

Urgent

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2005

Chair and Members of the Town Planning Board  
c/o The Secretary of the Town Planning Board  
15th Floor,  
North Point Government Offices, 333 Java Road,  
North Point,  
Hong Kong

Consideration of Rezoning Requests – The Central District (Extension) Outline Zoning Plan No. S/H24/6

Dear Sirs,

I am writing regarding the 839th Town Planning Board Meeting, which is taking place this Friday 22nd July 2005. We are aware that the agenda for this meeting includes the consideration of three items relating to the Central Reclamation.

While it is positive that this request is finally being considered, the Harbour Business Forum regrets that the review is to take place in a closed meeting as opposed to being presented in an Open Meeting. The area under consideration is one of the most important in our Harbour District and we believe open consideration of the issues raised in the Rezoning Requests is very much in the public interest. Transparency of process is one of the key principles advocated by the Harbour Business Forum.

If it is possible at this late stage to hold an Open Meeting I am sure this will be very much appreciated not just by the three NGOs and the Harbour Business Forum but by the wider Hong Kong Community. We request that this letter be tabled at the meeting and its contents be considered before discussion of the three items commences.

Yours faithfully,



Andrew Long  
Chairman of the Patrons Committee  
Harbour Business Forum