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Dear Editor,

Cross Bay Link, Tseung Kwan O

We would like to clarify a few issues in relation to the Cross Bay Link (CBL) project in response to the letter from Mr Tim Hallworth published in the South China Morning Post on 22 May.

The purpose of the CBL is to provide a road link across the Junk Bay connecting the proposed Tseung Kwan O – Lam Tin Tunnel (TKO-LT Tunnel) to Wan Po Road in the southeastern part of TKO. The TKO-LT Tunnel, together with the proposed Trunk Road T2 and Central Kowloon Route, will form the Route 6 and provide an east-west express link between West Kowloon and TKO areas.

CBL is an essential infrastructure to meet the traffic need of the existing 75-hectare TKO Industrial Estate and the 103-hectare TKO Area 137 in southeast TKO, and also the further developments in LOHAS Park and Pak Shing Kok. Upon the completion of CBL, traffic to and from southeast of TKO will be able to by-pass the TKO town centre, thus minimizing adverse traffic and environmental impacts on the residential areas in TKO.

Moreover, Wan Po Road is the only road linking the southeastern part of TKO to other areas. If Wan Po Road is blocked by traffic accidents, the commercial and industrial activities in the TKO Industrial Estate and TKO Area 137 would be seriously affected. Together with TKO-LT Tunnel, the proposed CBL would provide an alternative access to southeast TKO and therefore significantly increase the reliability of the road network serving these areas.

Having regard to the above, contrary to the suggestion of Mr Hallworth in his abovementioned letter, we do see a practical and genuine need to take forward the proposed CBL project.

Yours faithfully,

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