

## **4 CONCLUSION**

- 4.1.1 During CE3, the Study had engaged a wide spectrum of stakeholders including relevant professional institutes, local residents, Eastern District Councillors, cyclist groups, green groups etc. Comments were also received via the on-line opinion collection form on the project website and email.
- 4.1.2 The vast majority of the stakeholders were in support of the proposed Boardwalk and urged for its early implementation. In general, stakeholders supported the current alignment of the proposed Boardwalk with a general width of 10m between Oil Street and Hoi Yu Street. The stakeholders also supported the provision of more access points along the proposed Boardwalk
- 4.1.3 It was generally accepted that a design theme of simplicity was more preferable. It was also recommended to include more green, water-friendly and artistic design to improve the ambience of the proposed Boardwalk. Some stakeholders were concerned about the width of some sections of the proposed Boardwalk due to the presence of the IEC footings, as well as the design of the possible barriers/shelters and lighting of the proposed Boardwalk. Design concepts incorporating the use of renewable energy were suggested for achieving the goal of sustainable development.
- 4.1.4 Regarding the selection of material for the construction of the proposed Boardwalk, it was suggested that permeable, quick-drying, anti-skid and easy maintenance materials should be used. Testing should be conducted to ensure the safety and comfort of different users.
- 4.1.5 Stakeholders had diverse views on cycling activities within the proposed Boardwalk; some encouraged shared use by pedestrians and cyclists while others were worried about the potential risk of collision and asked for separate cycle track. There was concern on level differences which might have safety issues on cyclists and elderly. In general, members of some professional institutes and cyclist groups supported the concept of shared use of the proposed Boardwalk between pedestrians and cyclists. In addition, some were concerned that the provision of a single cycle rental kiosk would be inconvenient to residents, and proposed more rental kiosks at the access points.
- 4.1.6 Some stakeholders supported allowing pets on the proposed Boardwalk and to provide pet-friendly area. Supporting facilities should be provided to ensure hygiene.
- 4.1.7 Some stakeholders supported the provision of a fishing platform while some suggested allowing flexible fishing spots along the proposed Boardwalk. It was proposed to provide more viewing platforms and to move them towards the harbour for a better view. However, there was concern on the capacity of the viewing platforms in accommodating crowd during special occasions.
- 4.1.8 Stakeholders generally supported the provision of more open space for more diverse activities, such as Tai Chi, dancing, water sport activities etc, on the proposed Boardwalk to enable the boardwalk to meet the needs of the public and be energetic and vibrant. The provision of viewing platform, fishing platform and refreshment kiosks along the proposed Boardwalk were generally supported. Other facilities recommended by the participants include rain shelters, toilets, wash basins, drinkers, jogging track and pontoon for the berthing of small pleasure boats.
- 4.1.9 Some stakeholders were concerned that the proposed Boardwalk might be slippery with insufficient lighting as it would be located underneath IEC. Residents were concerned that criminals might intrude into nearby private housing estate through the proposed Boardwalk. Some expressed concerned that the proposed Boardwalk would be affected by extreme weather.
- 4.1.10 It was generally agreed that the Boardwalk could enhance connectivity between the harbourfront and its hinterland and hoped the proposed Boardwalk would be connected to other harbourfront area in the northern shore of Hong Kong Island under a holistic and

comprehensive plan and management. In this connection, some stakeholders urged for more access points especially for the section between Oil Street and Tong Shui Road.

- 4.1.11 Some participants were concerned about the air quality problem, dripping and splashing of rainwater from IEC, and noise nuisance to nearby resident by boardwalk users. Participants also urged to alleviate existing odour problem in the harbourfront.
- 4.1.12 Generally, both members of EDC and HC supported the Latest Scheme and alignment of the proposed Boardwalk. Both of the committees considered that the implementation programme of the proposed Boardwalk should be accelerated. While noting the overriding public need in the Boardwalk they were also worried about potential legal challenge to the Boardwalk under PHO.
- 4.1.13 Several EDC Members were concerned about the luminance of the section of the proposed Boardwalk underneath IEC, the provision of safety facilities, and requested for additional provision of coach parking spaces.
- 4.1.14 HC members expressed their concerns in the aesthetic design, the greening proposal, the accessibility, the gradient and marine impact of the proposed Boardwalk.