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Attn.: Miss Ophelia Y. S. Wong

Dear Miss Wong,

## Town Planning (Amendment) Ordinance

Thank you for your letter of 5 December 2005.

We note that the ordinance is operating quite smoothly so far. On consulting our members, we have the following observations and suggestions for your consideration:

1. It has always been the institute's view that owner's consent is not necessary.
2. If the applicant is not the owner and the owner is a limited company, the required consent from the owner includes company seal, authorized signature and a resolution of the Board of Directors. This is considered too demanding as the resolution involves notification of meeting and the number of directors could be many. The situation is worse if there are more than one such owner. We consider an authorized signature with company chop and supporting company registry information is sufficient.
3. There is no mechanism for the applicant to respond to public comments. If applicant responds by way of submission of further information, he runs the risk of the hearing being rescheduled for another 2 months. It is suggested that the public consultation period be shortened to 2 weeks to allow a reasonable time for response so that in preparing the TPB Paper the PlanD can form a balanced view.

We welcome your department reviewing the ordinance from time to time and the institute is always prepared to provide feedback with a view to better the town planning process.

Yours sincerely,

Wong Chung Hang  
President (2005-2006)