

Stage 2 Public Engagement for Lung Tsun Stone Bridge

Consensus Building Workshops Summary of Comments and Views Collected

Width and Extent of Preservation Corridor

The majority of participants considered that a 25m wide corridor should be sufficient for the preservation of the Bridge remnants in-situ.

Connectivity Between Lung Tsun Stone Bridge and Kowloon Walled City Park

The majority of participants supported that it would be more desirable for the preservation corridor to be connected to the Kowloon Walled City Park via a pedestrian subway underneath Prince Edward Road East (PERE) and a footpath crossing the Shek Ku Lung Road (SKLR) Playground. Most participants also supported that the number of pedestrian crossing facilities along PERE should be reviewed and rationalized. In particular, it was considered that the section of the curvilinear landscaped elevated walkway in front of SKLR Playground would be too bulky and too high and therefore had better be curtailed.

Craving Suitable Ambience

The majority of participants preferred a mix of ambience comprising both vibrant and tranquil characters. Some participants suggested that the preservation corridor might be divided into zones of different themes. Some participants considered that aqua-scape simulating the Bridge's past setting might be installed to enhance the attractiveness of the preservation corridor. Most participants considered that caution should be made to avoid excessive commercial elements that might dominate the ambience of the preservation corridor.

Method of Preservation

The majority of participants supported that restoration/reconstruction of the damaged or missing parts of the Bridge should be subject to technical feasibility, cost-effectiveness and availability of information/records to justify the restoration/reconstruction works. The majority also supported that remnants should be displayed in accordance with their conditions after full excavation, and that remnants of conditions not tolerable to weathering might be covered up for permanent protection against further deterioration.

Journey of Appreciation

The majority of participants considered that attention of visitors should be drawn primarily to the history of the Bridge, in particular to its importance in reflecting the socio-economic development of the Kowloon City. The majority also considered that opportunity should be taken to provide information in the educational aspect on conservation of heritage resources.

Essential Supporting Facilities

The majority of participants considered that the following facilities should be provided to facilitate interpretation of the Bridge remnants and related history:

- Exhibition area and information kiosks
- Physical model, animation, 3D computer graphic and display board;
- Exhibition to highlight technology/workmanship associated with the Bridge construction; and
- Learning zone for students.

The majority also considered that the following facilities and support should be provided to facilitate visitors enjoying the preservation corridor:

- Connection to nearby public transport;
- Guided tour;
- Facilities for community activities;
- Lawns and seating benches; and
- Souvenir shops and refreshment kiosks.

Interface with adjacent developments

The majority of participants had the following views:

- Adjacent land uses should be planned to cater for possible interface with the preservation corridor;
- Density and building height of adjacent developments should be set to avoid causing visual intrusion to the ambience of the pedestrian corridor; and
- Provisions should be made to cater for possible interface with the underground shopping street and other places of attraction in the vicinity such as the Kai Tak River.