

NOTE FOR PUBLIC WORKS SUBCOMMITTEE OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Supplementary information on 391RO – Tourist District Enhancement Programme – The Peak

INTRODUCTION

In considering PWSC(2005-06)6 on “**391RO** - Tourist District Enhancement Programme – The Peak” on 11 May 2005, Members requested the Administration to provide additional information on the Victorian style structures proposed for the Mount Austin Playground and Victoria Peak Garden.

THE ADMINISTRATION’S RESPONSE

2. For all tourist district enhancement projects, we have adopted a thematic approach to ensure a uniform design style. It is also important to give the project a unique character and, if appropriate, to reflect the special historical features of the place. For instance, the design for the enhancement works in Stanley Waterfront is more western while that for Lei Yue Mun is more local and traditional.

3. The “Victorian” theme for the Peak Enhancement Project was recommended by a consultancy study by the Hong Kong Tourism Board. The study considered that the English architecture of the Victoria era was the most representative of the Peak’s history. It also recommended that visitors to the Peak should be provided with a “total peak experience” covering the heritage and cultural aspects in addition to the natural scenery.

4. The use of the “Victorian” theme for the Peak Enhancement Project was supported by all parties consulted. They include the Tourism Strategy Group; the Central and Western District Council and its Culture, Leisure and Social

Affairs Committee and Working Group on Development of Tourism and Local Community Economy; Chung Wan and Mid-Levels Area Committee; Peak Tramways Company Limited; Hang Lung Properties Limited; Peak Association; and also the Peak residents affected by the project.

5. The Victorian style architecture and street furniture will give the existing open space and walking trails on the Peak a coherent and unique appearance. In addition, there will be information signage at appropriate locations to tell the “story” of the Peak. To take forward of the design concept, the following design features for Mount Austin Playground, Victoria Peak Garden and Gate Lodge are proposed -

_____ (a) Mount Austin Playground (Enclosure 1)

Mount Austin Playground has been in use since 1962. It comprises passive recreational facilities including landscaping, sitting-out and children’s play areas. The existing public toilet and covered walkway will be revamped into a Victorian style structure. A canopy with masonry classic columns will be added to form a colonnade to provide shade. The detailed design, materials and colour scheme will resemble the Flagstaff House Museum of Tea Ware at the Hong Kong Park, which is one of the earliest and best kept Victorian buildings in Hong Kong.

_____ (b) Victoria Peak Garden (Enclosure 2)

The Victoria Peak Garden has a special ambience with colonial flavour shaped by its unique physical and historical setting. It is where Mountain Lodge, the former summer residence of the Governor, was located. There is ample open space, vast amount of grass lawn and stream course which will be preserved. In order to bring out the heritage elements, the Victoria Peak Garden will be enhanced with Victorian style features including gazebos, benches, sun-dials and colourful flowers. Moreover, artifacts of the Victorian era, such as stone pillars and stone carving, will be displayed at the garden to enrich visitors’ experience.

The existing pavilion was built upon the masonry platform of the Mountain Lodge. During implementation of the project, if any remains of the masonry platform under the pavilion are unearthed and are of historical value, we shall consider incorporating them as features of the new pavilion.

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The design of the new pavilion is developed from the Victorian design of the Mountain Lodge – with four pergolas at the four corners and Victorian colonnades to link up the pergolas. This will provide ample shading and resting space for the public. For better overall design integration, the existing toilet and kiosk will also be reconstructed as Victorian style structures. This would further enhance the Victorian ambience of the Garden.

_____ (c) Gate Lodge (Enclosure 3)

The Gate Lodge, which is the gateway to the Victoria Peak Garden, was built between 1900 and 1902, the Gate Lodge was originally the guard post for the gatekeeper of the summer residence of the Governor and was declared a monument in 1995. The Gate Lodge is an exquisite Victorian architecture that can amply showcase the project theme.

To put the building to meaningful use and leverage on its historical legacy, we will use it as a public gallery for display of historical photographs of the Victorian City.

6. The above improvement works aim at bringing out the character and unique historical background of the Peak. The Victorian identity will distinguish the Peak from other tourist attractions and enhance its appeal to visitors.

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附件一
Enclosure 1



柯士甸山遊樂場的建築物及設施
Structure and Street Furniture
in Mount Austin Playground

維多利亞式的建築物 - 茶具文物館
Victorian style building –
Flagstaff House Museum of Tea Ware



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Enclosure 2

山頂公園 Victoria Peak Garden



維多利亞式的花園
Garden in Victorian Style

石柱擺設的例子
Example of Stone Pillar display

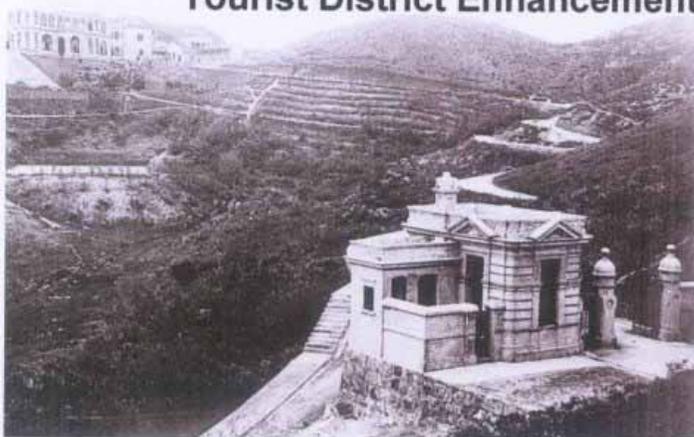


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Enclosure 3



舊總督山頂別墅守衛室
Gate Lodge

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in the old days...

現時的舊總督山頂別墅守衛室....將會展示維多利亞時代山頂的照片

Gate Lodge at present..... to display historical photos in future

