

Stage 1 Public Engagement for “Building our Kai Tak River”

Community Envisioning Workshop Summary of Comments and Views Collected

Design Principles

On the basis that the prime objective of Kai Tak River is for flood relief, the participants agreed on two fundamental design principles -

- (1) Providing a green river corridor; and
- (2) Providing open space for public enjoyment.

Green River Corridor

The majority of participants supported the vision of turning the Kai Tak River (the River) to an attractive and natural green river corridor in urban areas. They also agreed that the River can be a landscape axis linking the old districts and the Kai Tak Development to promote their integration and improve the micro-climate along the River.

Non-decking Approach

The majority of participants supported that the River should be kept open as far as possible as a unique and special feature, yet minimal decking for pedestrian access and river maintenance may be allowed when necessary.

In Harmony with Adjoining Development

To highlight the River’s function as a landscape axis connecting key spots nearby, the majority of participants suggested adopting an appropriate design approach for linking together the existing and the planned open spaces along the River, such as the Morse Park, Nga Tsin Wai Village and Station Square etc. and be compatible with the cultural heritage resources, such as preservation of the remnants of Lung Tsun Stone Bridge.

Improve Connectivity

The majority of participants agreed that accessibility to and continuity of access along the River are equally important such that the public can enjoy a leisurely riverside walk. Moreover, many participants opined that adequate access points across the River should be provided lest the River becomes an obstacle to the riverside development.

Provide Facilities

In line with the design principles of providing open space for public enjoyment, the participants suggested incorporating the following facilities at the riverside where appropriate -

- Viewing platform;
- Water feature;
- Pedestrian walkway, cycling and jogging trail along the River;
- Historical, cultural and environmental friendly display;
- Performance area;
- Public recreational facilities; and
- Educational facilities.