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Hi Bernard

How are you? I hope well.

Thank you for arranging and meeting members of the Government Hill Concern Group tomorrow; unfortunately, I will probably not be able to attend. In the meantime, I make the following observations:

Much good information will be given to you and other members of the AAB to consider tomorrow, however the submission by the Hong Kong Institute of Architects to the Development Bureau in the public consultation on the CGO site late last year is a key document. I hope you can read and distribute it to your fellow AAB members before tomorrow's meeting.

All the submissions (including the C&WCG, except one document is missing, attached here) from this consultation can be read at:
http://www.pland.gov.hk/pland_en/misc/cgo/index_eng.htm

Most submissions call for greater public consultation by the government before it decides on future uses of the CGO site. We hope that the AAB will take its time to carefully consider the heritage merits of the CGO site and its buildings, including the West Wing and allow the public to make submissions and presentations.

The benefits of public consultation are many - as you are aware - and the protracted public consultations about the West Kowloon Cultural District are a rare example of government allowing public to be very involved in the planning of a (in this case, controversial) project and, through this, the public also takes responsibility for decision-making and makes many useful suggestions. I wrote a brief article about this in last month's 'Perspective' architecture magazine, which could be of interest - see attached.

Many thanks again and kind regards

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