

Tentative Programme Rundown

Activities	
Day One:	15 April (Monday)
Morning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Departure from Hong Kong Airport at 23:10pm on 14 April (Sunday) for London • Arrival at Heathrow Airport at 06:40am • Infrastructure Visit/Exchange Session: Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead (or equivalent borough) The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead Planning and Building Control Section is a local, independent, impartial, not for profit government service with a view to ensuring that buildings are designed and constructed in accordance with the Building Regulations & Associated Legislation. Throughout the visit, participants will be received by the borough planning officers, who would explain in detail the daily operation of the Planning and Building Control Section. Participants could acquire more understanding on London's local planning knowledge under the discretionary planning system, providing insights to the Hong Kong's planning and building system.
Afternoon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Model Talk/Bespoke Presentation by New London Architecture (NLA) NLA is London's built environment community; an independent, purpose-led organisation for everyone with an interest in London's built environment. Through their famous Model Talk and bespoke private session on selected planning topic (i.e. "London's Past, Present and Future - Town Planning"), participants can learn about the history of London, the London's town planning, as well as the changes of planning policy in London and how these changes affect the cityscape etc.
Day Two:	16 April (Tuesday)
Morning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seminar/Exchange Session: "London Plan 2021" by Greater London Authority (GLA) "The London Plan 2021" is the Spatial Development Strategy for Greater London, which sets out a framework for how London will develop over the next 20-25 years and the Mayor's vision for Good Growth. The Plan is part of the statutory development plan for London, meaning that the policies in the Plan should inform decisions on planning applications across the capital city. Borough's Local Plans must be in 'general conformity' with the London Plan, ensuring that the planning system for London operates in a joined-up way and reflects the overall strategy for how London can develop sustainably. In addition, the Plan lays down the guiding principle of 'Good Growth', which is to achieve growth that is economically and socially inclusive and environmentally sustainable. By joining the seminar and exchanging with chief officials from the GLA, participants can get more understanding and inspiration on strategic planning in London, which could serve as a major reference to Hong Kong 2030+ strategic plan and the future development of Northern Metropolis, thus enhancing the standards and external competitiveness of Hong Kong's professional services.
Afternoon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seminar/Exchange Session: "UK Planning Reform" by Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI) The UK Planning Reform forms part of the "Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill", aiming to streamline the urban planning process, making it easier to release more land for housing and to obtain planning permission. Under the prevailing discretionary planning system in the UK, a zonal system has been introduced to classify land either for growth, renewal or protection. Also, there are neighbourhood plans which are a way for communities to have a say in the future of the places where they live. For the developers, new penalties will be imposed to slow developers failing to build already-approved homes. The seminar will be hosted by Ms. Helen Fadipe, Vice President of RTPI, who will give the

	<p>participants a brief on the latest development of and lessons learnt from UK Planning Reform. Participants from Hong Kong could make use of this reference case to generate new ideas for the future direction of Hong Kong's planning reform and streamlining of statutory planning procedures.</p>
Early Evening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exchange/Networking with London ETO <p>The delegation will take the opportunity to visit the London ETO premises. It increases the exchanges and co-operation of Hong Kong's planning professionals with London ETO, expanding the mutual networks.</p>
Day Three: 17 April (Wednesday)	
Morning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Company Visit: Knight Frank <p>Through the company visit and discussion with the planners at Knight Frank (London Office), participants can have a better understanding on private sector's views on the UK Planning Reform and exchange ideas on the housing supply and housing ladder in the UK and Hong Kong. Besides, we may share the new development projects in Hong Kong (i.e. Hong Kong 2030+ / Northern Metropolis Development Strategy etc.) and promote our image of Asia's World City to our UK counterparts.</p>
Afternoon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Company Visit: ARUP <p>Participants will be visiting some leading urban planning firms in the UK - ARUP UK to explore their smart green initiatives and sustainable design solutions in local planning projects.</p> <p>Through a company presentation, office tour, and interactive sessions, participants will learn about the firm's expertise, interdisciplinary work culture, and the technology and tools employed in their green urban planning initiatives. Networking opportunities will facilitate knowledge exchange and potential collaborations.</p>
Day Four 18 April (Thursday)	
Morning - Afternoon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anchor Event: HK x London Urban Planning Symposium <i>(London ETO as co-organiser as the Symposium)</i> <p>This Symposium compares and contrasts the vision and implementation of strategic planning in Hong Kong and London. With HK2030+ and London Plan 2021, planning options and policy interventions in both cities have been much more shaped by higher level directions, as well as a local context that offers a more flexible environment to trial and error. The two cities' strategic plans show their effort in combating climate change, enhancing ecological low carbon, and tackling socio-economic disparity.</p> <p>The Symposium will be attended by the delegation, local planners and planning students in the UK, which could increase the exchanges and co-operation of Hong Kong's professional services with their counterparts in London markets, promote Hong Kong's strong edge in urban planning and design and compete for talents in the UK to work in Hong Kong.</p>
Evening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post-Symposium Networking <p>UK planners who attended the Symposium will be invited to join a mingling session with refreshment in the early evening.</p> <p>It allows post-symposium business networking (also among London ETO staff), aiming to showcase the strengths and edges of Hong Kong's urban planning professionals and increase their international competitiveness through multi-level exchanges with planners in the UK.</p>
Day Five: 19 April (Friday)	
Morning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Company Visit: Mott MacDonald <p>Participants will be visiting multi-disciplinary firm in the UK - Mott MacDonald which endeavours to push forward the performance of buildings for all purposes from civic and commercial and retail through to transport, education and sports.</p>

	<p>The company visit aims to deepen understanding of the UK's multi-disciplinary projects. In terms of transport planning, Mott MacDonald were at the heart of the modernisation programme at Heathrow Airport. As well as working on the UK's largest ever airside project – the £490M Heathrow Terminal 2B – it designed, managed and integrated 28 IT systems for the entire £2.5B Terminal 2 complex. Mott MacDonald is playing leading roles on principal projects – High Speed Two, Crossrail, East London Line, London Underground station upgrades, Thameslink upgrade and the Northern Hub project.</p>
Afternoon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walking Tour by New London Architecture (NLA) <p>Participants will be guided to explore through the historic and financial heart of London, where the oldest and newest buildings stand side by side. The City of London continues to experience ongoing regeneration, with some of the tallest and most high-profile skyscrapers, alongside creative public realm projects and cultural buildings.</p>
Day Six:	20 April (Saturday)
Morning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infrastructure Visit: Woodberry Wetlands Nature Reserve <p>Woodberry Wetlands is a nature reserve and designated Site of Metropolitan Importance on the site of the East Reservoir in the Manor House area in the London Borough of Hackney. It supports lots of species throughout the year, from wintering populations of pochard, shoveler, tufted and gadwall ducks, to reed warbler and bunting who have migrated from Africa for spring and summer. Covering 4.5 ha and situated close to the Lee Valley, Woodberry Wetlands was acquired as a nature reserve in 2014. The site is owned by Thames Water and run by London Wildlife Trust.</p> <p>Through the visit, participants could acquire the knowledge and insight of striking the balance between nature conservation and development in the dense urban context like London and Hong Kong, and extend their network of international professionals by exchanging views with London Wildlife Trust staff on site.</p>
Afternoon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walking Tour/Exchange Session on London's Walkability by BAME Planners Network (To be advised)
Evening	Departure from London Airport at 20:55pm for Hong Kong
	Arrival at Hong Kong Airport at 16:35pm on 21 April (Sunday)