

URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY ORDINANCE (Chapter 563)

NOTIFICATION OF WITHDRAWAL OF THE
STAUNTON STREET/WING LEE STREET
DEVELOPMENT SCHEME BY
THE URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY

It is hereby notified that the Urban Renewal Authority (the Authority) has decided not to proceed further with the project H19 Staunton Street/Wing Lee Street, Sheung Wan ('the Project') and that the Project should accordingly be withdrawn. The decision of withdrawal of the Project is published in the Gazette Notice on 13 November 2020.

The Project was implemented by way of a development scheme in accordance with section 25 of the Urban Renewal Authority Ordinance ('the Ordinance'). Notice of the commencement date of the implementation of the Project was published in accordance with section 23 of the Ordinance and was first published in the Gazette G.N. 1842 on 21 March 2003. Information related to the Project was made available for public inspection for a period of two months, that is, from 21 March 2003 to 21 May 2003 inclusive. With subsequent amendments, the Chief Executive in Council on 8 May 2012 approved the draft Urban Renewal Authority Staunton Street/Wing Lee Street Development Scheme Plan (renumbered as S/H3/URA1/4 upon approval). Notice of the approval was published in the Gazette G.N. 3374 on 18 May 2012.

According to the Policy Agenda of the Chief Executive's 2018 Policy Address, the Chief Executive had tasked the Authority to carry out further study with a view to revitalising the building clusters with special character and urban fabric under the Project so as to promote place making and synergise with nearby revitalisation projects.

Subsequently, the Chief Executive in Council on 3 November 2020, under section 9(1)(a) of the Town Planning Ordinance, approved the draft Sai Ying Pun and Sheung Wan Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) (renumbered as S/H3/34 upon approval) which has incorporated the area covered by the approved Urban Renewal Authority Staunton Street/Wing Lee Street Development Scheme Plan No. S/H3/URA1/4 into the said OZP. As a result, such area will be subject to the new planning control restrictions as stipulated in the OZP.

The Authority has considered the latest circumstances, including the above, and decided not to proceed further with the Project. The Project will be discontinued immediately after the publication of this Gazette Notice on 13 November 2020. The discontinuance of the Project shall be without prejudice to the Authority's power under the Ordinance to conduct other activities within the said area.

13 November 2020

Urban Renewal Authority