

## Stage 2 Q&A all replies

My team has questions regarding competition details. I want to ask what is the finished floor level (FFL) in each part of the site area, what is the opening and closing time of the Garden and what are the areas colored in green we can't change (site constraints)?

### Reply:

Regarding your question about the opening hours of the space, please refer to p.27 of the competition brief. The main garden(area enclosed within gates) is open from 06:00 - 23:00, while the public space outside the main garden is open to the public 24/7.

You may change anything you wish within the site area (areas coloured in green in the previous sent site plan), there are no specific constraints. You may propose to deconstruct any existing structures you deem appropriate within the indicated site area. However, you shall justify and explain how you will compensate for the functions of the demolished in your proposal by offering alternatives. For example, if you demolished the stairs to the podium, it would be better to explain why it is necessary and how people can access the podium from the ground floor plaza. You may also consider the practicality of implementation because of the expenses involved in the demolition of all stairs and walls.

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Taking reference to the marking scheme of the competition, our team found that the cost estimation occupied 20% of the design proposal, however, there is no mention about it during the engagement workshop. We would like to ask how detailed the budget breakdown has to be because it will greatly affect our focus on the work. Is a preliminary budget plan enough or is there any example we can take reference to? Thank you.

### Reply:

For the University category, the idea of having a cost estimation is to make sure that teams will be designing on a similar scale within the budget ceiling of HK\$8 million. Therefore, a preliminary budget plan will be sufficient. We understand University teams will not have much experience in dealing with cost, please rest assured that the judging on this part will not be particularly rigid as long as the cost is within budget.

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- 1) How can I get information about the budget breakdown in realistic terms? Eg. purchasing of hardware/construction fee
- 2) What is the difference between an A2 panel and a physical model?
- 3) Are there any suggestions on how to demonstrate IoT elements without using electrical engineering/mechanical engineering, such as a software simulation?
- 4) What are you looking for in VR? Should I build the whole park?
- 5) Are the targets only elderly and children? Or do adults also need to be considered?
- 6) Does Intergenerational mean using facilities together, or playing games together? As the sharing of facilities may raise safety issues for kids
- 7) Can you show us the boundary/scope of the two levels of Prosperous Garden on the 2D layout plan? So that we don't mix it up with the estates and other recreational businesses
- 8) What does the second level and lower indoor level consist of? Any detailed maps provided?

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- 9) Is there a map which can show us which objects/areas in the park which can be designed on/movable?
- 10) Can we change the materials of the objects?
- 11) Are the green areas (plants, trees) changeable? Is there any limitation on the percentage of green areas?
- 12) Is there a clearer section plan?
- 13) If we were to make a survey (google forms/paper), would it be ok to ask the PolyU Jockey Club to help us pass the survey on to the residents of PG?
- 14) Can we make amendments to our design proposal in stage 1? Must we follow our proposal from stage 1?

### Reply:

- 1) Unfortunately we will not be able to provide any reference from our end about this. However, please be noted that for the University category, the idea of having a cost estimation is to make sure that teams will be designing on a similar scale within the budget ceiling of HK\$8 million. Therefore, a preliminary budget plan will be sufficient. We understand University teams will not have much experience in dealing with cost, please rest assured that the judging on this part will not be particularly rigid as long as the cost is within budget.
- 2) For the university category, the physical model is an optional item (as are all the supporting design items in the brief). The A2 panels are mandatory submission items. You may supplement your submission with a physical model if you feel that the model can help show the spatial relation of your design scheme better than drawings on your panel.
- 3) You may represent your idea of how to use IoT elements in your drawings. For example, a flow diagram of an app.
- 4) The VR is also an optional design item. If you wish to do it, you may build parts which you wish to demonstrate the experience.
- 5) The intergenerational place space design is targeted to serve all users groups, not just elderly and children.
- 6) Intergenerational in the context of our competition simply means that the spatial design of the place may accommodate people across generations and facilitate cross-generational interaction. It is not mandatory to share facilities if your team deems that the sharing of certain facilities may raise safety issues.
- 7) In the previous notification email, two plans were sent to indicate the scope of the site on the 2 levels. Please refer to that plan
- 8) Please refer to the information provided in the brief for the time being. We are now gathering various plans and sections possible to be released. The information will be uploaded to the website if possible.
- 9) You may change anything you wish within the site area (areas coloured in green in the previous sent site plan), there are no specific constraints.
- 10) Yes
- 11) You may design them as you deem appropriate.
- 12) As various participants has requested for more drawings and information on the site, we are now gathering various plans and sections possible to be released. The information will be uploaded to the website if possible.

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13) Unfortunately, it would not be possible for us to cater individual requests from each team.

14) Yes, you may change it.

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Please clarify is the central sitting out area (pic1) part of the EVA (emergency vehicle access)?

Your answer may affect our design significantly as it opens more opportunities for grading.

Reply:

This is to confirm only the part highlighted in yellow is part of the EVA, any part outside of the yellow highlighted area is not the EVA.

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1. Does the HK\$8 million budget include both the initial and operational cost for a certain period?
  2. Is it possible for us to invite guest speakers out of and within your mentioned organization to hold workshops regularly?
  3. We would like to give the users some coupons to increase their incentives to use the facilities. Would you treat it as a financial activity and forbidden to hold?
  4. May we ask if there are classes for the elderly currently at the elderly centre? If yes, may we cooperate with the centre for teaching the elderly the ways of using the facilities?
  5. Could we cooperate with the Leisure and Cultural services department for organising activities?

Reply:

1. The HK\$8 million budget ceiling is only for the upgrading works. It does not include cost for operation.
2. It is possible, you may suggest that in the proposal as part of your programme in the proposal.
3. From the management point of view of HKHS, this does sound like commercial activity and they would not recommend of such. However, you may still propose it in your proposal if you deem it to be an important part of your idea and concept.
4. There are some classes for the elderly by NGOs within the Elderly Resource Centre premises. However, those are suspended at the moment due to COVID-19. It seems feasible for collaboration; you may suggest more details of this in your proposal.
5. You may suggest that, however it would be useful if you also indicate the relevance of cooperating with LCSD in your proposal.

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I am a participant from the University Category and I wonder can we change our main title/concept we submitted in Stage 1?

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### Reply:

You can change your title and concept that you submitted in Stage 1.

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I am a participant of the Intergenerational Play Space Design Competition and would like to know the scope of the site that we can destruct- are we allowed to destruct all the walls/ stairs in the site that is coloured in green?

And can we only redesign the centre of the ground floor round garden and the first floor, so excluding part of the ground floor entrances/ playground that are also coloured in green?

Apart from this, we would like to know if there are criteria that we should cover for the detail design proposal to be submitted in October 2020?

### Reply:

Yes, you may deconstruct any existing structures you deem appropriate within the indicated site area (please refer to image attached). However, you shall justify and explain how you will compensate for the functions of the demolished in your proposal by offering alternatives. For example, if you demolished the stairs to the podium, it would be better to explain why it is necessary and how people can access the podium from the ground floor plaza. You may also consider the practicality of implementation because of the expenses involved in the demolition of all stairs and walls.

You may redesign all areas that are coloured in green in the attached site area image.

There are no specific criteria or content that you need to include in the Detailed Design Proposal. You may organize the content of the proposal in a way that you think best display your team's concept and ideas as well as your design process. The submissions will be evaluated according to the evaluation criteria table in chapter 2.5 of the design brief.

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I am writing to seek clarification on the location of the emergency vehicle access (EVA). Would it be possible for us to have the EVA /areas that only movable installations are allowed highlighted in the map?

We are mainly confused about how emergency vehicles circulate around the "sitting area"/ former fountain area mentioned in pic2.

### Reply:

Yes the area highlighted in yellow indicates the boundary and area of the currently designated Emergency Vehicular Access. According to the Buildings Department Code of Practice for Means of Access for Firefighting and Rescue, the EVA shall be demarcated and kept clear at all times.

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1. What do we need to include in the detail design proposal? Would it be appropriate if we follow this flow?

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2. Would it be better if we make the physical model? Because we can show our spatial design and ideas to the general public and PG residents more clearly during the public voting period.

3. Which design software would you recommend for the drawings, layout plans and 3D modeling, e.g. SketchUp, REVIT or ArchiCAD? Would you provide us with any license or free access to design software? If we need to subscribe to any design software for the drawings, can we claim back the subscription fee?

4. In stage 2, involvement of local and nearby community counts for 15%. May I know how it will be graded? Is it based on our performance in the engagement workshop?

5. For the online engagement workshop on 8th August, it is compulsory for every member of my team to attend the workshop?

6. Practicality of implementation is one of the attributes of the stage 2 submission. And under it, we should integrate insights and comments from the panel. May I know how we can receive the insights from the panel and further integrate them into our design?

7. For the Academic research value and social impact, should we have case review of successful intergenerational parks and explain what elements we have taken from them?

### Reply:

1. It would be **inappropriate for us as organizers to comment on or endorse the content of your upcoming submission**. You may arrange your design proposal in any way you wish as long as you deem that it properly displays your team's analysis and design.
2. The physical model is an optional submission item for the University Category (as are all supporting design items). You may or may not submit one depending on whether you and your team think it is useful or appropriate.
3. The brief states that only "Each shortlisted team will be reimbursed for their expenses incurred during Stage 2 of the Competition", which is referring to the six shortlisted teams in the Professional Category. Entrants in the University Category will not be reimbursed for any expenses. Please use student software free of charge or use software provided from the school you currently enroll in when in need. We will NOT provide any license or free access to design software.
4. "Involvement of Local and Nearby Community" as an attribute of the evaluation criteria mainly denotes to the participation of Prosperous Garden residents, resident groups and neighborhood stakeholders in the design process. Though we were unable to hold a physical engagement workshop for you to make prototypes and interact with resident and resident groups due to the COVID situation, there were still plenty of input and aspirations the residents expressed through the interviews in the workshop. This evaluation criteria will be translated into whether your

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design proposal has taken into account the aspirations and views expressed by the residents during your design process.

5. According to the Design Brief, for the University Category, each team is advised to attend the engagement workshop only. Therefore, it is NOT compulsory for every team member to be present. Your team will not be penalized if some members did not attend the engagement workshop.
6. “Integration of insights and comments from the panel” refers to the Intergenerational Design panel sharing and discussion during the engagement workshop. You may join the engagement workshop to listen to their sharing and discussion or watch the recording of the workshop which will be released later on the website.
7. You may if you deem it an effective method of demonstrating that your team’s proposal has taken into consideration the academic research value and social impact.