

URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY ORDINANCE (Chapter 563)
NOTIFICATION OF COMMENCEMENT OF THE SHANGHAI STREET / ARGYLE STREET
DEVELOPMENT SCHEME BY THE URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY

Pursuant to section 23(1) of the Urban Renewal Authority Ordinance, it is hereby notified that the Urban Renewal Authority will commence the implementation of its project MK/01 Shanghai Street / Argyle Street (the project). In accordance with section 23(2) of the Urban Renewal Authority Ordinance, the commencement date of the implementation of the project shall be the date on which notice of the project is first published in the Gazette.

The project will be implemented by way of a development scheme under section 25 of the Urban Renewal Authority Ordinance. A draft Development Scheme Plan of the project will be submitted by the Urban Renewal Authority under section 25(5) of the Urban Renewal Authority Ordinance to the Town Planning Board for consideration.

The project, with a total area of about 1,128m², comprises ten 3- to 4-storey pre-war verandah-type shophouses at Nos. 600-606, 612-614 and 620-626 Shanghai Street, as well as four 6-storey residential buildings built in the 1960s at Nos. 608-610 and 616-618 Shanghai Street, Mong Kok. The project aims to preserve and revitalise this shophouse cluster for commercial uses. Other uses and facilities may be included as required or approved by the Town Planning Board. Modern building services required under the current building and fire safety codes will be provided, where practicable. It is estimated that about 60 households may be affected by the project.

In accordance with section 23(3) of the Urban Renewal Authority Ordinance, public inspection of:-

- (a) a description of the general nature and effects of the project; and
- (b) a plan delineating the boundaries of the project

can be made for a period of two months from the date of the first publication of this notice, that is to say 19 September 2008, during the following normal office hours at the following locations:-

- (i) the Urban Renewal Authority, 10th Floor, Low Block, Grand Millennium Plaza, 181 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong (Monday to Friday 8:45 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.);
- (ii) the Urban Renewal Authority Mong Kok Neighbourhood Centre, Shop A, Ground Floor, Lisa House, 12-14A Yim Po Fong Street, Mong Kok, Kowloon (Monday to Friday 8:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.); and
- (iii) the Public Enquiry Service Centre of the Yau Tsim Mong District Office, Ground Floor, Mong Kok Government Offices, 30 Luen Wan Street, Mong Kok, Kowloon (Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.).

Such information is also available on the Urban Renewal Authority website at <http://www.ura.org.hk/>.

Following commencement of the project, the Urban Renewal Authority will undertake public engagement exercise to ascertain the public views on the theme and uses of the shophouse cluster. The findings of the public engagement exercise will form the basis for the preparation of the draft Development Scheme Plan. The draft Development Scheme Plan, including the detailed Social Impact Assessment Report, will be submitted to the Town Planning Board on 8 January 2009. It will be made available for public inspection on 13 January 2009 in the Planning Department during normal office hours at the following locations:-

- (i) the Planning Enquiry Counter, 17th Floor, North Point Government Offices, 333 Java Road, North Point, Hong Kong (Monday to Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Friday 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.);
- (ii) the Planning Enquiry Counter, 14th Floor, Sha Tin Government Offices, 1 Sheung Wo Che Road, Sha Tin, New Territories (Monday to Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Friday 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.); and
- (iii) the Tsuen Wan and West Kowloon District Planning Office, 27th Floor, Tsuen Wan Government Offices, 38 Sai Lau Kok Road, Tsuen Wan, New Territories (Monday to Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Friday 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.).

Any person may make comment to the Town Planning Board in respect of the draft Development Scheme Plan of the project. The comment should be made in writing to the Secretary, Town Planning Board, 15th Floor, North Point Government Offices, 333 Java Road, North Point, Hong Kong not later than 3 February 2009. The draft Development Scheme Plan of the project will be made available for public inspection at the above Planning Enquiry Counters and District Planning Office of the Planning Department until the draft Development Scheme Plan is considered by the Town Planning Board.

If the submitted draft Development Scheme Plan is deemed to be suitable for publication under the Town Planning Ordinance (Chapter 131) after consideration by the Town Planning Board, it will be exhibited by the Town Planning Board for public inspection under section 5 of the Town Planning Ordinance for a period of two months. During this period, any person may make representation in writing to the Town Planning Board in respect of the draft Development Scheme Plan.

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