

Lies and Broken Promises
Cyberport and
Government regarding
open space development
at Cyberport

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Lies and Broken Promises #1

On 27 May 2019 at the SDC meeting, Cyberport CEO Mr. Peter Yan said:

“HKCMCL would continue to maintain close liaison with SDC and provide the relevant information on the Cyberport expansion project in due course”

(para 21(a) of minutes - [link](#))

Cyberport REFUSED to attend the SDC meeting on 20 July 2021 and 14 September 2023

Lies and Broken Promises #2

On 18 July 2019 at the SDC meeting, Principal Assistant Secretary for Innovation & Technology Ms. Eva Yam said:

“ITB would consult SDC on the detailed design before seeking funding approval from the LegCo”

“she believed that HKCMCL.....would be willing to consider setting up a community liaison group to gauge public views, including comments on the design of the Waterfront Park;”

(para 54 and 63(d) of minutes – [link](#))

The council was NOT consulted on the detailed design prior to seeking funding approval by LegCo

Lies and Broken Promises #3

On 18 July 2019 at the SDC meeting, Cyberport CEO Mr. Peter Yan said :

“HKCMCL would step up community liaison work, including the setting up of a community liaison group through deployment of additional resources and manpower, and maintain close liaison with SDC for collecting further views from Members”

(para 64d of minutes – [link](#))

Cyberport did NOT set up any community liaison group, nor maintain close liaison with SDC

Lies and Broken Promises #4

On 5 June 2020 at the 1224th meeting of Town Planning Board, Cyberport CEO Mr. Peter Yan :

“The preliminary design had already taken into account the local views, and HKCMCL would continue to liaise with the local community during the detailed design stage;”

(para 28(i) of minutes – [link](#))

Cyberport did NOT liaise with the local community during the detailed design stage

Lies and Broken Promises #5

On 5 June 2020 at the 1224th meeting of Town Planning Board, Principal Assistant Secretary for Innovation & Technology Ms. Eva Yam said :

“upon the completion of the plan-making procedures, HKCMCL would proceed with the detailed design, and consult the SDC and the Legislative Council (LegCo). ITB would then apply for funding approval of the Cyberport 5 development (about HK\$5.05 billion) and the Waterfront Park development (about HK\$0.54 billion) from the LegCo Finance Committee”

(para 49(a) of minutes – [link](#))

There was NO CONSULTATION with the Southern District Council on the detailed design

Lies and Broken Promises #6

On 10 May 2021 at the Legco Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting meeting, Secretary for Innovation and Technology Mr. Alfred Sit said :

“S for IT assured members that the Administration and Cyberport would continue to maintain close liaison with local residents on matters related to the enhancement to the waterfront park”

(para 14 of minutes – [link](#))

The administration nor Cyberport informed local residents regarding waterfront park enhancements

Lies and Broken Promises #7

Innovation, Technology and Industry Bureau refused to attend the SDC meeting on 14 September 2023, in its written response, ITIB said:

“Cyberport has consulted the Southern District Council and the public through the Town Planning Board (“TPB”) respectively in 2019 and 2020 regarding the expansion project including the waterfront park enhancement works.”

(para 9 of EDPC paper 6/2023 Annex 2– [link](#))

The consultation via TPB on Draft Pok Fu Lam OZP S/H10/18 dealt with the building, NOT the park

Lies and Broken Promise #8

Innovation, Technology and Industry Bureau refused to attend the SDC meeting on 14 September 2023, in its written response, ITIB said:

“Way forward. Cyberport will continue to take forward the expansion project and the waterfront park enhancement works while maintaining ongoing communications with the local community, providing timely progress report and addressing feedback from members of the public.”

(para 13 of EDPC paper 6/2023 Annex 2– [link](#))

Neither ITIB nor Cyberport attended the SDC meeting on 14 September 2023

Planning Department in EDPC paper 6/2023 Annex 2

“The Chairperson of the TPB also suggested that the Hong Kong Cyberport Management Company Limited (HKCMCL) could be further advised to follow the established administrative arrangement to consult the respective District Council and stakeholders when formulating their proposals/schemes in the area, and during implementation of the developments in the area. In this regard, the TPB Secretariat had issued a letter to the Chief Executive Officer of HKCMCL in October 2020 to convey the said advice.”

Follow up action by PlanD

- Given the 8 lies and broken promises from Cyberport and ITIB, what follow up action will the Planning Department undertake?
- Will the Planning Department inform the Chairperson of TPB that her suggestions were repeatedly ignored by Cyberport?
- Will the TPB Secretariat issue another reminder to CEO of Cyberport?

Follow up action by HAD and FS

- Given the 8 lies and broken promises from Cyberport and ITIB, what follow up action will the Southern District Officer take?
- Will the Financial Secretary take any action against its subordinates at ITIB for the lies and broken promises?