

Enquiries for Green Link Competition

1	獎金需要報稅嗎？
	一般而言獎金不需要報稅。參賽者可因應個人情況透過稅務局網頁： https://www.ird.gov.hk/chi/cu_enqs.htm 或電郵: taxinfo@ird.gov.hk 查詢。
2	Can I propose lift tower for this scheme?
	New lift tower will not be provided in this project in order to minimize tree felling and impact on the natural terrain. The design of the walking trail should blend in with the natural environment.
3	Can you explain any softscape proposal required and whether those would be part of ASD areas or other departments?
	For the sitting-out areas at Site 1, Site 3 and Site 4, the minimum total greenery coverage and at-grade greenery coverage are 20% and 10% respectively (Ref. Annex 6). Works for the sitting-out areas will be carried out by the Architectural Services Department. The staircases and slopes within Site 3 and Site 4 are under the Highways Department's maintenance. Participants should include soft landscape design proposal in the submission, particularly for the sitting-out areas.
4	Would be good if cad file format can be open for different cad versions?
	The CAD provided is the prevailing version. Participants are advised to convert the provided CAD file to other CAD file formats or versions to fit their own usage.
5	Can I propose fewer steep stairs along the slope?
	The gradient of the walking trail within Site 5 should follow the existing topography as far as possible to avoid disturbance to the man-made slopes and natural terrain, and to minimize site formation works. While the treads and risers of the staircase within Site 4 should be maintained due to the presence of underground utilities, participants may propose improvements to the staircase within Site 3 (Ref. Annex 6).
6	Along trail outside of the path, how much extent can the planting be implemented? like 5m from the path?
	There is existing vegetation along the maintenance accesses of the


	<p>catchwater and man-made slopes. To minimize disturbance to the existing man-made slopes, natural terrain and catchwater, soft landscaping works along the walking trail within Site 5 is not preferred in general. Any soft landscaping proposed along the walking trail should be of self-sustainable nature, blend in with the natural environment and integrate with native plants (Ref. Annex 6).</p>
7	<p>Can company join this competition?</p>
	<p>Submission shall be made in Participant's own capacity. (Ref. Clause 4.7.1)</p>
8	<p>Noted there's a big channel next to hiking path. Is safety Barrier required?</p>
	<p>To facilitate routine inspection and maintenance of the catchwater, railings between the maintenance access cum walking trail and the catchwater are not required.</p>
9	<p>Is there any lighting level restriction?</p>
	<p>On the sitting-out areas at Site 1, Site 3 and Site 4, works for which are under the Architectural Services Department's purview, the lighting level requirements should refer to the latest standards or guidelines, such as CIBSE Guide. The lighting standards for public roads (including pavements) are set out in the Highways Department's Public Lighting Design Manual. The proposed height of the lampposts should be determined by lighting simulation with consideration of the lighting class and width of the road, and spacing of the lampposts, etc. To minimize disturbance to the natural environment, lighting along the walking trail is not required.</p>
10	<p>Is the current stair design considered safe? Where we think appropriate, can we reduce the required width of 1.5?</p>
	<p>Participants are welcome to propose enhancement works to the treads and risers of the staircase within Site 3 taking account of the relevant design requirements set out in Annex 6. The treads and risers of the staircase within Site 4 should be maintained due to the presence of underground utilities, while the effective width should not be less the shortest width of the original staircase. On the staircases along the man-made slopes within Site 5, the minimum width should be 1.2m and</p>

	the length for landing between stairways should be 1500mm where feasible.
11	五個 sites 內是否已有如電力等既 provision? Or 比賽中描述既 Budget 需包括 extra 拉電線等工程既 cost ?
	Sites 1 to 3 已有電力供應。項目預算已包括供電予擬議休憩處 (Site 4)。Site 5 不會有電力供應，設計應儘量減低對自然環境的影響。
12	需要考慮無障礙設施嗎？
	現有行人天橋已提供無障礙設施。有需要無障礙通道的人士可使用業勤街和業興街的行人路作為階梯的替代路線；而前往香港仔郊野公園則可使用現有香港仔水塘道。三個休憩處的設計則須考慮無障礙設施。
13	Can staff of ArchSD or PlanD or other gov departments join this competition?
	The staff of the Architectural Services Department are not allowed to participate in this Competition, while the staff of other government departments can join. By registering for the Competition, Participants are deemed to have obtained the necessary consent from their offices or employers for participating in the Competition. (Ref. Clauses 4.7.5 & 4.8)
14	I note lift tower has been built in garden near Ho Man Tin MTR Station. Would the government consider to raise the budget so that the lift tower could be proposed in order to facilitate disabled to use?
	New lift tower will not be provided in order to minimize tree felling and impact on the natural terrain. Please also see the answer to Question 12.
15	Meaning the trail path of 1.2 width. Could it be reduced in size as 900mm?
	1.2m width should be provided to allow two-way flow.
16	Can we introduce more than 20% green ratio in SOA and open space?
	Yes, 20% is just the minimum greening ratio for the sitting-out areas.

17	Site 3's 10.5mPD restriction still apply on the staircase? As its floor level could be more than 10.5mPD.
	The height restriction only applies to structures within the three sitting-out areas, which is 10.5m <u>above the mean formation level</u> (not above Principal Datum).
18	What is the method for us to do the 1-minute video for this competition?
	A "fly-through" animation or other multi-media file, such as animated slides in powerpoint or video montage. (Ref. Clause 3.4.2.6)
19	Height Restriction - does mPD Use adj mean street level?
	The height restriction for structures within the sitting-out areas is 10.5m <u>above the mean formation level</u> (not above Principal Datum). The mean formation level can be taken as 5mPD for all three sitting-out areas.
20	The (carriageway) road between site 2 & 3, can we suggest TD modification works
	The carriageway width of Yip Kan Street between Sites 2 and 3 should be maintained. Participants may propose face-lifting works at the footpaths of Yip Kan Street.
21	Would like to ask if all proposed design must be within the five sites?
	Proposed design should in principle be within the five sites, but a way-finding/signage system can be provided along the Green Link.
22	Any detail CAD file for the foot bridge / Structure of the stair of site 2?
	CAD file for these structures is not available.
23	Can we introduce more than 20% green ratio in sitting out area/open space?
	Please refer to the answer to Question 16.
24	Can we reduce the width stair of the site 3?
	Improvement works to the staircase within Site 3 may be proposed, but the effective width of the staircase should be not less than 4.5m. (Ref. Annex 6)

25	<p>I am writing to inquire about the proof of eligibility.</p> <p>Our team would like to register for this competition while our application for HKIUD/HKIA is under process (the official certificate be given in November). Is it possible to provide other documents for registration?</p>
	<p>The proof of membership should be submitted at the latest with the submission entry before the close of submission by noon, 20 Nov 2021.</p>
26	<p>Do participants need to submit a hardcopy of design drawings?</p>
	<p>Hardcopy of design drawings is not required.</p>
27	<p>Acc. to 3.4.2.7 (iii), do the 5 perspectives have to be laid out in the 2 A1 drawings? Could they be additional drawings?</p>
	<p>The 5 key perspectives are for promotion of the competition or exhibition, and do not form part of the material for adjudication. Participants can decide whether any of the perspectives are to be laid out in the two A1 drawings.</p>
28	<p>Can the proposed design area cover a larger area (beyond the site boundary to some extent)?</p>
	<p>Please refer to the reply to Question 21.</p>
29	<p>Acc. to 4.12.2 (e), do participants need to list out detailed construction fee?</p>
	<p>Detailed construction fee is not required to be listed out in the submission.</p>
30	<p>Should we submit the entry form before 22.10 (Registration close date) or 20.11 (submission entry close date)?</p>
	<p>The online registration for the competition should be made by 22 October 2021 and the entry form should be submitted together with submission entry by noon, 20 November 2021.</p>
31	<p>Can site 2 footbridge cover be demolished?</p>
	<p>The existing footbridge cover at Site 2 should be retained to provide shade and shelter for pedestrians.</p>

32	Can site 2 Existing post Box be repainted?
	Proposal for enhancement of Hongkong Post's second pouch box for better design integration with the Green Link may be included in the submission. The feasibility of implementing such proposal will be considered by the relevant government departments.
34	Is it possible to reprint the whole building facade next to the staircase?
	The buildings adjoining the staircases are private properties not forming part of the competition.
35	Can site 4 hoardings be demolished?
	The hoarding/covered walkway next to Site 4 is temporary structure which is supposed to be removed after the completion of the building works of the corresponding site.
36	Could you provide an Existing tree plan?
	Existing tree plan is not available.
37	Can the cultivation area next to site 5 be used?
	Please refer to the reply to Question 21.
38	Are there any special lighting requirements (for example lumens calculation, colour temperature, RGB etc.)?
	Please refer to the reply to Question 9.
39	Given our registration is now completed, can we still add a new member into our team?
	Participants are advised to re-register for any change of team information and use the new Confidential Registration Number for the submission. Change of team composition is not allowed after the closing of registration.
40	I would like to ask if the existing pavilion in site 1 could be demolished or must be maintained?
	Participants may propose to retain, modify or remove the pavilion on Site 1 to suit their own design proposals.
41	We understand that the competition aims to support local design talent.

	<p>However, are international specialists, such as artists or technical support, welcome to participate.</p>
	<p>International specialists are welcome to team up with any individuals who meet the eligibility requirement to participate in the competition.</p>
<p>42</p>	<p>Regarding the Green link competition, we notice a set of exhaust air ducts belonging to the adjacent building at Site 3 and blowing towards the proposed sitting-out area. There also seems to be a maintenance access provided next to the existing planters (See attached photo). Is it possible to propose a diversion strategy for these air ducts / maintenance access? If not, should the access be respected and kept? And can perforated panels be erected within the sitting-out area to cover up the air ducts / maintenance access?</p> 
	<p>The air ducts within the private lot adjoining Site 3 are private properties, and they should be assumed to remain there. There is no</p>

	<p>provision under the lease concerned for a maintenance access or right of way to the subject lot through the sitting-out area at Site 3.</p> <p>Participants may include proposals for suitable boundary treatment for the sitting-out area.</p>
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