

The Chinese University of Hong Kong Campus Master Plan

Since the commencement of the stakeholder engagement programme to collect feedback on the Preliminary Master Plan Proposals for the Campus Master Plan (CMP) more than a month ago, members of the University community have actively participated in the discussion and exchange of ideas. The Steering Committee on Campus Master Planning has received useful feedback which will facilitate our next phase of work. We will carefully consider the views received and continue to engage the University community in dialogue to ensure that members' views, suggestions and aspirations will be reflected in the final blueprint.

In the process of collecting feedback, some members of the University community have expressed concern about the effect of the CMP on the campus of Chung Chi College, specifically, whether three hostels, namely, Hua Lien Tang, Ming Hua Tang, and Ying Lin Tang, would be knocked down to make way for new buildings. The Committee understands that this may have stemmed from reading out of context certain passages in a document submitted to the government. To cope with rapid development, the University is actively applying for new land grant in Lot No. 39. At the government's request, the University has to assess current land use on campus and suggest possible sites for redevelopment in the long term.

The Steering Committee understands that the University has never proposed or planned to knock down the abovementioned hostels. The Committee supports the University practice that should the need for redeveloping these hostels arise in future, Chung Chi College must be consulted in the first instance. The Committee is fully aware that The Chinese University of Hong Kong Ordinance stipulates that the University shall not alter the use of these hostels without the prior consent of the Board of Trustees of Chung Chi College.

The overall campus planning has as its priorities the serving of the educational and research needs of students and faculties. In every step of the process, care and prudence will be exercised and the stakeholders comprehensively informed and consulted to achieve these objectives.

Steering Committee on Campus Master Planning
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