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**Land and Development Advisory Committee,
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Attn. Jasmine Choi

Secretary, Joint Sub-committee on Streamlining Development Control

Dear Ms. Choi,

Streamlining the Processing of Statutory Submissions related to Landscape Design

The HKILA, jointly with the Landscape Architects Registration Board (LARB) and the Association of Landscape Consultants (ALC), have further reviewed the current processing of statutory submissions related to landscape design. It is the consensus of the three organizations that statutory landscape submissions are required to be processed more efficiently, driven by positive organizational and workflow changes, and supported by correspondingly increase in resources allocated to the vetting parties.

The three organizations recognize that all the vetting functions for landscape design should be put under one single roof of a landscape development control office. We anticipate that such organizational change, coupled with time pledges for major submission stages, will significantly improve the landscape control efficiency and thus enhancing the overall development process and quality.

Prior to realization of the above preferred arrangements, we would like to suggest several interim measures, mainly in workflow revisions and defining proper submission amendment process, to facilitate the vetting and approving procedures.

The attached **Appendix A** to this letter shows our suggested workflow among Planning Department, Lands Department and Buildings Department. This is mainly proposed to allocate defined nature of submissions to be processed by a single authority as far as possible. We propose in **Appendix B** the preferred arrangement in processing amendments to Approved Landscape Plan / Landscape Master Plan.



We would be very happy to discuss with the sub-committee and departments concerned on our proposal, and also look forward to working together for the enhancement of the landscape development and control procedures and arrangements in Hong Kong.

Yours sincerely,

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