

# Draft Sha Tin Outline Zoning Plan approved

The Chief Executive in Council has approved the draft Sha Tin Outline Zoning Plan (OZP).

"The approved OZP provides a statutory land use framework to guide development and redevelopment within the Sha Tin area," a spokesman for the Town Planning Board said today (June 8).

The planning scheme area covers an area of about 2 777 hectares. Its inner core lies at the bottom of Sha Tin Valley, which is separated from Kowloon by a range of hills dominated by Lion Rock and Sugar Loaf Peak. These hills form a natural barrier to the expansion of the Sha Tin New Town towards the south and southeast.

Major land use zones include "Residential (Group A)" (about 250.27 hectares), "Residential (Group B)" (about 195.52 hectares) and "Residential (Group C)" (about 0.95 hectares) for high, medium and low-density residential developments respectively.

"Comprehensive Development Area" (about 17.21 hectares) is intended for comprehensive development/redevelopment for commercial and/or residential uses with the provision of open space and other supporting facilities. Other land use zones include "Commercial" (about 6.60 hectares), "Commercial/Residential" (14.55 hectares) and "Industrial" (about 42.69 hectares) for relevant developments.

About 190.30 hectares of land are zoned "Village Type Development" to designate both existing recognised villages and areas of land suitable for village expansion.

About 291.93 hectares of land are zoned "Government, Institution or Community" primarily for the provision of government, institution or community facilities serving the needs of the local residents and/or a wider district, region or the territory. About 253.68 hectares of land are zoned "Open Space" to provide outdoor open-air public space for active and/or passive recreational uses serving the needs of local residents as well as the general public.

About 215.85 hectares of land are zoned "Other Specified Uses", mainly for railway station and railway depot development, business, cemetery and columbarium uses.

About 979.67 hectares of land are zoned "Green Belt" to define the limits of urban and sub-urban development areas by natural features and to contain urban sprawl as well as to provide passive recreational outlets.

The approved Sha Tin OZP No. S/ST/34 is now available for public inspection during office hours at the Secretariat of the Board; the Planning Enquiry Counters of the Planning Department in North Point and Sha Tin; the Sha Tin, Tai Po and North District Planning Office; the Sha Tin District Office; and the Sha Tin Rural Committee.

Copies of the approved OZP are available for sale at the Map Publications Centres in North Point and Yau Ma Tei. The electronic version of the plan can be viewed at the Board's website ([www.info.gov.hk/tpb](http://www.info.gov.hk/tpb)).

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## **Approved Sai Ying Pun and Sheung Wan Outline Zoning Plan referred back for amendment**

The Town Planning Board announced today (June 8) that the Chief Executive in Council has referred the approved Sai Ying Pun and Sheung Wan Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) to the Board for amendment to reflect the latest land use proposals.

The OZP incorporating the respective amendments will be exhibited for public inspection under the provisions of the Town Planning Ordinance.

The Sai Ying Pun and Sheung Wan OZP was last approved by the Chief Executive in Council in December 2017.

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## **Effective Exchange Rate Index**

The effective exchange rate index for the Hong Kong dollar on Friday, June 6, 2018 is 99.7 (up 0.2 against yesterday's index).

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## **Artistic talent of Hong Kong shines in**

## vivid Australian showcase (with photos)

With the support of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office, Sydney (HKETO), a young Hong Kong watercolour artist is painting pictures of future cities and space live for spectators at a Vivid Sydney event in the Chatswood district of Sydney, Australia. Vivid Sydney is the world's largest festival of light, music and ideas and is expected to attract about 2 million people this year.

In "Life in 2050" from 7pm to 10pm on June 7, Hong Kong watercolour artist Elaine Chiu delved into an exploration of future cities in her artworks created live. Visitors had the chance to see Chiu create giant scenes of mystifying cityscapes, capturing the heartbeat and hustle and bustle of cities. The creative and colourful painting was projected live onto the Anderson Street side of the Concourse in Chatswood, complementing the eclectic celebration of food, fashion, light, the planet and the cosmos.

Chiu will continue her live performance, enabling audiences to see the experience of making artwork from its inception to final creation, from 7pm to 10pm tonight (June 8) and on June 14 and 15, and from 5.30pm to 10.30pm on June 9 and June 16, the day when Vivid Sydney concludes this year.

A spokesman for the HKETO said today (June 8) that the HKETO was delighted to support this talented artist from Hong Kong to bring her art to life on such a huge scale right in front of the audience during Vivid Sydney at Chatswood – a prominent event that the local community loves.

"It is indeed a vivid demonstration of the capability of Hong Kong's home-grown emerging young artistic talent. This is also a great opportunity for Hong Kong's creative talent to gain practical experience by participating in a large-scale overseas event," the spokesman said.

"To consolidate Hong Kong's status as an international cultural metropolis and to create more opportunities for our young artists, the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government will continue to support them to perform and stage exhibitions outside Hong Kong to showcase the essence of Hong Kong arts," the spokesman added.

This is the first time that Chiu, a fine arts graduate from the University of Hong Kong, has brought her distinct style to Sydney. The emerging artist has exhibited in Hong Kong and various cities overseas, and has presented solo exhibitions in the past years. She also received a Talent Development Scholarship and a Reaching Out Award under the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government Scholarship Fund in 2015-16.



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## Temporary traffic arrangements at Kai Tak Tunnel and East Kowloon Way this Sunday cancelled

The Transport Department today (June 8) announced that due to the inclement weather forecast for this weekend, the Highways Department has decided to cancel the road repair works scheduled for this Sunday (June 10) at the Kai Tak Tunnel and the East Kowloon Way. The related temporary traffic arrangements will be cancelled accordingly.