Q4
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- > 1) Yes surely they already do anyway
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- > Q5
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- > 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.
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- > Q6
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- > 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.

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> Q7

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> 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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> 2) 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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> Additional comments:

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> • 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.

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> • The Club has developed the land

> over the last 50 years and has already paid its due why

> charging more again.

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> • The Club is a peaceful haven in the

> Hong Kong jungle and bring peace, harmony and tranquility

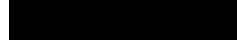
> for the community.

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> Patrick Hugh



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Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs) & Task Force on Land Supply

tfls@devb.gov.hk,

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

26/08/2018 09:53

History:

This message has been replied to.

Home Affairs Bureau (Recreation and Sport Branch)

Email: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

The Secretariat, Task Force on Land Supply

Email: tfls@devb.gov.hk

Dear Sir / Madam

RE: Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs) & Task Force on Land Supply

Private Sports Clubs continue to play a vital role in sporting development in Hong Kong. I am very concerned should there be any major policy changes that could seriously alter their ability to support sporting activities in Hong Kong.

My views on the above two consultation papers are:

"Land Premium":

Imposing a land premium equivalent to one-third of market value on the future leases of private sports clubs will result in severe, negative financial and operational implications for clubs:

- Reducing the clubs' financial capability and sustainability to support sports development;
- Shifting the clubs' membership profile toward the wealthier/those with greater resources, as driven by the resulting need to increase membership fees;
- Pressing the clubs to increase facilities charges significantly, thus deterring usage by members and/or eligible outside bodies.
- Reducing the clubs' ability to invest in improving sporting facilities

"Further open up":

I would support the consultation proposal to "further open up" clubs' facilities on top of the current lease requirements for (a) 'Eligible Outside Bodies' (to open 30% of total capacity) and (b) National Sports Association to provide facilities to host domestic and international competitions and local training programmes (to open 240 programme hours per month for individual members of the public).

"Task Force on Land Supply":

I do not support the use of PRL land for housing as proposed on the Task Force on Land Supply public consultation.

Moreover, with regards land supply, I urge the government to include the current Small

House Policy and redevelopment of brownfield sits within the scope of the Task Force on Land Supply. To exclude these from the scope of the Task Force is illogical, counter productive and divisive. If we are to make any progress on land usage in Hong Kong, the Task Force MUST consider ALL types of land and not kowtow to certain local interest groups.

Thank you for considering my responses. I trust you will take these and other submission into account and amend your proposals accordingly.

Yours sincerely,

Claire Goodchild

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**HAB proposal on land premium upon lease renewal for the HKCC**

Cc:

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

26/08/2018 10:41

History:

This message has been replied to.

To whom it may concern:

Please allow me to address you as a member of the HK Country Club.

We understand that the HAB has made a proposal that upon lease renewal a land premium equivalent to one third of full market value shall be applied to the HKCC. As a club member I have, in principle, no objection to this. However, my concern is that the premium must be fair, reasonable and calculated based on the site restrictions applicable to the HKCC. As such I would appreciate if the HKCC received an indication from the Lands Department as to how it proposes to value the full market value of PRL sites. I am also concerned that should the views of non-stakeholders prevail, they could potentially have an unacceptable financial impact on the viability and self sufficiency of the Club.

Furthermore, HAB has proposed that private sports clubs are further opened to Eligible Outside Bodies and Sport Associations by up by 30% upon lease renewal. The HKCC has always fully complied with its respective lease obligations and this was shared with Members attending a Town Hall Meeting and in the fact sheet sent to Members on 4 July 2018. As Club members we are happy to foster increased partnerships to benefit sports development and aiding the community in the HKSAR. However this can only be achieved if members are not driven out by unsustainable land premiums.

Kind regards.

Gerhard Hinterhaeuser

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Recreational leases :Hong Kong Cricket Club

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

26/08/2018 11:14

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Sirs

I am writing to provide my views on the renewal of recreational leases with particular respect to the Hong Kong Cricket Club (HKCC), of which I am a member.

-HKCC has a long (since 1851) record as part of the sporting fabric of Hong Kong. In addition to Cricket it is a venue for playing and nurturing other sports including Lawn Bowls, Hockey Squash, Tennis, Table Tennis and Netball

-It is a genuine sporting club. About two thirds of members join as Sporting Members. HKCC does its best to encourage younger sporting members by keeping the entry cost low to those younger applicants .

- HKCC understands and implements its responsibility to provide broad public access. Over half of the competitive sporting activity at HKCC is by non-members. there is extensive use by schools and charities.

-HKCC is an important competitive venue for cricket , and also other sports such as Lawn Bowls

I very much hope that HKCC's lease will be renewed and on financial terms that do not result in the club having to increase the entry charges and fees to the sportsmen and women (particularly the younger ones) who use the facilities .

HKCC is an important part of Hong Kong's sporting and recreational history. I encourage you to help ensure it will continue to be a key part of our sporting and recreational future

Sincerely

Alistair Laband

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Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases

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

26/08/2018 11:27

History:

This message has been replied to.

August 26, 2018

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have been a member of the **Hong Kong Country Club** for almost 20 years and have been witness to many changes within that time. 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.

Hong Kong Country Club has visibly been supportive in fostering partnerships to benefit sports development in Hong Kong by opening up its facilities to many of Hong Kong's young enthusiasts who may otherwise not have access to such facilities. In particular, as I am an avid tennis player, I have seen many of the young talents partaking of the free coaching conducted by the Club's coaching team in the Tennis Junior Scholarship Programme. The Club's hosting of the Hong Kong National Junior Tennis Championships since 2015 is another testament to its dedication to sports promotion in the HKSAR.

I have also witnessed Hong Kong Country Club's commitment and dedication to lend support 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.

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. Hong Kong Country Club adds value to the community of Hong Kong and will continue to do so given the opportunity

Sincerely yours,

[REDACTED]

Sebastian Law
Member - Hong Kong Country Club

Private Recreational Lease & Land Matters Section
Home Affairs Bureau (Recreational & Sports branch)
13/F West Wing, Central Government Offices
2 Tin Mei Avenue, Tamar, Hong Kong
prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

25 August 2018

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Public Consultation on the Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases

I am writing to express my support for the granting of private recreational leases to sporting clubs in Hong Kong. Hong Kong is an incredibly built up city with people living and working in very close proximity. Country parks and beaches provide a welcome relief at weekends for Hong Kong families but it is the private recreational clubs that have taken the lead in advancing sport in Hong Kong. Clubs like the Hong Kong Golf Club, Hong Kong Football Club, the Hong Kong Jockey Club and the Kowloon Cricket Club have done a lot for young athletes. These clubs provide training and support for athletes – many of whom go on to represent Hong Kong.

My daughter is on the Hong Kong equestrian development squad representing Hong Kong at international events and we have friends whose children are on the Hong Kong teams for swimming, rugby, golf and cricket. Without these clubs our children would never have advanced to an international level in these sports. Private recreational clubs also sponsor inter-school events which encourage and promote the benefits of sport. In a city where the academic education system is so intense, children need access to good sporting facilities and the private recreational clubs help in this regard.

Private recreational clubs like the Hong Kong Golf Club, the Hong Kong Jockey Club and the Hong Kong Country Club also do a lot of social outreach and charity work in the local community. It's the bonding between members and the sense of being part of the local community that has resulted in the growth of community outreach projects such as the work the Hong Kong Country Club does with St Mary's Home for the Aged and the Home of Loving Faithfulness as well as the substantial donations members make through charity golf days, in particular, The Cup of Kindness that the Hong Kong Golf Club organises every year. The events the Hong Kong Golf Club organise raise more than HK\$20 million a year for local charities.

People in Hong Kong work very long hours and need a place they can go to outside of their very cramped homes, a home away from home and a place where they can play sport. Private recreational clubs are tranquil restful places to escape the frenetic Hong Kong life. These clubs are also part of Hong Kong's history - many clubs like the Hong Kong Golf Club and the Kowloon Cricket Club have Heritage Buildings within the grounds that need to be preserved.

The lack of affordable housing in Hong Kong is a matter of grave concern. The Hong Kong Government needs to focus on providing adequately sized affordable housing and rid Hong Kong of caged homes and sub-divided homes but taking away private recreational clubs is not the answer. Hong Kong has many

unused brownfield sites that can be redeveloped; the village housing policy should be re-evaluated; the river trade terminus could be re-developed and the container port facilities could be relocated. There are areas that can be reclaimed outside Victoria Harbour and the Government could request the PRC Government to release some PLA sites that are underutilised. There are lots of possibilities. Taking away private recreational leases should not be one of them.

People need an escape from stressful work environments and cramped living spaces. Private recreational clubs help to provide that escape, promote and develop sport, organise world class international sporting events, raise money for local charities and organise community projects. Hong Kong needs private recreational clubs and more sporting facilities not less.

Yours faithfully,

[Redacted signature]

Anita Gidumal

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PRL Public Consultation : with respect to The Hong Kong Country Club

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

26/08/2018 12:01

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Sirs

I am writing to encourage the ongoing renewal/extention of the Hong Kong Country Club's lease on reasonable financial and other terms. I am a member of the Hong Kong Country Club .

The Country Club recognises the importance of making its facilities available to the broader public particularly through cooperation with appropriate community and Sports Associations. I believe that the club has always honoured its obligations in that respect and that it will be willing to increase such access/cooperation arrangements . In that connection I believe it is important that the cost of provision of the facilities and the cost of club membership should not be made excessive through the levying of a severe land premium.

May I encourage the Lands Department to develop a fair methodology for the calculation of the land premium having regard to the restrictions on permitted usage .

Many thanks

Sincerely

Alistair Laband [REDACTED]

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IMPORTANT: PRL for HK Football Club

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

26/08/2018 12:19

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Sir, Madam,

I very strongly believe Private Recreational Lease terms should NOT be changed for Hong Kong Football Club. Unlike other private clubs in Hong Kong where only members can use their lands, the Hong Kong Football Club is available to the public for sporting matches and competitions all year around. There is already a shortage of sporting facility and space in Hong Kong.

Hong Kong Football Club is one of the very few clubs that offers its space to the public for sports matches. Matches among teams in Hong Kong for many different sports (including, without limitation, soccer, rugby, lawn bowl, squash, hockey, and more) take place at the Hong Kong Football Club through out the years.

These teams include teams of schools, government departments (such as police, correctional services, firemen etc), companies, other clubs, among others. People from all facets of life form teams in a variety of sports and play at the Hong Kong Football Club.

Furthermore, it is conveniently located right next to the Happy Valley race course. Ordinary Hong Kong people without cars can access the sporting facilities At the Hong Kong Football Club via public transportation with ease. The club and its facilities and space form and essential part of life of ordinary Hong Kong people.

If the government modifies he Lease terms for the Club, then Hong Kong can only deteriorates as a diverse, livable, international city that we have worked so hard to make it become today. Changing the lease terms will only benefit relatively few at the expense of countless people into the infinite future.

I am a local Hong Kong person who grew up in Hong Kong. I am proud that Hong Kong is now a major financial center. Not only does it need to maintain itself as such, it needs to become better than it is. Already as we can all see on the news and surveys, Hong Kong livability ranking is way below many other comparable cities like NY, London and Tokyo.

Sure, the government has the power to make Hong Kong a public housing city with little sporting and recreational facilities and other facilities, but is this what the government really wants?

I love Hong Kong. This is my home. I sincerely and respectfully ask you to seriously consider weather doing things (such as changing the terms of the Hong Kong Football Club lease) that hurt Hong Kong's livability and sporting life is really where Hong Kong should be headed.

In summary, I do NOT support the change of terms for the Hong Kong Football Club lease. The Club is an essential part of the Hong Kong sporting scene. Changing the terms of the lease would only hurt public interest and the HK sporting live for ordinary HK people.

Please feel free to call me on my cell phone number below if you would like to talk. I am more than happy to share my opinion on the above subject over the phone.

Kind regards,

Vincent Sum

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Concerned Citizen

[REDACTED]

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

26/08/2018 13:33

History:

This message has been replied to.

Sir/Madam –

I am a regular user of the excellent sports facilities at Hong Kong Football Club. My daughter and I use the facilities 3-4 times weekly.

The facilities are made available to both the public and club members throughout the year for a broad range of activities from league fixtures and international tournaments to charity fund raisers and junior coaching and development.

I would urge Government NOT to impose any additional charges or premiums on HKFC or other Clubs holding PRLs . The Clubs are non-profit making and any charges will simply have to be passed on to public users of Club Facilities inevitably restricting access and reducing Hong Kong's already meagre supply of quality facilities for sports and recreation.

Best wishes,
Graham Mountford

[REDACTED]

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**Hong Kong Country Club land lease**

Cc: [REDACTED]

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

26/08/2018 13:34

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 Home Affairs Bureau,

I am writing to you in support of the proposed land lease renewal of the Hong Kong Country Club. The HKCC is something of an anchor to my family's life in Hong Kong and over the seventeen years that I have been in Hong Kong I have had deep experience both with the role that the HKCC has played in the Hong Kong community, as well as how it has increasingly opened up to outside bodies in a variety of ways. As a family we are strong supporters both of the HKCC as it has historically been run as an organization, and of the further opening up to outside bodies.

After spending my childhood in the Philippines and Germany, I arrived in Hong Kong fifteen years ago, met my husband (at the HKCC actually), and started a life that now includes two children. As an expatriate of mixed Asian and European heritage the HKCC has been a natural home from my first days in Hong Kong, given its strong historic commitment to the diversity of its membership. Given the historic and ongoing importance of the expatriate community to Hong Kong, the HKCC has, in my opinion, played a central role in making Hong Kong the attractive world class city that it is today. I experienced this over my more than fifteen years in this city, which has since become my home and the birthplace of my children. To me the HKCC is one of a kind in Hong Kong in that it pulls together members of all the diverse and vibrant communities of this city. As such I believe that it contributes significantly to Hong Kong society as a whole in the sense that this shared experience gets carried back into the community and contributes to the unique identity of Hong Kong,

I am therefore also pleased to have seen the HKCC increasingly open up its facilities in a variety of ways to the broader community. To be clear, my family and, in my experience, the membership as a whole, is strongly

supportive of this trend and we plan to continue to support the HKCC's efforts to develop their community integration plan. In particular, I find the HKCC's core focus on caring for children and the elderly, in particular their efforts in aid of Mother's Choice, St. Mary's Home for the Aged, as well as increasing number of local schools, to be a strong compliment to the HKCC's traditional focus in aid of Hong Kong's society in general. To the extent that the discussions on the lease extension have sharpened the focus of the membership on the importance of this aspect of the HKCC's mission, I think that is positive as well and I appreciate the process the Home Affairs Bureau has run.

In summary, I believe the HKCC forms a unique and positive part of Hong Kong society that provides broad benefits well beyond its membership, and I encourage you to take these thoughts in mind as you work through the lease renewal process.

Kind regards,

Maria Koehler

[REDACTED]



Private Recreational lease and Land Matters Section
Home Affairs Bureau (Recreation and Sport Branch)
13/FI West Wing, Central Government Offices
2 Tim Mei Avenue
Tamar, Hong Kong



Hong Kong, August 23, 2018

Dear HAB,

RE: PRL Public Consultation

I am contacting you to express my support for the Hong Kong Country Club. In particular, with reference to the Land Premium, in principle I see no objection to the Club paying one-third of the full market value upon lease renewal, however I am concerned that this premium be fair, reasonable and calculated based upon the Club's site usage restrictions. As I believe there is currently no indication from the Lands Department as to how it proposes to determine the full market value of PRL sites, I am naturally concerned there may potentially be a huge and unsustainable financial impact on the long term viability and self-sufficiency of the Club.

Furthermore, in reference to the opening-up of the Club to outside bodies, I remain confident that, to date, the Club has done a very good job of fulfilling and complying with its lease obligations and opening up the Club's sports facilities to outside bodies. It is my opinion, that it is indeed our duty to foster increased partnership to benefit sports development in Hong Kong while aiding the broader community, however this important partnership can only be achieved on the condition that Members are not driven out by unsustainable land premiums.

I am sincerely grateful for the opportunity to voice my opinion on this most important matter.

Best regards,

Ivano Poma



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**PRL Public Consultation**

Cc: [REDACTED]

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

26/08/2018 16:12

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing as member of the Hong Kong Country Club (membership # D193) to express my concerns about a couple of issues related to the future of the Club.

My first concern is regarding to the land premium. HAB has proposed a land premium equivalent to one-third of the full market value of the PRL site upon lease renewal. As to how the market value is determined, however, there is still no clear indication. I cannot emphasize more that the appraisal of market value, and therefore the resulted premium, must be fair and reasonable, and that it should not be unduly affected by the prevailing sentiment of community-at-large.

My second concern is regarding to the further opening up of the Club's facilities to eligible outside bodies. HAB has proposed that sports facilities be opened up by a further 30% upon lease renewal. To my best knowledge, HKCC has always fully complied with its lease obligation to open facilities to the public. While I believe the Club is more than happy to do more in benefiting the HK community, it is important to note that further collaboration is only possible if the Club members are not driven out by unsustainable land premiums.

I want to thank you for your attention to this message. Your understanding and consideration will be greatly appreciated.

Best regards,
Edith Doone

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Comments on the PRL Policy Review

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

26/08/2018 16:46

History: This message has been replied to.

Dear Sir/Madam:

Being an active sailors and a member of Hebe Haven Yacht Club (HHYC), I would like to share my views in response to your major recommendations listed on Chapter 4.1 on the Policy Review.

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

My view:

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.

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

My view:

The assessment should be based on their contribution in promoting sports.

I will strongly support to retain the Hebe Haven Yacht Club (HHYC) site.

HHYC provides local and regional sailors (including those from mainland China) with sailing and racing opportunity.

It provides dinghy and keelboat sail training to members and non-members. Each year it has over 3000 non-members on the premises for sailing courses, keelboat and dinghy regattas contributing to 2,800 hours of community access.

It 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.

It provides training bases for the Hong Kong Sailing Federation.

It is a host venue and organizer for both regional and international regattas.

It is also 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.

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

My view:

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 specified by the Government.

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

My view:

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.

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

My view:

Quarterly returns highlighting non-members' participations.

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

My view:

Annual inspections

Thanks with best regards

Yuk Lin Chan

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Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs) & Task Force on Land Supply

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

26/08/2018 18:45

History: This message has been replied to.

Home Affairs Bureau (Recreation and Sport Branch)

Email: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

The Secretariat, Task Force on Land Supply

Email: tfls@devb.gov.hk

Dear Sir / Madam

RE: Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs) & Task Force on Land Supply

Private Sports Clubs continue to play a vital role in sporting development in Hong Kong. I am very concerned should there be any major policy changes that could seriously alter the scene.

My views on the above two consultation papers are:

"Land Premium": We object that the proposal to impose a land premium equivalent to one-third of full market value as it has changed the original rule and intention of setting up the clubs in HK. Basic laws procured that there will not be any major changes in the life style of HK.

"Further open up": we have no objections to further opening up of Club facilities to eligible outside bodies and partnering with National Sports Association to provide facilities to host domestic and international competitions and local training programs, subject to a structured, open and informed policy.

"Task Force on Land Supply": We object the use of PRL land for housing as proposed in the 'Task Force on Land Supply' public consultation proposal since there are so many other options to considered before this alternative.

Thank you for considering my responses.

Yours sincerely,

Simon

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Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases - Hong Kong Country Club

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

26/08/2018 23:15

Cc: **[REDACTED]**

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Sir, Madam

To whom it may concern re Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases

As an Hong Kong permanent resident and a member of the Hong Kong Country Club, I am writing to you with regards to the Hong Kong Government's current public consultation on the Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases. I was born in Hong Kong, received my earlier education locally and have been living in Hong Kong on a full time basis since returning from England in 1999 post my education and early career.

My family and I have been members of the Hong Kong Country since 2006 and we have always considered ourselves to be extremely fortunate to have the usage of the club and its facilities. We fully understand and appreciate our privileged position and therefore are also fully aware of the social responsibility that must accomplish such privilege. As such, we have been fully supporting and continue to support the proposals initiated by the Club's committee and management over the past five years in making the Club's sporting and recreational facilities accessible to the Hong Kong public in particular the elderly, handicapped, local schools students as well as local sports proteges. These proposals included but will not be limited to for example sport competitions, training sessions, general usage of the club's sport facilities on an organised basis. Continuous effort will be made by the club to further enhance the reach into a wider and deeper sections of the local community.

It has been widely reported by the news media and other public forums that there are demands by section of the Hong Kong population that such leases should not be extended or the terms of them to be radically amended. Personally while I believe the interest of the Hong Kong public should and must be taken into consideration, it is in my humbled but considered opinion that it will be a mistake for the government to proceed with such actions. Hong Kong is a very unique and special place in the global business arena for many factors with private recreational facilities being one of them. These facilities form part of the fabric of the core characteristics of Hong Kong which ensure Hong Kong's attractiveness as an international business centre for businesses and their employees to base themselves here.

While the common perception is that members of these clubs are all of elite background, this is simply not true in the same way that not all students in the many international schools in Hong Kong are only from the rich and privileged families. Many of the club's members have achieved their success in life through hard work and perseverance, principles which form Hong Kong's core work ethics which in turn have helped to build this extraordinary city which we call our home. It is imperative that Hong Kong continues to nurture and preserve these values and characteristics.

I very much hope that you will take the above and the similar views from many others who would have written to you into consideration and come to the conclusion that extending the private recreational leases of these clubs is in the overall best interests of Hong Kong and its

citizens with these clubs continuing to share their facilities with the general public in a structured and organised manner, please rest assured the Hong Kong Country will be committed to doing its part.

Yours faithfully

E Jane Leung & Jenkin Leung

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**PRL Public Consultation**

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

27/08/2018 11:05

Cc: [REDACTED]

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Sir/ Madam,

I am writing in my capacity of Head of Trade Sales at Omtis Fine Wines, and as permanent resident of Hong Kong, to inform you of the significant contribution the Club has made to our business – not to mention all Recreational Clubs in Hong Kong.

Omtis has been involved in multiple businesses activities since the 20s in China and Hong Kong, diversifying more recently into the wine distribution business amongst other things. We started the wine business in the 1980s and today we are arguably the largest provider of Fine Wines in Asia with an inventory of almost half a million bottles. In Hong Kong, our clients comprise mainly of on-trade accounts – and in some months sales to Recreational Clubs can represent up to 30% of on-trade revenue. As you can imagine this is an important revenue stream for us and without it could have damaging implications to our business and therefore our ability to grow and sustain personnel expenses and employment.

The Country Club is a good example of an organization that has been supportive to our business over decades with considerably loyalty and we look forward to continuing this partnership. We rely heavily on the consumption of their members.

To conclude, we believe that Clubs should continue serving Hong Kong and agree with the proposed new conditions as shared with the public on 20 March 2018.

Your sincerely,

Tommy Lau
Omtis Fine Wines
Head of Trade Clients

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Public Consultation on the Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases

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

27/08/2018 11:19

Cc: **[REDACTED]**

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Sir,

I am writing in my capacity as a member of the Hong Kong Country Club to advise of the numerous contributions our Club has made to the development of sports in Hong Kong.

Thank you for the opportunity for members to voice their opinions.

Our club continuously makes its facilities available to outside bodies to serve the local community and sports development in Hong Kong.

The Country Club has hosted the Hong Kong National Junior Tennis Championships in the Under-18 categories since 2015, and an International Senior tennis tournament is planned for November 2018.

The Club is also a valuable provider for 300 staff and their families and the Club provides educational grants to assist the education expenses of these families.

I believe that Clubs are an integral part of being an international city and I agree that the Club facilities could be better utilized further to the public of Hong Kong.

I sincerely hope that the rent review process does not affect the well-being of the Club in the future.

Stephen Temple

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PRL Public Consultation

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

27/08/2018 11:22

Cc: [REDACTED]

Please respond to [REDACTED]

History: This message has been replied to.

Dear Sirs,

I am a member of the Hong Kong Country Club and am writing in support of the renewal of the lease of the Club's grounds when due.

The Club has a long and illustrious history and has served as a "home" for its members and families to meet and to relax.

There is a very large percentage of expat members many of whom are or have been leading members of the Community. As a world city, one that boasts itself to be one of the top financial centres, it is a necessity for clubs of this nature and caliber to exist. Just look at other major cities.

As far as I am aware, the Club is a leader in opening its facilities to members of the public, and I believe this will only increase.

There is a tenancy for certain citizens to urge the Government to cancel the leases of private clubs. The Government must take the lead and do what is sensible and in the interest of Hong Kong.

Sincerely,

Ramon Lo, Jr.

[REDACTED]



26th August 2018

Dear Sir / Madam,

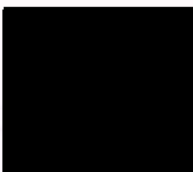
Support for The Hong Kong Golf Club.


I am writing to express my support for the renewal of all Hong Kong's recreational leases & the Hong Kong Golf Club's recreational lease in particular as it stands, in its current form. As an expatriate who has lived in Hong Kong for over 25 years I find it difficult to believe that the government would even consider revoking leases on what are the only non-government & non-profit making enterprises that offer recreational facilities in Hong Kong. The recreational club facilities that have been built up over the last 150 years throughout Hong Kong offer a unique and very important framework that does a huge amount of good in a very crowded territory.

When I first arrived in Hong Kong in my early 20's it was joining the Kowloon Cricket Club as junior sporting member that was instrumental in helping me to get to know people & helped immensely in settling me into the city. I am sure that this is still the case today & without these recreational clubs, Hong Kong would be a much less attractive city for young international professionals.

In particular, The Hong Golf Club is a remarkable institution that should be preserved in its entirety for the following reasons:

- History: It is one of the oldest golf clubs outside of the UK & Ireland & is a very important part of what is left of Hong Kong's heritage.
- Golf in Hong Kong: The Hong Kong Golf Club supports many golf societies & promotes golf within the wider community with over 50,000 rounds of golf being played by non-members every year.



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- Ecology & Conservation: The Fanling site is very important pristine area that supports a wide variety of flora & fauna in an area with too many brown field sites that are being used as scrap yards or unofficial parking lots.
 - The Hong Kong Open: The Fanling golf courses are the venue for the The Hong Kong Open which has been held continuously for the last 60 years & is one of Asian's pre-eminent golf tournaments.
 - Developing Young Talent: The Fanling golf courses & The Hong Kong Golf Club are key supporters in developing young Hong Kong golfers.
 - Charity: The Hong Kong Golf Club helps to raise over HK\$ 20 million every year for local charities.
 - Employment: The Hong Kong Golf Club is one of the largest employers in the Fanling area with many families working at the club for generations.

For all of the above reason I believe that it is very important that the Hong Kong Golf Club is preserved in its entirety to continue its good work & so that it can be enjoyed by future generation to come.

On a personal note, if the Hong Kong government does decides to revoke all recreational leases & the Hong Kong Golf Clubs' lease in particular I would have to seriously consider whether I wanted to remain in Hong Kong for the long term. I own my own business & I could quite easily relocate to a number of other Asian cities if the overall quality of life as an expatriate in Hong Kong were to change substantially. In my view, revoking of the recreational leases would be significantly backward step for Hong Kong & the quality of life here in particular.

Yours faithfully,



Andrew Clements



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Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs) & Task Force on Land Supply

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

27/08/2018 13:04

History: This message has been replied to.

Home Affairs Bureau (Recreation and Sport Branch)
Email: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

The Secretariat, Task Force on Land Supply
Email: tfls@devb.gov.hk

Dear Sir / Madam

RE: Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs) & Task Force on Land Supply

Private Sports Clubs play an important role in sporting development in Hong Kong. I am very worried should there be any major policy changes that could seriously alter the situation.

My views on the above two consultation papers are:

"Land Premium": This would be very negative for the Hk community. Imposing a land premium equivalent to one-third of market value on the future leases could lead to:

- Reducing the club's financial capability and sustainability to support sports development;
- Reducing the Club's ability to invest in improving sporting facilities
- Mean only wealthy memebers could apply to be members

"Further open up": This is a good idea and I support opening up of Club facilities to eligible outside bodies and partnering with National Sports Association to provide facilities to host domestic and international competitions and local training programmes. This needs to be balanced in the appropriate way.

"Task Force on Land Supply": Not appropriate to use this land for housing and destroy something special in HK. There are many other areas and option in HK and islands to expand housing.

Private Sports clubs, such as Hong Kong Cricket Club, are a important part of the culture, history and fabric of HK, and also the international attraction of HK. And need to remain affordable and available.

Thank you for considering my responses.

Yours sincerely,
David Varley

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**Public Consultation**

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

27/08/2018 13:42

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Government -

Private clubs are an important part of HK's culture and international image. Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club is definitely a premier yacht club internationally and its members help promote the sport of sailing and rowing. With its facilities, the RHKYC has supported some of the best yachting events in the world, namely the Volvo Ocean Race. The Club also has a Charity Foundation that gives back to the community thru charity races.

The Gov needs to continue to support the RHKYC's operations and land uses (in Kellett Island, Middle Island and Shelter Cove) and help maintain and grow the current club houses areas and boat yards. Thank you.

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Best
Anthony

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Hong Kong Country Club - Private Recreational Lease (PRL)Public Consultation

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

27/08/2018 13:50

History: This message has been replied to.

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing to express my support that the PRL to the Hong Kong Country Club must and should continue for the following reasons:

1. All my children grown up in the Club and they all have fond memory of their childhood in the Club, enjoying the excellent sporting & otherwise facilities and services.
2. It has been an oasis for my wife and I to relax and recover from the various pressure we faced in our life in HK, sharing all ours ups and downs.
3. I still remember I went to the Club to calm myself down, collect my thoughts and work out the next steps when the rest of the world had collapsed on me all at the same time. The peace and quiet country ambience was most helpful and useful to get me through a very difficult time of my life.
4. In my retirement virtually everyday I went to the Club to exercise and socialise. I would be at a loss if the Club, other members and staff we know personally, are no longer there. It would be a great shame.
5. I may no longer be employed on a full time basis but I kept myself active with honorary and voluntary works with various NGOs which through my membership of the Country Club also enjoyed the excellent facilities and services there.
6. In recent years I have witnessed the Club has made conscientious effort to open up our sports facilities to the public and NGOs. It has been well received by both members and non-members at large. It should be encouraged and continued particularly from a social harmony point of view.
7. Over the years, the Club has continuously been spending huge capital expenditure to keep our facilities, sport and otherwise, to World standard in a sumptuous atmosphere. Something that the rest of the HKSAR just could not match but proud to have in its repertoire should it be needed, now and in the future.
8. Under the current public attitude on land development, the land the Club occupied would not be fit for any other purposes. Residential & Commercial development on that particular spot will not be politically correct and acceptable. We are left with recreational development but the size and logistic issues will not make it suitable to turn it into a public facility. Therefore we are left with Private Recreational purposes which is exactly what we have right now.

Conclusions

Please maintain the status quo and let sleeping dogs lie.

Conflict of interest declaration

I am a member of the HK Country Club.

Regards
George Li

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**Recreational Lease - RHKYC**

to: prl_consultation@hab.go
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27/08/2018 13:52

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Mme, Sir,

I am writing you to support the Royal HK Yacht Club to retain its recreational least going forward.

I arrived in HK back in 2008, permanent resident - Head of Finance for the LVMH Group, and Treasurer of the French School in HK. Here are few points that I wish to convey :

1- HK attractivity for large Multinationals & Groups is linked with education, sports and environment. The Yacht Club one of the reasons why we will not move our Asia HQ to Singapore. The Yacht club allows us to convey to all employees a sense of community, team building, activities. It also allows to attract talents to HK as other Asian cities try to lure them with other advantages.

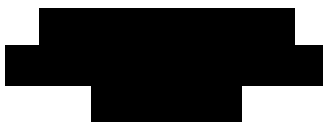
2- Socially fair promotion of sports across the community. Number of kids are sponsored to join the club's training and international competitions.

3- What would be the Port of HK without its boats ? The Yacht club is part of HK history. What would be left without it, as so many historical locations have been already reclaimed by promoters ?

Shall you need to reach me out, my mobile is [REDACTED]

Best regards

Nicolas Morineaux [REDACTED]



25 August 2018

Private Recreational Lease and Land Matters Section
Home Affairs Bureau (Recreation and Sports Branch)
13/F West Wing,
Central Government Offices
2 Tim Mei Avenue
Tamar
Hong Kong

Email: pri_consultation@hab.gov.hk

Dear sirs / madam

Hong Kong Country Club – Private Recreation Lease “PRL” Public Consultation

I refer to the ongoing PRL Public Consultation being conducted by the Home Affairs Bureau.

As a member of the long standing Portuguese & Eurasian communities in Hong Kong I remain of the view that sports and social clubs such as the Hong Kong Country Club remain vital to the fabric of Hong Kong society. These clubs provide vital facilities, resources, coaching support and most importantly a social environment for the development of sports and social activities from a young age. In addition, in the case of the Hong Kong Country Club, in an ethnically diverse fashion that reflects our great cities’ multi-cultural history.

My family is a good example of how these clubs can have a positive impact as I have represented Hong Kong in Cricket at a national level thanks to membership at the Kowloon Cricket Club. I have no doubt that I would not have been able to develop my sporting abilities if not for the facilities available there. Other members of my family have similarly benefited from these club memberships representing Hong Kong at swimming, field hockey, lawn bowls and swimming.

The Hong Kong Country Club is doing similar work with supporting elite sports men and women, such as the Hong Kong swimming team by providing them with facilities and resources to support their sporting careers. The tangible result of this support was most recently demonstrated with a bronze medal in the 4 x 100m women’s freestyle Asian Games in Jakarta that had members from the Hong Kong Country Club athletes program.

I firmly believe that it is in the interests of the larger Hong Kong community for the leases of clubs such as the Hong Kong Country Club to continue to be supported by the government, provided that they provide support for local sports and community activities as a precondition of their lease.

However, these clubs differ from commercial enterprises and the government must give due consideration to the appropriate mechanism for charging land premium. I do not believe that it is appropriate to charge an amount of 30% of "market rent" with reference to for instance land prices determined at public auction, as the land use rights are not the same. The "market price" should be determined instead based on PRL land use, i.e. that are community, sports, cultural and social in nature. The government must recognize that these clubs are "non profit " in nature.

Likewise, while I fully support the idea that private recreation clubs regularly open up their facilities to the general public, I oppose the idea that the Home Affairs Bureau impose a blanket 30% increase in public access to sports facilities without reference to the specific circumstances of each club. For instance at the Hong Kong Country Club the tennis facilities could easily be made available to more primary or secondary students on weekdays from 9am - 3pm, however few schools would be able to utilize these facilities during school hours. This would therefore defeat the purpose of any amendment to the PRL policy.

The Home Affairs Department much urgently address this issue of renewal of club PRLs. They provide important resources for the Hong Kong community and at present the uncertainty of the PRL Public Consultation is slowing investment in vital infrastructure and resources for sports and recreation in particular.

I hope that the Home Affairs Department will do its utmost to support these club's futures for the good of Hong Kong.

Yours sincerely

Anthony Correa

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Comments on the PRL Policy Review

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

27/08/2018 14:44

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Dear Sir,

民政事務局就私人遊樂場地契約之檢討書內的回應：

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) 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 (請參閱第 715 頁)

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。

- Lease conditions should be modified to allow the Hebe Haven Yacht Club to meet the criteria and objectives set by HAB. 應修改契約條件，使白沙灣遊艇會能夠符合民政事務局製定的準則和目標。

Q2. How to assess whether these sites should be retained or returned to the Government for other development purposes (Refer to pages 15-19) 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(請參閱第 15-19 頁)

A.2 - The Hebe Haven Yacht Club provides training bases for the Hong Kong Sailing Federation. 白沙灣遊艇會提供香港帆船運動總會訓練基地。

- The Hebe Haven Yacht Club is a host venue and organizer for both regional and international regattas. 白沙灣遊艇會是區域和國際帆船賽的主辦機構和場地。

- The Hebe Haven Yacht Club is a major contributor to fostering elite participation and encouraging youth sailing. 白沙灣遊艇是促進精英參與和鼓勵青少年航海活動的主要貢獻者。

- 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. 可優先考慮其他用地，例如棕色地帶、軍事場所和私人開發商擁有的土地儲備。而 不是先考慮缺少的體育設施用地。

Q.3 Whether charging nil or nominal land premium for the use of these sites should continue (Refer to pages 19- 25) 契約用地應否繼續免收地價或收取象徵式地價 (請參閱第 19-25 頁)

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. 白沙灣遊艇會會員已經支付數百萬元費用支付設備、基礎設施和資源，開發和促進 香港航海運動。

- A nominal fee only is appropriate. 只收取象徵性費用比較合適。

- 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 specified by the Government. 如果引入高地價政策，許多遊艇會都會認為過高，從而影響他們為香港體育發展做出貢獻的能力。即使

土地徵費相對較低，也意味著體育會所在政府指定的大部分共同目標上花費較少。

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) 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 (請參閱第 25-30 頁)

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. 人為約束私人遊樂場契約，以白沙灣遊艇會為例，會限制他們向公眾提供設施的能力。建議允許進行契約修改，以進一步開放及提供足夠的設施加強對社會的貢獻。

Q.5 What types of facilities should be allowed on these sites (including ancillary facilities) (Refer to pages 30-31) 契約土地上應該容許哪些設施(包括附屬設施) (請參閱第 30-31 頁)

A.5 - Expanded shower and toilet facilities are required. 需要擴展淋浴和衛生間設施。

- 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. 教室、會議室、行政辦公室、有蓋戶外區域、儲存訓練和安全船隻的船架，及設備齊全的工作坊等都是白沙灣遊艇會緊急需要的設施。

Q.6 How to enhance the monitoring on the governance and transparency of the lessees (Refer to pages 31-33) 如何加強契約用地承租人的企業管治和透明度 (請參閱第 31-33 頁)

A.6 - Quarterly returns highlighting non-members' participations. 季度匯報突出非成員的參與。

Q.7 Whether and how to assess applications for new sites for sports and recreational use (Refer to pages 33-34) 應否及如何審批新的康體用地申請 (請參閱第 33-34 頁)

- Annual inspections 年度檢查

Thanks and regards,
Eddy Lo



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PRL Public Consultation

Cc:

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

27/08/2018 15:01

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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,
Hong Kong

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing as an active member of the Hong Kong Country Club to voice my opinion in this public consultation and to inform you of the contribution the HKCC has made to the development of sports in Hong Kong and to the community at large.

The HKCC 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. For several years the HKCC has 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 sports development in Hong Kong.

The HKCC has welcomed charities and local schools, offering free use of the clubs facilities for sports, games, team building exercise as well as free meals and free tennis coaching. Since 2015, 2,800 people have visited the HKCC and 2,300 meals have been served free of charge, over 3,800 hours of free tennis coaching has also been provided. The Junior Tennis Programs and Camps, the Asian International Schools Championships, the Hong Kong National Junior Tennis Championships and the thousands of hours the facilities have been made available to the public to further sports in Hong Kong. This benefits Hong Kong directly.

While I understand that the Home Affairs Bureau is under pressure by a portion of the public to change the conditions of Private Club leases I appreciate the difficult situation you face. I personally believe that the Clubs should remain and continue to serve Hong Kong and I agree to open our facilities further to the public.

The Hong Kong Country Club is prepared to pay an equitable rent, however it is concerned about what this rent will be as there are no indications as to how the government will value the land the HKCC currently occupies. As rents in Hong Kong are notoriously high any "fair" market evaluation would likely require the government to regulate so as to be a viable rent enabling the HKCC (as well as all other Private Clubs) to continue its operations to provide a good working environment for its staff, as well as good facilities for its members and the public to enjoy.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinion in this public consultation.

Sincerely,
Marcus Schmitt
Active Member of the Hong Kong Country Club

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**Private Recreational Land Public consultation**

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

27/08/2018 15:26

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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

Email: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing in my capacity as a Member of the Hong Kong Country Club. While a portion of the public is pushing for the Home Affairs Bureau to change the conditions of the Private Clubs' lease, we have to keep in mind that if Hong Kong wants to attract high level professionals, private sports and social clubs are part of what makes our city special and more attractive than its counterparts on the mainland. These Private Clubs offer the quality of life these professionals have come to expect.

I would also like to point out that The Hong Kong Country Club and its membership play a significant and positive part in supporting the local community and have a strong ongoing commitment to Hong Kong's sports development which benefits Hong Kong directly. The Club has welcomed charities and local schools, offering free use of the clubs facilities for sports, games and team building exercise. Since 2015, 2,800 people have visited the Hong Kong Country Club and 2,300 meals have been served free of charge. Over 3,800 hours of free tennis coaching have been provided and the Club has hosted The Junior Tennis Programs and Camps, the Asian International Schools Championships and the Hong Kong National Junior Tennis Championships to name a few.

I personally believe that the Clubs should remain and continue to serve Hong Kong as they do. And whilst the Hong Kong Country Club is prepared to pay an equitable rent, it is concerned about what this rent will be as there are no indications as to how the government will value the land the Club currently occupies. As rents in Hong Kong are notoriously high any fair market evaluation would require government to regulate so as to be a viable rent in order to allow the Hong Kong Country Club to continue its operations to provide a good working environment for its staff, as well as good facilities for its members and the public to enjoy.

Mr. Roland Schmitt
Member of the Hong Kong Country Club



27 August 2018

Private Recreational Lease and Land Matters Section
Home Affairs Bureau (Recreation and Sport Branch)
13/F, West Wing, Government Offices
2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar
Hong Kong

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: The Hong Kong Country Club – PRL Public Consultation

I write to express my views on the above matter. For your information, I have been a member of the Hong Kong Country Club since 1992.

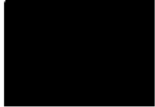
I am extremely concerned about two issues, namely:

- 1) **Land Premium Assessment:** As I understand, the Lands Department has not indicated what level of premium they intend to assess on renewal of the lease. They have also not indicated the basis for calculation. I am very concerned on two fronts:
 - a. As a recreational facility that is open to Outside Bodies and Sports Associations, and is likely to be required to extend these opening-up hours, it strikes me as unfair and unjustified that the Club should pay more than its current nominal rent after lease renewal. The additional expenses of administrative time, security, maintenance and cleaning, damage repair, and capital expenditure caused by this additional outside use is already an ongoing burden of the Club. Therefore, I do not understand why increasing the nominal rent can be justified.
 - b. Notwithstanding this, if the Government insists on levying additional rent by way of land premium, it is in the interest of fairness that this calculation be based on terms that are reasonable and transparent, and that take into account the current site usage restrictions and the continued peaceful enjoyment (and attendant maintenance, repair and upkeep expenses) of the recreational facilities and club infrastructure.
- 2) **Further Access Given to Eligible Outside Bodies:** I understand that our General Committee has been fully cooperative with HAB requests to open up the Club's recreational facilities to eligible outside bodies. But I also understand that the HAB is proposing a further 30% opening-up time following lease renewal. If that is the case, who shall bear the costs of what could be very substantial "wear and tear" on our facilities? For example, visitors not wearing or using appropriate footwear, or damaging equipment due to unfamiliarity of use, can over time accumulate substantial repair and restoring expense. Any setting of land premium should take

into account these expenditures, as well as the fact that our paying membership will have additional limitations of the use of these facilities.

I know the Hong Kong Country Club wishes to continue its excellent relationship with Government, and support local sports development and good public health. However, I hope very much you will take into account the concerns expressed herein.

Yours sincerely,

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Carl Lu

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PRL - PUBLIC CONSULTATION - Hong Kong COUNTRY CLUB

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By email to:

**Messrs. 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 writing to you in my capacity as member of Hong Kong Country Club in relation to HAB's proposals on Land Premiums and Further opening-up to Outside Bodies.

LAND PREMIUM

While I have no objection in principle to the application of L.P., I am seriously concerned on how the full market value of the Club's site, and the ensuing land premium, may be determined, since there is no indication on the Lands Department's side in this respect.

OPENING-UP TO ELIGIBLE OUTSIDE BODIES

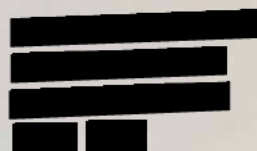
In line with the Club's position and past record, I am in favour of furthering our partnership with the community. However, this issue is closely connected with the Land Premium matter as current Club membership will be negatively affected in case of unsustainable future land premiums.

Yours sincerely,

(Mr.) Paolo Sepulcri

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Aug 27 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

Email: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: Public consultation on the Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases

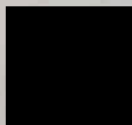
I'm writing to you to voice out that The Hong Kong Country Club's Private Recreational Leases to remain as it is today.

One important fact that supports this is that the Club has been fulfilling its lease requirements and more. It is important to keep the Club's operational for the sake of schools and NGOs who have been using the facilities, tennis scholarship recipients, summer camp attendees, suppliers, its employees and community. From my knowledge, the club has provided a safe and wonderful environment for schools and their students for many activities such as tennis training and scholarships, summer and Christmas Camps while also hosting international and local tournaments. In addition, it also opened up over 5,000 hours of sports and club facilities to outside bodies such as Mother's Choice, St. Mary's home for the Aged, etc, and provided thousands of free meals to the needy.

Also, regarding the Land Premium being proposed to be 1/3 of full market value, as long as the "full market value" is calculated based on the Club's site usage restrictions and is reasonable, it could be acceptable. But as far as I know, there is no indication from the Lands Department as to how it proposes to determine the full market value of this site. Therefore, it would be fair to request that the way the value of the site is evaluated is transparent and clear to all stakeholders for enquiry before a decision is made.

Hope that the consultation would end with a fair and just scenario for a club for it to continue operation and benefit all its users, including those that rely on it for sponsorship and support.

Sincerely yours,



Wai Ho Derric Thomas AU

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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 a current member of the HK Country Club. Visiting the club with my parents (bowling/swimming/dining) was a regular family activity during my teenage years in the 1970s.

Currently, my wife and I are still regular users of the club and very proud of our memberships there. To both of us, this is a place where we had and will continue to make friends with other members who come from different parts of the world (a great mix of global cultural influences).

I do not intend to repeat all the detail facts of HKCC's contribution to sports activities/developments and to the community, but I am very proud that the staff and our general ~~community~~ committee of the club had done such a great job organizing and hosting such fruitful activities in the past and in the future years.

I hereby pledge that HKSAR government will continue to support the HK country club and its members, so that HKCC can provide a non-interrupted, cost effective, service to the members and the various charitable/social organizations.

Yours sincerely,


(Christopher Yip)



2, 2018

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Private Recreational Lease Consultation - Comment

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

27/08/2018 16:26

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Dear Sir

In response to the Policy Review consultation document of March 2018 I would comment as follows:

1. These clubs, societies etc contribute significantly to the community in ways which are not easily quantified. In general Govt. should continue to offer leases to these bodies. They help maintain diversity in a crowded urban environment.
2. I do not agree that the clubs should pay a land premium linked to full market value. Most are non-profit making and this may well be enshrined in the lease conditions. Any requirement to raise money over and above operating costs will likely result in other objectives, such as making facilities available to non-members, being diminished. Government fees and charges should be kept to a minimum.
3. Many of these bodies occupy relatively small areas, and a number are remote. For some, the only land use possible would appear to be exactly that which is currently being practised. The 'Better utilization' would not be achieved simply by converting the land to housing.
4. Many clubs could be enhanced with some Government assistance. Government should work with the clubs to achieve better outcomes for the clubs and non-members.
5. Some clubs appear to have ridiculously high membership fees, and/or expensive transferable debentures which may be held by an individual or corporate entity. Consequently membership becomes stagnant and use of facilities distorted. This should be greatly discouraged.

Yours faithfully
Geoffrey S. Harris

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Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs) & Task Force on Land Supply

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27/08/2018 16:26

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Home Affairs Bureau (Recreation and Sport Branch)

Email: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

The Secretariat, Task Force on Land Supply

Email: tfls@devb.gov.hk

Dear Sir / Madam

RE: Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs) & Task Force on Land Supply

Private Sports Clubs continue to play a vital role in sporting development, health and education in Hong Kong. I am very concerned should there be any major policy changes that could seriously alter the scene.

My views on the above two consultation papers are:

"Land Premium": there should be only a pepper corn premium, as the government should encourage sports clubs and participation.

"Further open up": I do agree with the selective opening up of Club facilities to eligible outside bodies and partnering with National Sports Association to provide facilities to host domestic and international competitions and local training programmes. I also believe that the private clubs and National Sports Associations should collaborate to best manage the grounds and support national squads.

"Task Force on Land Supply": I am totally against the use of PRL land for housing as proposed in the 'Task Force on Land Supply' public consult. This would damage Hong Kong and its population for generations to come.

Thank you for considering my responses.

Yours sincerely,

Rupert Purser

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Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs)

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27/08/2018 16:35

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Home Affairs Bureau (Recreation and Sport Branch),
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2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar,
Hong Kong

Email: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

Dear Sir / Madam

RE: Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs)

Private Sports Clubs have been playing a vital role in sports development of Hong Kong, I am very concerned if there will be major policy changes that can seriously alter the scene. (Amend this sentences to your own wordings.)

My views on PRLs consultation paper are:

"Land Premium": (insert your views on the plans to impose a land premium equivalent to one-third of market value)

"Further open up": (insert your view on further open up of Club facilities to eligible outside bodies and partner to National Sports Association to provide facilities to host domestic and international competitions and local training programme.)

Others: (insert any other views you would like to provide to the Government.)

Thank you for considering my responses.

Yours sincerely,

(Your Name)

[Redacted Signature]

No name provided

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ST STEPHEN'S COLLEGE

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

27th August, 2018

Dear Sir / Madam,

Use of Hong Kong Country Club (St Stephen's College)

We would like to show our appreciation to The Hong Kong Country Club for their tremendous support to our School Physical Development. Since January 2018, our school students visited the club and made use of their facilities. More than 200 students had used their bowling centre, tennis courts and basketball court in these few months and accumulating more than 20 sessions.

Our students can surely benefit from using the those facilities which we don't have, like Bowling centre, therefore, we would like to continue our sports program with them in the coming future.

Thank you for your attention.

Best Regards,

Mr Marco Ma
Head of Physical Education
St Stephen's College



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Public Consultations on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

27/08/2018 16:43

History:

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Dear Sir / Madam

I joined the Hong Kong Football Club (HKFC) in 1995, at the time the current Clubhouse and facilities were being built. At the time I was a newly qualified accountant, having graduated and completed my training in Australia and New Zealand.

I was looking for a Club to continue playing squash, a sport I picked up whilst at university, and came upon the HKFC. The joining fee for HKFC at the time was HK\$20,000 – barely affordable for an accountant at the start of his career. Over the years, the joining fee remains around this level (I believe HK\$25,000 currently), for a sports membership.

I believe it is important that the Government as a whole and the HAB in particular continue to promote sports in Hong Kong. Sports is important to ensure we have a healthy and vibrant population – it makes Hong Kong a multi-dimensional society, instead of one solely focused on making money! The Government should guard against the current sentiment to reduce everything to the lowest common denominator- it would be sad and unthinkable if Hong Kong was reduced to only having residential flats and commercial buildings.

The Government should be careful not to give in to the small and uninformed section of the public who are simply baying for blood.

Over the 23 years that I have been with the Club, the HKFC has admitted a wide range of the public as members – mainly based on their love for a sport – squash, rugby, soccer, hockey, netball and lawn bowls. I had served briefly as Squash Vice-Captain and helped interview and selected members for admission. I am proud to say, over the years, we have admitted many local youths – mostly from normal middle class background.

Clubs like HKFC (including KCC, HKCC, LRC, Valley etc) have promoted various sports in Hong Kong over the years. We each share, albeit small, but nonetheless an important part of the success we see today in HK sports. Just yesterday, Leo Au and Max Lee won gold and silver for squash at the Jakarta Asian Games. The fact that we have a strong domestic league competition has certainly help to produce a continuous pool of local young talent to challenge in the world arena.

I would urge Government NOT to impose any additional charges or premiums on HKFC or other Clubs holding PRLs. The Clubs are non-profit making and any charges will simply be counter-productive. It would mean the current model for the running the Clubs would be no longer viable. We would have to drastically increase our subscription fees therefore impacting affordability. It would mean only the very

rich being able to afford membership, instead of those with a genuine passion to play their chosen sport. Inevitably, such a policy would reduce Hong Kong's already meagre supply of quality facilities for sports and recreation.

Faithfully yours

Ng Kien Hoon

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Private Recreational Lease and Land Matters Section , HAB(Recreation and Sport Branch)

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

27/08/2018 16:53

History:

This message has been replied to.

I refer to the 6-month public consultation period regarding HAB's proposed to impose a land premium equivalent to 1/3 of full market value upon lease renewal.

As a member of the HK Country Club, which is likely to be affected if HAB implements its proposal, I have the following comments:

1. The HK Country Club was established in the early 1960s. It was in the "countryside" and "far away" from town. There was little interest in becoming a member from "Town dwellers".
2. Together with other similar private clubs, these institutions followed an international trend of rapidly developing modern cities.
3. These private clubs give an "international" flavour and status to our city.
4. We hope any changes in land premium policy will not kill this status.
5. Whilst it is reasonable to consider raising the Land Premium for the PRL sites, how the full market value of the sites are determined must be transparent, fair, reasonable and calculated based on the site usage restrictions.
6. Opening up to Eligible Outside Bodies and Sport Associations for sports development on a limited scale is acceptable.
7. The proposal for increased land premium and "opening up" must not cause the Club to be unsustainable, to reduce its standards of service and facilities, and must not drive members out.

Yours sincerely,

John C Y Leong

[REDACTED]

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RE: Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs) & Task Force on Land Supply

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

27/08/2018 17:01

Cc: tfls@devb.gov.hk

History: This message has been replied to.

Dear Sir or Madam

RE: Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs) & Task Force on Land Supply

Private Sports Clubs continue to play an integral role in sporting development in Hong Kong as well as promoting healthier lifestyles through participation of sport. I am very concerned should there be any major policy changes that could seriously alter the scene.

My views on the above two consultation papers are:

"Land Premium": I fear the proposal to significantly increase the amount land premium charged will catastrophically impact the membership of the HKCC by pricing out its members and external bodies. The result of such a policy will unquestionably damage the participation of sports, as well as the health and fitness activities that are facilitated by and offered through the club and its staff. Falling revenue would also significantly impair the club's ability to improve sporting facilities

"Further open up": The HKCC has a proud history of making its world class facilities 'available to all.' It is worthy of note that **over 50%** of the competitive sports played at HKCC are by **non** -members. In addition a number of charities rely on the HKCC for access to sporting facilities and space such as the Boy Scouts and Po Leung Kuk and Tung Was Group schools. In fact only last year 2500 hours of usage was made up from outside bodies. HKCC has a long association with many NSA's with Hong Kong Cricket naturally welcoming the use of the grass cricket pitch and additional training facilities. HKCC extend beyond the cricket world however and, in establishing close ties with numerous sporting associations in Hong Kong, have offered its venue and facilities for the betterment of sport i.e HK Lawn Bowls, HK Squash, HK Netball, HK Table Tennis and HK Tennis. Not intent on resting on their laurels the club supports the proposal to further open up its facilities (to 30% of total capacity) and open 240 hours/month of sports programs to the general public.

"Task Force on Land Supply": I firmly object the use of PRL for housing

The sporting opportunities made available to so many people at HKCC across a wide age range and socio-economic backgrounds is something I feel the club should be proud of - providing a pathway to healthier living that is so important in today's fast paced world. Removing such wonderful opportunities would be fundamentally wrong.

Thank you for considering my responses.

Yours faithfully

Leigh Jones



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HK Cricket Club

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

27/08/2018 17:04

History:

This message has been replied to.

Committee Members,

I am not an HKCC member, but captain a Shek-O cricket team that has been invited annually to play at the Club for the last 19 years.

Our team, typically, comprises 2 (female) Chinese players, an Indian, 2 Pakistanis, a Macau resident, an American and various Englishmen and Australians. All of us are long-term HK residents.

I wish to assure you that, in my opinion, the Club's outreach to the community (non-members) is both consistent and welcoming.

David Price

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

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 keeping and sustaining the Hong Kong Country Club indefinitely.

Since the founding of the club in 1962, Hong Kong Country Club has established itself to be an institution which provides a platform (one of the few in Hong Kong) where residents, expatriates and their families of all nationalities and races meet socially, to relax and for recreation.

For many years now the Hong Kong Country Club has contributed to the sports development of the city as well as supporting the community by making available sporting and non-sporting facilities to local schools, social and charitable organisations; in addition to fund raising activities to benefit no less than 7 charities.

Since 2001 Hong Kong Government has been promoting Brand Hong Kong "Asia's World City". The Brand Hong Kong concept is to create a reputation of Hong Kong as a top international city; and, as a place where "creativity, entrepreneurship, global connectivity, security and rich diversity".

A **World City** is a city that is a major centre for finance, trade, business, politics, culture, science information gathering and mass media. It is one that serves the whole world and can be considered an important multinational city. Venues and facilities for social, cultural and recreation are essential for a World City in addition to adequate housing for all.

Hong Kong's economy thrived in the past 50 years because of the presence of a large pool of investments and expatriate professionals and entrepreneurs from many countries around the world. It has become a leading financial and commerce center with diversity others admire.

I urge everyone to remember Brand Hong Kong and what it stands for; and, to maintain what has made Hong Kong successful; and, not to destroy or minimise an institution like Hong Kong Country Club which has played and continue to play an important role in the process.

Yours Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

26 August 2018

[Redacted]

August 22, 2018

By Email: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

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

RE: PRIVATE RECREATIONAL LEASE

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am a member of Hong Kong Country Club and write in regards to the public consultation on private recreational leases.

I am concerned that future land premiums will be unsustainable for the Club, and hope that, upon lease renewal, this premium will be fair and reasonable. I strongly urge Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) to calculate any premium based on site usage restriction so that there will not be any unacceptable financial impact on the Club's viability and self-sufficiency.

I support the use of the Club's sports facilities by outside bodies in the community, and am happy to learn that the Club has always fully complied with its lease obligations. Increased usage and other proposals by HAB can only be achieved if members of the Club are not driven out by unsustainable land premiums.

The future sustainability of the Club is in your hands and I hope you will give strong consideration to the views of Club members and stakeholders like me. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Ting

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**Oppose Land Premium**

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

27/08/2018 20:08

History:

This message has been replied to.

I oppose land premium for Hong Kong Cricket Club.

Regards,
Cynthia Shek

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**Oppose land premium**

[REDACTED]

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

27/08/2018 20:45

History:

This message has been replied to.

I'm member of HK Cricket Club and I object to imposing land premium

Thank you
Sarah Shek

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Public Consultation on the policy Review of Private Recreational Lease

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

27/08/2018 22:27

History:

This message has been replied to.

Private Recreational Lease and Land Matters Section,
Home Affairs Bureau
(Recreation and Sport Branch)

Dear Sirs,

I would appreciate it very much, if you consider our thoughts into when you review of Private Recreational Leases of HKCC.

I have been a member of the club over 40 years. My family (wife and 3 sons) all have used the sports facilities, Tennis courts and swimming pool, which ESF School did not have at that time.

Both, my wife and I arrived in HK in 1964 and 1965 respectively and we established family in 1969.

Therefore, HK is our HOME.

When I retired in 2001 and we had to decide where we spend our retired life and we decided to stay in HK.

Being a HKCC member and being able to use the facilities was a major desition making factor to choose HK as our life time home.

We have been enjoying retirement since 2001.

Sports and leisure facilities at the club contribute a lot to our every day life and in future we even need more to maintain our healthy life.

Should the club life to cease to continue after current lease expires, it would make dramatic negative effects to our life.

Therefore, I am writing to you here for your kind consideration on reviewing the pro.matters on HKCC.

Yours faithfully,

David Wilson, [REDACTED]

Hiroko Morishita Wilson, [REDACTED]

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Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs) & Task Force on Land Supply

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

27/08/2018 23:38

History: This message has been replied to.

Home Affairs Bureau (Recreation and Sport Branch)

Email: The Secretariat, Task Force on Land Supply

Dear Sir / Madam

RE: Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs) & Task Force on Land Supply

Private Sports Clubs continue to play a vital role in sporting development in Hong Kong. Any major policy changes could seriously upset the current system which works well to cater for sporting facility needs of the general public.

My views on the above two consultation papers are:

1/

Land Premium - the plans to impose a land premium equivalent to one-third of full market value will simply increase the cost pressure on private clubs and push them to pass through the burden to existing and prospective members. Whether that comes in a form of one off payment or hefty membership dues, there will be an undesirable outcome of making those clubs more exclusive to the privileged few who can afford and depriving more people from enjoying sporting facilities.

2/

Opening up of Club Facilities - I support the proposal to further opening up of Club facilities to eligible outside bodies and partnering with National Sports Association to provide facilities to host domestic and international competitions and local training programmes. The broadening of sporting members with high standard and active participation in the related fields should be encouraged.

3/

Any planned changes with regards to 1/ and 2/ above should take into account the current utilisation of club facilities by the general public rather than an indiscriminate application of uniform rules and requirements to all clubs. Priority for lease renewal and lower land premium, if any, should be given to clubs already offering considerable time slots for public uses currently.

4/

Task Force on Land Supply - increased reclamation and redeveloping container terminal areas should be considered as being more effective land supply increase measures without creating unnecessary disruption to the current model on providing sporting facilities to public.

Thank you for considering my responses.

Yours sincerely,

Henry Yue-hung Chan

[REDACTED]

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

August 23, 2018

Email: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: Public consultation on the Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases

As a veteran member of the Club, I have always a strong feeling that our Club should make its sports facilities available to outside bodies to an increasing extent and to continue to be a valuable and integral resource to serve the local community and the sports development of Hong Kong. In this respect, I wish to point out of our concern of HAB's proposal to impose a land premium equivalent to one-third of the full market value upon lease renewal. I hope whatever the land premium would be, we don't anticipate that it will result in having an unacceptable financial impact on the viability and self-sufficiency of the Club.

As Hong Kong carries a fame of Asia's World City, Hong Kong should possess a prime and well-organized social and sports club to cater to foreigners and expatriates who choose to work and reside in Hong Kong. Hong Kong Country Club would help Hong Kong to retain and sustain this CULTURE aspect.

Yours sincerely,


Yeung Ching Bing

(Membership no )

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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20 August 2018

Private Recreational Lease and Land Matters Section
Home Affairs Bureau (Recreation and Sport Branch)
13/FI, West Wing, Central Government Offices,
2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar,
Hong Kong

Dear Sir,

Re: Consultation on Use of the Hong Kong Country Club

As a long-standing member of the Hong Kong Country Club, I would like to raise my concerns over two issues.

Uncertain Land Premium

The premium is an area which is of the purview of the government. To this point I am in complete support and not in dispute. However, what is of grave concern is the reasonableness of the premium being issued. I would strongly recommend that the issue be dealt with in open chambers and the concerned stakeholders be present (at least a majority and/or their representatives and/or proxies). The HKSAR has always been open and transparent in affairs where stakeholders like myself come into play. A blanket issuance is not in the best interests of any Club or the community at large because there is no one size fits all. Each club premium should be consulted with the specific governing body and members of the club so that Hong Kong maintains its policy of fair and balanced in all respects.

We duly trust that the Bureau will take each case on its merits and determine in an open and fair manner that premium which could be levied.

Opening up of Premises

The HK Country Club, from all the minutes and records that I have had privy to has complied with the lease obligations as issued and determined by the government. As such the Club has always been in support of initiatives to improve relationships with different members and groups in the society to benefit all parties. However, as related to the first point, if the premiums are set arbitrarily or if there is a one size fits all policy with all clubs in Hong Kong, the sustainability of *quality* facilities and *increase in quantity* of access will undoubtedly be severely affected. Members would drop out by the way side and this could significantly impact the safety and would significantly impact the maintenance of the facilities.

Based on these 2 issues, we implore the Bureau to take into consideration the Club's excellent standing with the community at large and our willingness and eagerness to maintain an amicable relationship with all stakeholders and public.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Wong Cheong Fat, Paul (Dr.)

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Hong Kong Football Club

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

28/08/2018 08:23

History:

This message has been replied to.

To whom it may concern,

I want to express my opinion on how important the Hong Kong Football Club is to the communities of Hong Kong.

I have been volunteering at the Football Club for 2 years now as a junior football coach. I am a level three qualified coach and volunteer Saturday mornings and for a coaching session midweek.

I have been very impressed by how inclusive the junior football programme is to the wider community. I believe the cost to participate in junior football is one of the cheapest if not the cheapest in Hong Kong. The attendance of the kids at the football sessions come from wide diverse backgrounds and is very much a community based programme.

I have been very impressed with the organisation of the club to cater for so many children and the quality of the coaching is very high (compared to many Clubs in Britain). The Football Club relies on volunteers who are very welcoming and give up a huge amount of time to support sports programmes and also volunteer to put on major events such as the Soccer Sevens which attract some of the best Football teams in the World.

It is my opinion that the loss of the Hong Kong Football Club in its current form would be a huge loss to the Hong Kong sports community. Its facilities are continuously played upon by other Clubs and teams.

I think what summed up the quality of the Football Club to me was learning about the Football Coaching programme that is put on for very deprived kids / orphans. They are coached and given kits and resources for free. They play every Saturday morning and it is great to watch how much fun they are having.

It is my strong view that the resumption of PRL sites should NOT be an option for building houses on and I request that this unique Sports Club which offers so much to Hong Kong is protected.

Best Regards

Tom Chignell



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Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs)

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

28/08/2018 09:20

History:

This message has been replied to.

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

August 28, 2018

Email: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

Dear Sir / Madam

RE: Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs)

Private Sports Clubs have been playing a vital role in sports development of Hong Kong and they need to do so in the future. I am very concerned if there will be major policy changes that affect it adversely. Sports are good for our health. Better health will have less burden on our hospitals and lower medical costs to our government. The more people involve in sport, the more social stability and harmony.

My views on PRLs consultation paper are:

"Land Premium":

To impose a land premium equivalent to one-third of market value is too high. I suggest 5 to 10% premium. We need them to serve their purpose.

"Further open up to the public":

Definitely. I support it so eligible sport organizations can host different local and international competitions. Also, I suggest it so educational institutions, special needs institutions, charity, elderly and under privilege organizations can make good use of it.

Others:

There are big and small private sports clubs in terms of the size of the land. Small clubs are not going to provide a lot of land supply to solve the housing problems.

Please feel free to contact me if I can be of any assistance and thank you for considering my views.

Yours sincerely,

Alfred On Shing Yeung

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PRL Review- HAB and Task Force on Land Supply - Comments

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

28/08/2018 10:03

History: This message has been replied to.

For the attention of :

Home Affairs Bureau (Recreation and Sport Branch)

Email: pri_consultation@hab.gov.hk

The Secretariat, Task Force on Land Supply

Email: tfls@devb.gov.hk

Dear Sir / Madam

RE: Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs) & Task Force on Land Supply

Private Sports Clubs continue to play a vital role in Hong Kong sports development, offering of recreational opportunities, exercise and promotion of a healthy living and lifestyle through sport. The Hong Kong Cricket Club provides an excellent example of fulfilling its responsibilities under their PRL and to the spirit of its established cause and mission in delivering the opportunity for HK citizens to play cricket and other sports in an appropriate environment with facilities expected of such an institution as one of the oldest cricket clubs in world and the oldest cricket club in Asia. It is an active guardian of the game in Hong Kong and the region. I believe that major restricting policy changes towards Private Sports Clubs may seriously impact on the investment and development of cricket and other sports in Hong Kong. This will be a lose-lose situation for both Clubs and Hong Kong

My views on the above two consultation papers are:

"Land Premium": HKCC is a responsible lessee and reinvests significant revenue back into the establishment, development and maintenance of its sporting facilities. For the considered site area and extensive multiple uses of the grounds of the HKCC, it must be considered as one of the most effectively used and sustainable cricket grounds in the world, in that that it is quickly and efficiently adapted for use for by other sports such as Lawn Bowls, Lawn Tennis, Croquet, Sports days and general recreation as demand allows. This requires highly specialised skilled curators, along with particular maintenance and preparation processes, these all require considerable investment to ensure the ground remains in condition and available for play, so as to best serve its intended use. Only the club can do this task effectively.

The supporting and refreshment facilities are an essential part of any family and sporting club, they provide sustenance to members and their families who mostly have little or no recreational space and do spend a significant amount of their free time at the club participating in sport and exercise along with their children. Also revenue generated through these facilities go directly back into the primary causes of the club in hosting sporting opponents, guests, to sports development, coaching and participation in sport as well as maintaining the facilities.

An increase in land premium, would negatively impact the club in many ways, it would drive up the cost of playing sport and make participation more expensive and therefore more exclusive, defeating

the aim of attracting any talented child or young adult to play these specialised sports at as little cost as possible. Participation is subsidised through revenues generated by naturally associated facilities to sport, including the restaurants and refreshment facilities, also through other classes of memberships, who elect to pay more to effectively subsidise and offset the cost of sporting memberships, the development coaching and training programmes. High land premiums would also mean fewer jobs as staffing levels would need to reduce to pay for these additional premiums. A cost benefit analysis would surely look to command lower premiums where surplus funds generated by the club are better directed to good use in areas of sports, access to and development of talent, and as the club best knows how to invest such income into the future of the sports development, the money should stay with the club, this creates virtuous circle. Such processes can also be monitored to ensure that appropriate levels of investment are being made by the club into the right areas and this audited against targets as determined together with the respective clubs.

"Further open up": The HKCC has demonstrated through its own actions that it is open and serious about the development of our youth through living a healthy lifestyle through sport by creating a welcoming, great place to learn and play sport and not a cold soulless facility that is unwelcoming, uninspiring and driven on cost and maintenance reduction alone. It is surely also able and willing to further open up the facilities, particularly during mornings and of peak times to the young and eligible outside bodies and partnering with National Sports Association to provide facilities to host domestic and international competitions and local training programmes.

"Task Force on Land Supply": The Hong Kong Cricket Club is a vital part of Hong Kong Islands recreational land. It is a shining example of how a family and sporting club can be, it understands its obligations towards the sports it develops and its community, it is vital sporting infrastructure for Hong Kong for the game of cricket and other sports. It should not become another housing development.

Thank you for considering my responses.

Yours sincerely,
Gavin Erasmus.
Happy Valley

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Comments on public consultation on review of Private Recreational Leases

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

28/08/2018 11:44

History:

This message has been replied to.

Dear Sir or Madam,

I object the suggestion in your proposal 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. One must understand that the existence of private sports clubs serve the purpose of providing a place for its members and the general public of Hong Kong (subject to certain rules laid down by the respective clubs) to play sports and other recreation activities at a discount rate. The government needs to recognise the tremendous contributions these clubs have made in promoting sports in Hong Kong and to that point, in the eyes of the sporting world. Setting the premium at one-third of the market value premium is like treating these sports and recreation clubs as profit making entities. I would envisage what will follow from this policy is that these clubs will start running like a business organisation. They will begin charging users high court hire rates, even higher entrance fees etc to cover the high running costs which in a large proportion includes recouping the high premium paid to the government. The end result would be the opposite to the intention of the proposal, that is to promote of sporting facilities for the general public of Hong Kong.

Regards,
Jenkin Hui

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私人遊樂場地契約檢討公眾諮詢

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

28/08/2018 11:50

History:

This message has been replied to.

就有關上述事宜, 本人強烈反對收回作公眾用途. 由於政府之體育設施往往給有關人仕作訓練, 而大眾市民基本上難以預訂作娛樂. 故寧願付出金錢向私人會所入會以換回一絲娛樂. 故此對那些會員極為不公不平. 本人強烈反對收回作公眾用途.

余小姐上

16th August 2018

Director
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 / Madam,

Re: The Hong Kong Country Club

I am a Member of the Hong Kong Country Club (HKCC). With reference to the PRL Public Consultation in relation to HKCC, I wish to express my opinion to the stated matter and hoping that HKCC can be retained in the long run for the benefit of both Members and Public.

Meanwhile, I would like to raise my concerns to areas including:

1. Uncertain Land Premium

- It is noted that Home Affairs Bureau has proposed a land premium equivalent to one-third of the full market value upon lease renewal. However, the Lands Department shows no indication as to how it proposes to determine the full market value of PRL sites. It is important to ensure that the premium must be fair, reasonable and calculation should base on all angles including the Club's site usage restrictions.

2. Opening-Up to Eligible Outsider Bodies

- In regards to Home Affairs Bureau's proposal that sports facilities are to be opened-up by a further 30% upon lease renewal, it is worth noting that the Club has been complying such in the past years, and to foster increased partnerships, it should be achieved on the ground that Members are not driven out by unsustainable land premiums.

Your attention and consideration to the above is much appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

Ng Siu Fai
Member of the Hong Kong Country Club

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Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs)

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

28/08/2018 12:01

History:

This message has been replied to.

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 Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs)

Private Sports Clubs that promote sports, host competitions, provide training programs play an important role in sports development of Hong Kong.

My views on PRLs consultation paper are:

"Land Premium":

I am against increasing the Land Premium to one-third of market value. Currently, 66% of the Hong Kong Cricket Club members join as Sporting Members. Junior Sporting members between the age of 18 to 30 pay \$2000 as entrance deposits and there are Junior Sporting Scholarship that require no entrance fee. Increasing the Land Premium to one-third of market value would narrow the range of private sports clubs users to those who could only afford the increasing high membership fees, totally altering the core belief of promoting various sports in the community.

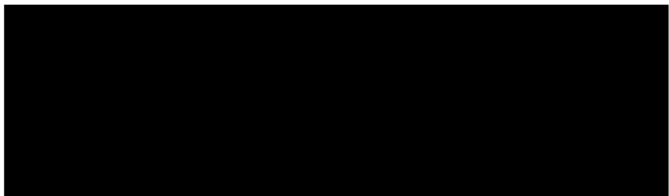
"Further open up":

I support further opening up of Club facilities to eligible outside bodies. I support partnering with National Sports Association to host domestic and international competitions to enhance sports developments in Hong Kong.

Thank you for considering my responses.

Yours truly,

Vivien Mak Yeung



Private Recreational Lease and Land Matters Section
Home Affairs Bureau (Recreation and Sport Branch)
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24 August 2018

By e-mail: pri_consultation@hab.gov.hk

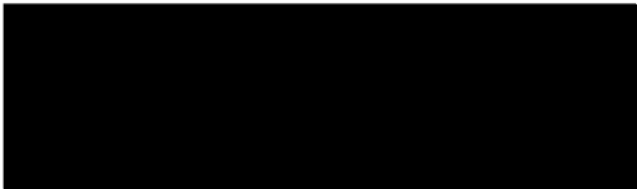
RE: Public Consultation on the Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases

Dear Madam/Sir,

I remember learning to swim more than thirty years ago as a six year old child with the swimming team at the Hong Kong Country Club ("HK Country Club"), proudly completing my first 1000m and then 2000m swims. Little did I know then that I would continue on a journey in swimming that would take me around the world to compete in South America, North America and Europe, having the honour to represent the Hong Kong team in major international competitions including the World University Games, the World Cup and the World Championships. After I retired from competitive swimming, I played water polo, also having the rare honour to represent Hong Kong in a second sport. I was not an exception - my coaches, the late Harry Wright, Jayne Wright and Michael Fasching also coached many other swimmers from beginner "learn-to swim" levels at the HK Country Club up to international swimming standards. It is thanks to these coaches and the HK Country Club that I, and many of us swimmers for the Hong Kong team started our swimming journeys. It is with this gratitude for what the HK Country Club has given me, that I write this submission to the Public Consultation around the Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases, with a specific regard to the HK Country Club.

The HK Country Club has a long history dating back to 1962 and the Club's contribution to sports in Hong Kong has continued over many years, both in swimming as well as in other sports such as tennis. The HK Country Club has benefited not just its members but many others in the community, ranging from the youth to disabled and senior sports people. Examples of this in recent years have included:

- Extending an invitation to over 800 schools to use the HK Country Club's facilities, with school usage totaling over 1200 hours in 2017.
- Participation in the LCSD's "Sport for All" days.
- Offering a junior tennis scholarship program supporting 26 young players aged 8-17 with over 3000 coaching hours.

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- Hosting tennis tournaments for students and the disabled, including the Wheelchair Tennis Exhibition Match in 2011, the Asian International Schools Championships in 2016 and the Hong Kong National Junior Tennis Championships (U18 categories) since 2016.
 - Plans to host the International Super Senior Tennis Open in November 2018, an International Tennis Federation (ITF) sanctioned tournament.

Beyond sports, the HK Country Club helps build our community in many ways, such as through welcoming members of NGOs such as Mother's Choice, with 24 visits per year for children as well as offering 1,300 free meals to those in need over the past three years. The HK Country Club has opened its door to 30 charities and NGOs.

It is worth mentioning that the HK Country Club is a significant – and in many cases a lifetime – employer for a loyal group of over 250 staff who depend on their work at the Club for their and their family livelihoods. Having lived in Shanghai for over 12 years, where private clubs are not as common, I noticed that private clubs in Hong Kong such as the HK Country Club can be a significant attraction for talented people from around the world. This will in turn be beneficial for the Hong Kong economy and help maintain Hong Kong as an attractive location for employment of international talent.

While I support the suggestions of the Policy Review on Private Recreational Leases that private clubs need to demonstrate support for community initiatives, and also agree that private leases need to have some reference to market values of land, I would suggest that to place excessive lease financial requirements on the HK Country Club and others like it will make it difficult or impossible to retain its current nature and would destroy unique venues.

If the lease for the HK Country Club were to be offered at “full market value”, what we could predict is that the highest market value usage would be development of premium luxury housing, such as the recent record-breaking acquisition of older buildings for redevelopment in Shouson Hill nearby. This would only benefit the developer and provide homes for a very small number of people.

What if the lease were ended and the land was instead used for public sports facilities, say a swimming pool? We do not in fact need more public swimming pools, Hong Kong is already one of the world's leading cities in the provision of public swimming pools. From my research, there are already more Olympic size 50m swimming pools here in Hong Kong than in the whole of England (which has 6 Olympic size pools). But we do need clubs like the HK Country Club which are committed to the promotion of sport, both social and competitive, young and old, bringing together facilities, coaches and participants.

To demand the “full market value” of a lease for the HK Country Club in an environment where land leases are unaffordable for all but the largest of developers would be to destroy a legacy that has taken decades to build up, to remove opportunities for many sports people and to put staff out of jobs.

[Redacted]

I wish to urge the Home Affairs Bureau to take a balanced viewpoint which ensures that private leases are reviewed carefully with regard to social benefit and set at reasonable terms, but that the Bureau neither tries to maximise lease income nor seek to penalize clubs.

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted]

Philip Soan

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Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs) & Task Force on Land Supply

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

28/08/2018 12:36

History:

This message has been replied to.

To: Home Affairs Bureau (Recreation and Sport Branch)
The Secretariat, Task Force on Land Supply

Dear Sir / Madam

RE: Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs) & Task Force on Land Supply

Private Sports Clubs in Hong Kong have always been very supportive of and play an important role in developing sports in Hong Kong. Any major policy changes are likely to bring about undesirable results.

My views on the above two consultation papers are:

"Land Premium":

Increasing the land premium means that these sports clubs will have to –

- Increase their membership fees, shifting their membership profiles to the wealthy individuals or large corporates who can afford the hefty membership fees;
- Increase their charges for the use of their facilities which will hinder the access to and use of such facilities by the general public;
- Cut back on their financial support to and investments in promoting sports in Hong Kong;

none of which will benefit Hong Kong.

"Further open up":

I am supportive of the consultation proposal to "further open up" Club's facilities on top of the current lease requirements for (a) 'Eligible Outside Bodies' (to open 30% of total capacity) and (b) sports organizations (to open 240 programme hours per month for individual members of the public).

"Task Force on Land Supply":

Hong Kong still has a lot of land which can be developed for housing. Tapping into PRL will have a minimal impact on providing more housing in Hong Kong while it will have a huge and negative impact on sports development in Hong Kong. The Government should dedicate its time and effort to look at how the super wealthy property developers are getting richer every day at the expense of the general public instead of targeting the private sports clubs in Hong Kong.

Thank you for considering my responses.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Joleta PANG

Cheers,

Joleta.

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反對收回私人遊樂會場地

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

28/08/2018 13:28

History:

This message has been replied to.

香港政府

本人是一名中產人士，是全港市民納粹最多的一群，但是政府對中產人士的關注是全港最小的。

本人的兒子，就讀國際學校，一般的醫療都是通過本人現職的公司及透過私人保險去做一個保障，強積金對我們這一群人幫助亦非常有限，我們亦有資格購買居屋，更不用談可以享有入住公屋的資格。

香港的康文署球場的使用率非常高，連預約一個羽毛球場都沒有可能，我們不是有錢人，亦不能負擔高爾夫球會的人會費，只是想有一個環境比較好一些，方便一些的健康活動場地，呢個要求亦不是太過分。香港政府只懂得幫助低下階層，本人沒有反對，亦覺得可以幫就應該去幫助一些有需要的人士。但是政府亦應該對我們這一群人，給付一些關注。

私人遊樂會是有向外公開的時間表，亦與公眾人士分享會內的設施，我們不是獨享，更不是有錢人，只是一群在辛勞半生後有一個地方可以容許我們施展筋骨的地方，這不是太過份吧。

我要求香港政府保持對私人遊樂會一貫的處理方法，不贊成收回土地，亦不贊成徵收更多的租金。中產人士亦需要香港政府的關注，需要一個公平的看待。

Regards
Pauline

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Comments on the PRL Policy Review

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

28/08/2018 14:06

Cc: [REDACTED]

History:

This message has been replied to.

To whom it may concern,

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)

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.

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

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 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.

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

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 specified by the 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)

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.

- The Hebe Haven Yacht Club is open to the general public for sail training and sailing activities and 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.

- The Hebe Haven Yacht Club has 200 Sailing Cadet Members aged between 7 and 18 years.

regards,

Iris

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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

HKCO ROAD AUG 27 18 19'58

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: Public consultation on the Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases

Dear Sir, Madam,
I am writing in my capacity of MEMBER of the HK Country Club to inform you about the important contribution the Club has made to the development of the community at large and Sports in particular. I am grateful to be able to voice my opinion in this public consultation process.

The Club has always for the past several years made its facilities available to outside bodies to help and support the development of Sport Activities in Hong Kong. Over 1000 schools have been invited to make use of the facilities and around 20 schools use the Club for TENNIS, BASKETBALL and Bowling facilities. This support is real and should keep on growing. The Club provide employment to more than 300 staff whose families are directly dependent on the Club. If a review of the PRL results in the closure of the Club, the social cost of such decision will be very important indeed. Hoping you will allow the HK Country Club to keep on operating.

Yours sincerely,

(MR. FABRICE POCH)

HKCG RQUD AUG 27 '18 19:50

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,

RE: Public consultation on the Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases

I'm writing as a Frequent Guest of the Club
Hong Kong Country Club.

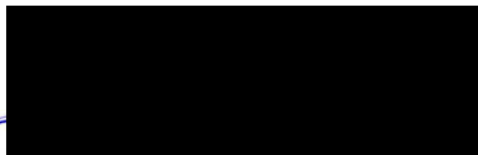
I'm very grateful that I am allowed to voice
my opinion on this matter.

The Club has been operating for more than fifty
years and is a very important part of the community
at large and while providing great support
to the development of sports in Hong Kong.

many students have been benefiting from the
facilities of the Club, it's very opened on the
outside. From BASKET BALL to TENNIS and
BOWLING, many Hong Kong local children have
a chance to practice in a safe and pleasant
environment at the Club. Additionally, the
Club emphasizes second 300 staff who's life
must be taken into consideration in the LEASE
RENEWAL PROCESS. The social cost of not
renewing the CLUB LEASE will be very significant and
should absolutely be taken into consideration in the
all process.

Yours sincerely,

KAREN CHAI



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Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs) & Task Force on Land Supply

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

28/08/2018 14:53

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Home Affairs Bureau (Recreation and Sport Branch)
Email: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

The Secretariat, Task Force on Land Supply
Email: tfls@devb.gov.hk

Dear Sir / Madam

RE: Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases (PRLs) & Task Force on Land Supply

Private Sports Clubs continue to play a vital role in sporting development in Hong Kong. They are absolutely critical to the continued progress and sustainability of many sports, particularly Cricket.

Does Government not realize Hong Kong Cricket is number 15 in the world, with over 100 countries playing, by far the highest team sport in ranking. Cricket is the number two team sport in the world, after Football

My views on the above two consultation papers are:

"Land Premium": The Land premium should be on same basis as sports facilities provided to the people by Government and the same basis as land given to sports in other countries, normally very low value as its providing facilities for the community

"Further open up": The clubs are already doing an enormous amount for the community and schools, but of course more can always be achieved.

"Task Force on Land Supply": Hong Kong has the largest amount of green space of any major city

- 1) Use all the space in the New Territories that is currently container storage or wasteland
- 2) Change the ridiculous small house policy.
- 3) More land reclamation is required, use the area around Lantau for major land reclamation

Instead of pandering to a small vocal minority Government should be supporting the clubs that have made the pursuit of sport as part of community development a major objective and without those clubs, we would not have the strong worldwide presence we currently

have in many sports

Our excellence in sports development, through the clubs, has given Hong Kong enormous exposure, Rugby Sevens, Cricket Sixes, Hong Kong Squash Open, Golf Open etc etc

Thank you for considering my responses.

Yours sincerely,

Rodney Miles.

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Hebe Haven Yacht Club

[Redacted]

to: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

28/08/2018 14:59

History:

This message has been replied to.

I am writing to express my support for renewal of land lease for the Club on the most favourable terms.

Few recreational clubs in HK are so true to their declared objectives, in the case of HHYC, it is the promotion of water sports and boating activities. In so many ways, HHYC has contributed in significant ways to the well beings of the community as a whole.

- it has over 1200 members and almost 50 pct of members are Sai Kung residents. The club is a significant part of Sai Kung community while at the same time serving boating enthusiasts from all over HK

- about 50 pct of members are local Chinese and the rest are of different nationalities. It has been a great venue for multi-racial interaction

- there are over 500 boats registered to the club. This is an extremely high ratio for boat ownership. Members and their families and friends are active participants of water sport

- it is an integral part of Hong Kong people's collective image of Sai Kung and has become an attraction for a lot of overseas visitors, both sailors and ordinary visitors

- the Club has been one of the two main organisers for sailing events in HK, both for dinghies and big boats, and has promoted HK as a major sailing location

- the Club has taken active role in providing sail training for children, including partnering with local schools, and has nurtured many local talents to represent HK in various international racing events

- serving the community is a big part of the Club's objectives. Its Sailability Programme has won recognition as the best programme in the region in promoting sailing as a sport for the physically challenged members of our community. Its 24 Hour Dinghy Race for charity has become a major event in the local sailing calendar, involving thousands of participants, volunteers, donors, charities and spectators

- the Club has always kept a pretty open door policy for people having interest in picking up water sport. Courses in its Training Centre are open to non-member public. Its annual Open Day always attracts large number of visitors from the public

- the Club is a leader in environment protection. It is one of the first social clubs in HK to get rid of use of disposable bottles and containers. It also has strict environmental policy and has held events to clean up local beaches for many years

As a social club, HHYC has set very high bar in terms of sport activities promotion, community contributions and involvements. I strongly recommend whoever is to decide on land lease renewal for the Club to pay the club a visit, on a normal weekday in summer, on a typical weekend, or on a racing day, or come to the Open Day or the 24 Hours Dinghy Race. I am very sure you will agree that the land lease renewal for the Club should be given the most favourable consideration.

Regards

Kelvin Woo

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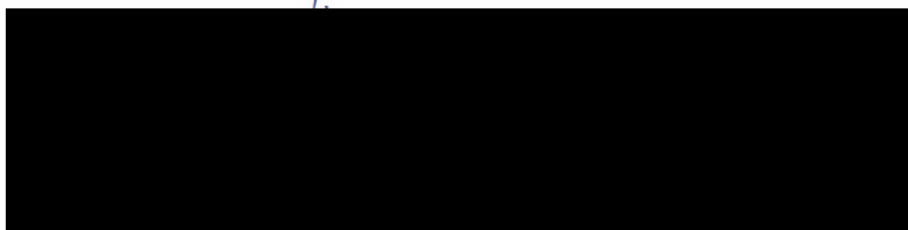
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民政事務局

RE: 私人遊樂場地契約政策檢討公眾諮詢

私人體育會用地有其歷史價值及達成體育「普及化」、「精英化」及「盛事化」的直接貢獻。然而私人體育會亦已回應政府要求，對外開放設施至一定數目及時限。同時能夠補充政府場地不足的情況，為市民及香港體育發展作出一大貢獻。因此作為一所非政府及非牟利的機構來說，徵收龐大的地價，將會令私人體育會負擔轉嫁於消費者身上，間接扼殺體育發展，對社會毫無益處。

本人劉永輝



我認為徵收地價一方面解決不了土地供應問題，另一方面對樓價也絲毫沒有幫助。其實只要政府一日繼續縱容外資炒賣房屋、忽視長遠規劃願景，炒風只會繼續吹。貪曾時代的政府不做不錯，官商勾結（地產尤甚），土地及房屋短缺均未能解決到位。市區重建項目大多用以興建貴價私樓甚至豪宅，根本無助解決基層房屋需求。即使提供更多的土地，若果政府不正視問題核心，依舊採用這種治標不治本的政策，以為庫房收到龐大的市值地價就可平息民憤，結果只是徒勞無功：「買屋冇你份、公屋冇排等」！

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16 August 2018

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

Dear Home Affairs Bureau,

Public Consultation on Policy Review of Private Recreational Leases

We are aware that the HAB is reviewing the Policy of Private Recreational Leases, hence, I am writing to provide you with more information about one of our long-term partners, The Clearwater Bay Golf and Country Club, to allow you to be better informed in the review process.

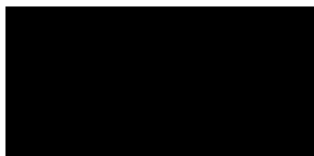
The Clearwater Bay Golf and Country Club has been supporting World Vision Hong Kong since 2002. They have also been the major event sponsor for our Spring Charity Barefoot Walk for Children since 2010, and Peace for Every Child Charity Walk since 2016. In both of these annual events, the Club supports the majority of the event costs, and opens up its venue for the participating general public to do their fund-raising walk.

Apart from these event sponsorships, the Club also demonstrated its care for the international community through past donations in disaster relief and hunger issues. Since 2002, their cash donation and event sponsorship to our charity sum up to over HKD 1.35 million, in addition to a substantial amount of extra staff and material input in the mentioned events.

I hope this letter has been useful in providing the HAB with additional information. Shall any clarification be required, please do not hesitate to contact our Resource

Development Manager, Ms Betty Tai, on 23993438.

Yours sincerely,



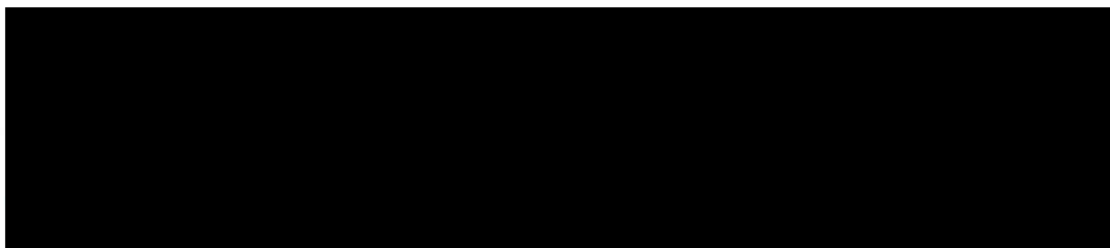
Kevin Chiu
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民政事務局

(主題：私人遊樂場地契約政策檢討公眾諮詢)

敬啟者，

本人認為私人體育會所對本港體育發展有重要的貢獻，應該繼續存在。本人不同意向私人體育會所徵收高昂的地價如市值地價的三份之一，以免影響它們的生存權利及妨礙體育發展。本人認為特區政府應繼續向私人體育會所徵收象徵式地價，以持續推動體育發展。

本人對民政事務局於 2018 年 3 月份就「私人遊樂場地契約政策檢討」的諮詢文件有其他意見：

本人贊成私人遊樂場地可在適合時段撥出部分設施如室內運動室、網球場等，為附近學校用作培訓或比賽之用，以支持本地運動發展，特別是一些新增項目，如花式跳繩、踢毽等等。

本人的姓名：



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15th August 2018

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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

本人對民政事務局公佈私人遊樂場地契約檢討結果感到「好失望」。

反對新建議要求私人體育會徵收三分一市值地價，檢討報告其實好影響相關私人體育會對推動體育普及化和精英化嘅發展。

香港土地和房屋發展應以中長期發展，所有土地發展皆對環境有影響，所以發展土地要顧及環保，但環保不能用來阻止土地發展，包括填海。在眾多選項裏，填海提供最多額外土地，政府不能因環保而放棄填海。

新加坡之前同香港一樣有土地問題，但它定期發展填海已舒緩土地問題，香港也好借鏡。

Mr. Lee



9-8-18

香港漆馬漆美道 2 號政府總部西翼 13 樓
民政事務局



私人遊樂場地契約政策檢討公眾諮詢

1. 我反對私人體育會要繳付地價，因為香港是一個國際大都會，吸引不同國家專才到香港工作。他們的消閒康樂活動，私人體育會所正好符合他們的需要。

如果體育會所要付出昂貴的市值地價，會所就不能繼續經營。那些專才就沒有消閒康樂的環境，他們可能會考慮離開香港這地放。

2. 本人是在私人體育會所工作，見證它的貢獻如政府收回土地會令很多人失業，會帶來很大的影響的。

曾潔芝

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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)

我讀書少，唔乜識嘅，但係呢個
私人會打工，又知你地要收貴地租，
人地話收，你地就收，香港大把地啦，
又大海邊，填海大把嘢做到；
做乜要搞我畀碗？你都跟
小平領導話頭：50年不變，乜都像
2047後先合理。到時我無眼屎
干淨，睇你唔到。
你家陣加貴租，擺明你搞到
我咁唔好數。

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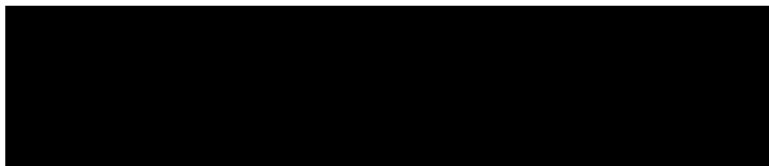
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就業，消閒康樂活動正好符合他們
的需要。

香港回歸時鄧小平曾經講過，50年
不變，更何況近排請緊東大嶼填海。
那裏已經有幾千公頃嘅地。

所以懇請政府高抬貴手。

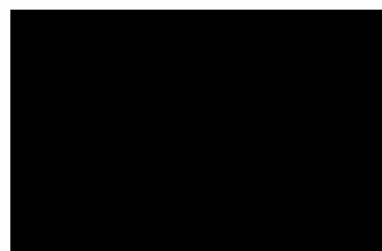
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我反对收十足地價三分一。

我在一间非牟利公司(会所)工作。如果如此收地租,此会所就没办法捱下去,影响各同事生计,大堆人失业。

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[REDACTED]

(BY REGISTERED POST)

24th August, 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.

Dear Sirs,

Re: Hong Kong Country Club

I understand that the Government is reviewing your policy of granting private sports club leases. As a long term member of the Club for more than 30 years, may I present the following for your consideration.

Firstly, all my family members make frequent use of the club facilities, and to us, the Club is like our second home. In Hong Kong, outside public sports facilities are limited, and by using the club facilities, we need not tight up the use of public facilities and thus the other Hong Kong citizens can have more opportunity for sports activities.

Furthermore, our Club is open-minded and always actively reviews the policy for opening up the Club's sport facilities to Eligible Outside Bodies and Sports Associations even though such facilities are financed only by club's own membership fees.

I understand that the Government's concern is due to the looming housing crisis. However, it should be noted that the Hong Kong Country Club is located at the isolated part of Hong Kong Island and the area is not suitable for use as a new housing estate due to public transportation inconvenience. This point merits serious consideration.

In view of the above, I hope that you would not rock the boat unnecessarily, and would favorably continue to grant private sports club lease to our Club.

Thank you in anticipation of your favourable consideration of the above.

With Best Wishes,

[REDACTED]
Sally Wong Leung,
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]





25 August, 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

Dear Sir or Madam:

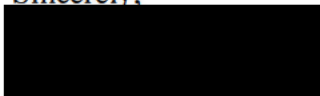
I am writing to support the renewal of the land lease to the Hong Kong Country Club, Deepwater Bay, Hong Kong. We hope that the terms of such a renewal will be fair to the club, and to the community which it supports for recreational and sport activities.

One of the important aspects of life in Hong Kong, for both local and expatriate residents, is Hong Kong's diversity, and the opportunities for varied cultural experiences. The HKCC provides an international membership for such exchanges, creating a harmonious place in which we all benefit. The club has had a long history, since the beginning enabling people from many parts of the world an opportunity to get to know each other. This is of personal benefit, but also benefits Hong Kong's reputation as place which is a welcoming and open society.

The activities of the club include many programs of outreach to the wider community. Many seniors and youth have taken part in these sport and social activities, enjoying the facilities and club hospitality.

We hope that you will look favorably upon the renewal of the land lease which will enable the HK Country Club to continue as it has in the past.

Sincerely,



Shin-Chak Chiu



Secretariat, Task Force on Land Supply
17/F, West Wing,
Central Government Offices,
2 Tim Mei Avenue,
Tamar, Hong Kong
(Re: 18 Land Supply Options)

Dear Sir / Madam,

I do not agree with the Task Force on Land Supply's proposal to release the sites currently retained by the private sports clubs for other purposes. I found the private sports clubs contributing greatly to the sports development in Hong Kong. Therefore, the sites currently retained by the private sports clubs should not be released for other purposes.

I have other comments on the "18 Land Supply Options" paper issued by the Task Force on Land Supply in April 2018:

PRIVATE CLUBS ARE ESSENTIAL IN ATTRACTING LOCAL & OVERSEAS
COMPANIES / FIRMS TO WORK IN HONG KONG. THESE COMPANIES / FIRMS
EMPLOY THOUSANDS OF WORKERS / CREATE EMPLOYMENT & ECONOMIC
OPPORTUNITIES FOR HONG KONG.

My Name: SANDRA LEE

Hong Kong ID Card No. :



(Optional)

Contact Telephone No. :



(Optional)



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:

Private clubs are a key element in making Hong Kong an attractive international city for locals and expatriates. Please do not implement policies that jeopardise the economic viability of these clubs.

My Name: PATRICK TSE

Hong Kong ID Card No. :



(Optional)

Contact Telephone No. :



(Optional)



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

14th August 2018

Dear Sirs,

I am writing with regard to the consultation being undertaken by the Home Affairs Bureau regarding Private Recreational Leases. I am supportive of the continued use of land granted to private clubs under Private Recreational Leases to promote sports in Hong Kong.

My reasons are as follows:

The greatest cities of the world quite often use world class facilities to attract tourism and Hong Kong is no different. Hong Kong would not be such an attractive city without these excellent historic facilities such as the Hong Kong Golf Club, the Hong Kong Country Club and other clubs held under Private Recreational Leases.

Particularly, the Hong Kong Golf Club ("The Club") is one of the most iconic golf facilities in the world of golf. The Club has hosted The Hong Kong Open for more than 50 years and is synonymous with international golf tournaments and the tournament is the oldest professional sporting event in Hong Kong. Most of the world's leading players, have played in The Open and they all speak so fondly of the venue. I strongly believe that the Club and tournament have greatly enhanced the reputation of Hong Kong, around the world with the tournament being broadcast to more than 400 million households.

Attracting a world class workforce has also been a key to the success of Hong Kong for many years with golf being an important pastime for many international businessmen. Traveling the world as I do, I am constantly reminded of the role golf plays in developing business relationships and taking away the Hong Kong Golf Club will have a detrimental impact on Hong Kong's economy.

As cities around the world expand it is important to maintain green spaces. The golf courses at The Club provide fantastic ecological benefits to fauna, flora and wildlife. The golf course has in excess of 30,000 trees including some that are more than 160 years old.



The Club also provides a valuable leisure facility for people of all ages. The Club is an important supporter and contributor to many local charity and community projects. I am aware that the Club raises over HK\$20 million each year for charity. At a time when young people are becoming less active, golf provides a valuable opportunity to be active as well as learn important social and life skills associated with a game that has the highest levels of honesty and integrity. Tiffany Chan, who has gone onto great success on the LPGA Tour plays golf at the Club.

I really hope the HKSAR Government will take a wider view of the important elements which had contributed to overall success of Hong Kong, and will consider the continuation of allowing private sports clubs, such as Hong Kong Golf Club, to operate on land under Private Recreational Leases.

Yours faithfully,



Robert Maxfield
Chief Executive

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)



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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: YEUNG HO IVAN

Hong Kong ID Card No. :

(Optional)

Contact Telephone No. :

(Optional)

日期: August. 01. 2018.

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香港添馬添美道2号政府總部西翼13樓.

(主題: 私人遊樂場地契約政策檢討公眾諮詢)

1) 本人堅決反對私人會所, 本人服侍私人會所逾
十年, 見證它們聚根紮香港, 逆定時向政
府繳納差餉及地租, 而能因土地短缺
問題, 而要它們繳付懲罰性的地價呢?

2) 我白認為徵收地價一方面解決不了土
地供應問題, 對樓價也絲毫沒有幫助
政府一旦繼續懲罰外資炒賣房屋, 無視是
屬房屋需求, 以為庫房收入大增, 就可
平息民憤, 結果只是徒勞無功.

3) 堅決反對收回私人體育會用地.

Benjamin's Leung



本人強烈反對徵收

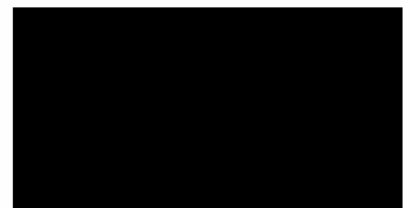
十足市值地價的三分之一。

香港政府經已有很多
很多錢。

反而推動香港的地方。

推廣運動還要好。

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24 August 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

Via Email: prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk

Dear Sir/Madam

Having spent the last twenty years in Hong Kong, I have seen first hand the role that private sports clubs, in particular the Hong Kong Country Club, played in contributing to sports development in the territory. While the concept of charging a partial land premium upon lease renewal, as proposed by your Bureau, is a reasonable concept, a major variable is the way in which the land premium is calculated given the existing site usage restrictions. I am therefore concerned that if sufficient consideration is not given to the benefits of having, and having had, such clubs in Hong Kong, the land valuation exercise might otherwise levy an unfair negative financial impact on the viability and self-sufficiency of the club.

The Hong Kong Country Club has had a history of compliance regarding its lease obligations, including in particular the opening up of its facilities to the public. It would therefore be detrimental to Hong Kong should this club, and its existing and potentially growing positive public impact, be affected by an unsustainable financial impact caused by unreasonably high land premiums.

Respectfully yours,

Homer Sun



我反对收市價地租。三分一都過份。

即係叫我間會面臨倒蔽。

香港大把海，填海乜都解決，不是更好嗎？

我仲要搵食，成家要養，我去邊好？

接左間會，二百幾人執包伙。

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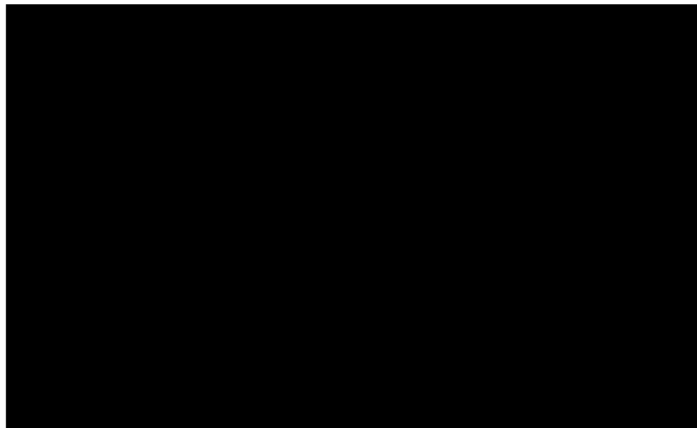
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民政事務局
(主題：私人遊樂場地契約政策檢討公眾諮詢)

我反對要屈私人體育會俾貴地價。

我正係私人會所返工。你咁加法，係直接打爆我飯碗，天價咁加，同樓價咁得個升字，錢去晒庫房，又唔係俾市民。貪曾時代的政府唔做嘢，官商勾結。你地政府應該係去反省可以點做得好 D，補救過去。

其他我無乜意見。

你依家一味加地價，對現在問題都唔相干，又無關係。



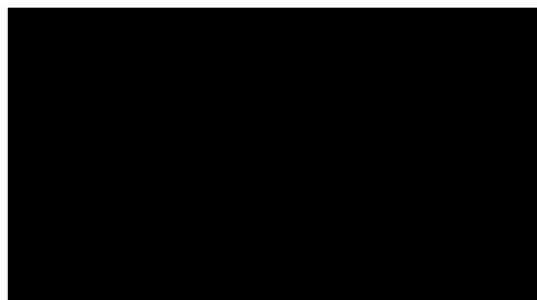
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我反對加地價。

我做工係會所，對香港體育發展及社會已經有很大貢獻。不應如此收地價。

如你^政府咁收法，我個會很難繼續營運。



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14 August 2018

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民政事務局

(主題:私人遊樂場地契約政策檢討公眾諮詢)

作為一個小市民,我當然支持私人體育會能夠開放給市民大眾參加各類康體活動。

本人認為向私人體育會徵收高昂的地價,此方案不但未能解決土地供應問題也對調整樓價沒有絲毫幫助。

其實只要政府一旦繼續容許外資炒賣房屋,舊區重建項目用以興建貴價私樓甚至豪宅,根本無助解決基層房屋需求。即使提供更多的土地興建房屋,也會出現有樓冇人住,冇人冇樓住的情況。

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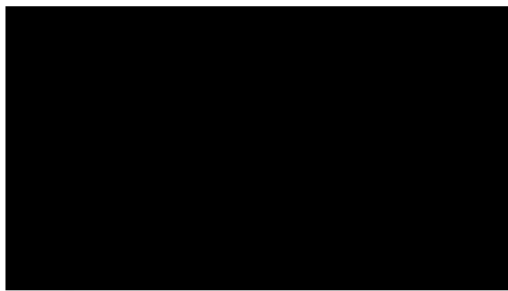
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(主題：私人遊樂場地契約政策檢討公眾諮詢)

① 我反對私人體育會要繳付地價。香港是一個多
元共融的大都會，吸引不同的專才到香港就業。
其中唔少得長消閒康樂活動，私人體育會正是
附合大家的需要。如果向私人體育會收取昂貴
的市價地價，無疑是抹殺大家的付出和貢獻。
懇請政府高抬貴手，不要為一小撮政壇搖旗
吶喊，扼殺私人體育會的生存空間。

② 作為一個小市民，我當然支持私人體育會多
開放給大眾參加各類康體運動。我都唔
想只係家中打檯球，政府的運動場也有限，若
我唔打網球，真係到時到佢上個book場
但唔公平，因為佢們比咁貴的地價，好似有嘅
唔造場，而家贊成佢們只係投放大量金錢來建
設施，我真的唔贊成佢們再付咁高昂的地價。



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民政事務局


By Post

(主題：私人遊樂場地契約政策檢討公眾諮詢)

敬啟者，

本人認為私人體育會所對本港體育發展有重要的貢獻，應該繼續存在。本人不同意向私人體育會所徵收高昂的地價如市值地價的三份之一，以免影響它們的生存權利及妨礙體育發展。本人認為特區政府應繼續向私人體育會所徵收象徵式地價，以持續推動體育發展。

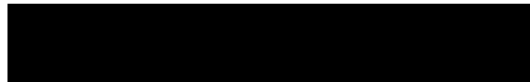
本人對民政事務局於 2018 年 3 月份就「私人遊樂場地契約政策檢討」的諮詢文件有其他意見：



本人的姓名：



香港身份證號碼：



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私人遊樂場地契約政策檢討

我 古雪明 反對繳付市值地價的三分之一。

香港中華游樂會 (CRC) 在體育“普及化”、“精英化”、“盛事化”三大政策目標方面,是完全積極配合亦成為這個會所的宗旨和方向,推動運動發展,開放體育設施給公眾使用,社區關懷,環境保護等工作所需的資金是來自會員的會費和得到政府相對廉宜的租金, CRC 才可以回饋社會,為運動持續發展出錢出力。一但政府徵收市值地價的三分之一為續約金額, CRC 的會費便要大幅度增加才可以繼續 CRC 的運作,體育發展和社會工作,這正與政府體育“普及化”的政策目標背道而馳。

簽名: _____

聯絡電話: _____

日期: _____

26-8-18

2018年8月9日

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民政事務局

(主題: 私人遊樂場地契約政策檢討公眾諮詢)

本人認為徵收地價屬不合理, 這次諮詢的目的是改善香港本土的土地空間, 而收費對增加土地面積沒有幫助, 只是為了懲罰而懲罰, 滿足傳媒的一種政治手法。而收了地價後亦沒有明道地支出地價的款項會落在哪裏。請不要誤導大眾的視線, 其實問題的晶結在於內地移民政策, 炒賣樓宇監管不力等問題。

同時我亦支持繼續發展香港的體育運動, 私人體育會增加開放場地予公眾明顯對社會有私而無害。

不希望因徵收地價而沒殺了香港私人體育會存地的意義。

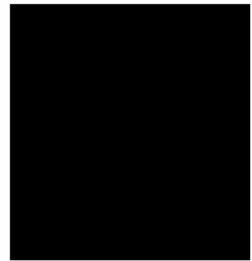
鄭崇宇



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(主題：私人遊樂場地契約政策檢討公眾諮詢)

作為一個小市民，我當然支持私人體育會多D開放比大眾參加各類康體運動。
我都唔想屈係屋企淨係打機，政府D運動場地設施又唔夠；我要去打網球，真係到時到候要
捕住係電腦前面去book場。

但要D私人體育會比咁貴地價，有D唔公道囉，話晒班有錢佬自己投放好多錢去攞好佢，而
家已經同公眾分享緊設施；我唔贊成人地要再比地價囉。



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HOME AFFAIRS BUREAU (RECREATION AND SPORT BRANCH),
 12/F WEST WING, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES,
 2 TIM MEI AVENUE, TAMAR,
 HONG KONG.

PERSONALLY, I HAVE BEEN WORKING IN THE PRIVATE SPORTS CLUB INDUSTRY FOR OVER 15 YEARS. AFTER READING THE CONSULTATION PAPER ON PRIVATE RECREATION LEASE, I HAVE 2 MAJOR POINTS TO MAKE.

FIRSTLY, I AM MOST AGAINST PRIVATE SPORTS CLUBS SHOULD BE CHARGED FOR 1/3 OF THE LAND PREMIUM BASED ON THE FACT THAT THIS WOULD PUT HUGE PRESSURE ON THE OPERATIONS OF THE CLUBS, WHICH AT THE END OF DAY, THIS 'COST' WILL GOES TO THE MEMBERS / USERS OF THE CLUBS, WHICH GOING TO PUSH THE CLUB TO BE EVEN MORE WEALTHIER CLUB, AND MORE DIFFICULT FOR PEOPLE JOIN.

SECONDLY, THESE CLUBS HAVE BEEN PROVIDING A LOT IN TERMS OF SPORTS DEVELOPMENT IN HONG KONG (ESPECIALLY WHEN THE GOVERNMENT IS NOT WILLING TO PROVIDE RESOURCES FOR SPORTS IN HONG KONG), THE ROLE OF CLUBS IS VERY IMPORTANT TO SPORTS IN HONG KONG. TAKE CRICKET AS AN EXAMPLE, IF THE HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB AND KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB WERE MADE NOT ABLE TO FUNCTION ANYMORE, THIS WOULD MEANS TWO CRICKET MATCH GROUNDS BE TAKEN AWAY, THEN WITH THE SHORTAGE OF GROUND WILL KILL THE SPORT IN HONG KONG.

ON THE OTHERHAND, ONE OF THE REASONS OF ~~BEHIND~~ THIS CONSULTATION IS TO REVIEW THE AMOUNT OF LAND MADE AVAILABLE FOR "HOUSING". ONE SIMPLE POINT, HONG KONG MUST STOP THE 150 PEOPLE QUOTA FOR PEOPLE FROM MAINLAND CHINA TO MOVE TO HONG KONG. WITHOUT SUCH POLICY, I AM SURE HOUSING WOULD NOT BE SUCH A BIG PROBLEM AS IT COULD BE.



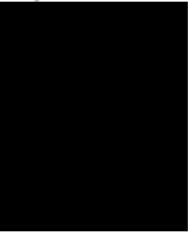
我反对收市值三分一租。

如果你搞到我公司搵埋,即係我要
被遣散!到時又搞我份MPF?我点养家?
我仲点搵工?

咁貴地租,無可能頂得順。

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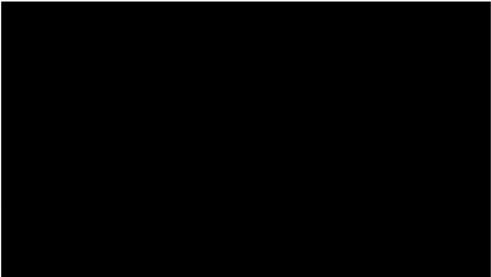
Dear Sirs,

Please accept this as my plea to consider other options in order to provide more affordable housing land than to resume the land currently used by the Hong Kong Country Club.


The Hong Kong Country Club has been established since late 1960s' and very much been an active part of the community since then. Even though with limited space and resources, the Country Club has welcomed many NGO to enjoy our facilities. Since 2015, the Country Club has been used by eligible bodies for over 5000 hours. The Country Club has also hosted many international or local tennis tournaments throughout the years.

It will be a great shame to resume the land from Country Club while there are many more viable options which will provide larger pieces of land for housing for the public.

Thank you for your kind attention.



Lam Timothy Junior



27 August 2018

The Government of the HKSAR
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 mail & Fax: 2519 7404

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

Dear Sir,

I refer to your paper titled "Review on Policy of Private Recreational Leases" in March 2018 seeking view and comments from public and stakeholders. I am writing in my capacity as a member of the Hong Kong Country Club ("HKCC") to inform you of the significant contribution the HKCC has made not only to the development of sports and community in Hong Kong but also to the international business community that is so vital for the economic development to this unique city of Hong Kong.

While I appreciate that the Hong Kong Government and in particular Home Affairs Bureau is under pressure by a segment of the public to change the conditions of the private recreational leases, it is important in my view in this critical juncture, that the issue be considered by the Government in a broader perspective – as to why Hong Kong needs private clubs and their essential role in attracting talents and investments from abroad. What makes this city a thriving magnet for global businesses, start-ups and one of the most successful international financial centers, is the high quality of essential core services that the city is able to offer, and among these factors, sports and recreational clubs especially those with long heritage are pre-requisites to attract and retain talents in Hong Kong vying its competitive advantages over all other cities in Asia. HKCC promotes this unique characteristics further. Its membership is a spectrum of Hong Kong's diverse ethnic community. These are unique values worth preserving, we need to have distinctive community character in order to distinguish Hong Kong from any other cities in Asia.

Admittedly, most cities in Asia have private clubs. They serve a valuable purpose and is an important factor when international companies considering regional hub selection and to attract and retain talent expatriates. Having a unique club such as HKCC is even more vital in the coming years for Hong Kong as it tries to become science and technology hub in the region, and attracting knowledge-based talents to come and work in this vibrant city.

Eve Yeung (Li)

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In addition, I just want to emphasize that HKCC is also a keen supporter to Hong Kong's sports development, especially in Tennis scholarship programme for junior. On the other spectrum, HKCC is also planning to host an international Super Senior Tennis Tournament in November 2018. This tournament will welcome the best senior players from Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia and Mainland. It is the best opportunity to showcase the unique club culture and diversity of HKCC which is second to none in the region.

My son and family have grown up at the HKCC and through the cosmopolitan nature of this club, I was able to interact with people from all over the world due to its unique membership diversity structure. The family oriented nature of the club provides children a place to grow up with friends of different races, an education that is difficult to replicate and one that exemplifies racial harmony and equality.

In the current debate over the future of the private recreational clubs that pay minimal rents to the Government, I concur providing public access is an appropriate policy direction to forge community ties and to promote sports, and I am confident HKCC is prepared to pay equitable rent, but it has to be reasonable. Otherwise, the loss is not only to the core value HKCC represents but also to its unique heritage and multicultural diversity that nowhere in the world you can find such a unique club and distinctive assets in our community. We are in a business environment that competes on a worldwide basis, every cost factor consideration is being evaluated for hiring and investment decision, club debenture is no exception, and for this reason, the charging land premium would have to be competitive to make the proposed land premium policy scheme affordable.

Hong Kong Government, in my view, should take a leadership role to defend the misconception that private recreational clubs are for privileges few. The very existence of these private clubs have important roles in our society. They are indispensable benefits to attract and retain talents internationally which is most vital to create high value job opportunities for our next generation in this community. Hong Kong needs to remain competitive on all fronts and private recreational club is no doubt an invaluable component of the social fabric and unique assets of our community.

I am grateful to be given a chance to express my comments in this public consultation process.

Yours sincerely,

Eve Yeung (Li)
HKCC member since 1991

私人遊樂場中契公家諮詢

我係洗碗嘅，係會所做左十幾年。

我都去睇你地文件，見到收地價租金，

就知你們政府將法有誤。大把舊樓死霸唔拆又唔任人，你地唔做唔管唔理，佢家迫我地俾錢，唔通白社會被黑社會包住？乜世界變致咁？



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August 27, 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

Dear Sir,

Re: Private Sports Clubs

I am not any member of the Private / Sports Clubs in Hong Kong, but knowing that there is a consultation period now till September 19, 2018, and would wish to express my opinion at the followings: -

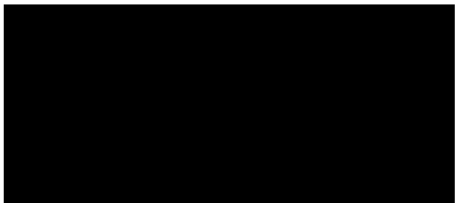
- 1) Hong Kong is a metropolitan city, and our community is in different varieties which accommodating needs of people at different classes. Historically, the Hong Kong Government has observed all these issues, and giving land for bodies to build up facilities for sports clubs, private clubs, and not to mention about land for different religions, for them to run education & services, and also for difference races, such as Indian club, etc. & etc. All these are the needs of a community.
- 2) Now the issues of land for housing is growing big, partly because of the political issues, and partly because of the high prices. Collecting lands from the occupiers, who now being blamed of getting it at below-market value is not the right policy of providing land supply. This would only invite more conflict among people.
- 3) There are many other issues on providing land supply and limiting the housing demand, which the Government is now studying. I am not going to give comment on this at here. But getting land from the private clubs should not be the prime issues, or the only one issue, though it could be the easiest way to relieve the political pressure.
- 4) The Government may apply a premium to be paid by the private clubs, may be 1/3 of value. But in considering that the price is now extremely high, the value could be the average of last 10 years.
- 5) Many of the private and sport clubs have already indicated that they would open to the public and / or bodies for their facilities. I think this is remarkable step for developing better sport training for the talented young people. I fully support on this.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

YU Chun-chi Serena





24th August 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.

Dear Sir,

The original aim of the Hong Kong Country Club, conceived around 1947 and with Government blessing, was to promote international fellowship and goodwill.

Owing to a combination of political and economic circumstances, the Club was not formally established until 1960, and the Club premises, designed to be built on a patch of wasteland by the side of Deep Water Bay, were not completed until 1962.

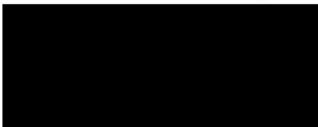
The Club's Articles of Association require its governing committee to consist of members from different nationalities, thereby ensuring the international character of the Club. International fellowship and goodwill are of immense importance to Hong Kong as a World City.

Over the years, the Club has generously made available its sporting and other facilities to schools and charitable organisations, apart from sponsoring international sporting events.

The Club is a self-financed private organization relying on the financial support from its members. Any substantial increase in the land premium of its lease will severely affect its ability to operate efficiently, particularly when it is required to open up its facilities more extensively to the public. For the well being of Hong Kong, every effort should be made to enable the Club to continue to make its contributions to the community. The lease to the Club should be renewed with a minimum increase in premium.



Yours sincerely,



Terence Tai

August 27, 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

Dear Sir,

Re: The Hong Kong and Country Club

I am a member of the captioned club, and would wish to express my view on current government issues and future policies on the private sports clubs during this consultation period: -

- 1) The assessment on the land premium must be reasonable and calculated fairly to reflect what has been applied on the site usage restrictions. All indications on the determination on market value should also be transparent and referable.
- 2) I have no objection to open the club to Eligible Outside Bodies and Sports Associations for any range between 25% to 30%.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

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