

**URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY GUIDELINES ON THE
SUBMISSION OF OBJECTIONS TO PROJECTS TO BE IMPLEMENTED BY
WAY OF DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

These Guidelines are intended for general reference only. In case of any doubt reference should be made to the Urban Renewal Authority Ordinance. Any enquiry on this pamphlet should be directed to the Urban Renewal Authority at 26th Floor, COSCO Tower, 183 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong (Tel: 2588-2333).

The Guidelines are subject to revision without prior notice.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The purpose of this set of Guidelines is to set out the requirements and practices adopted by the Urban Renewal Authority (URA) regarding the submission of objections to projects which are to be implemented by way of development project under the Urban Renewal Authority Ordinance (URAO).

2. An Overview of the Relevant Statutory Provisions

- 2.1 The procedure of processing the development project is set out in sections 23, 24 and 26 of the URAO. Under section 23 of the URAO, the commencement date of the development project will be published in the Gazette and information on the development project will be made available for public inspection for a period of two months (the publication period).
- 2.2 Within the publication period, any person who considers that he will be affected by the development project and wishes to object to the implementation of the development project may send to the URA a written statement of his objections to the project under section 24(1) of the URAO.
- 2.3 The project, the URA's deliberations on the objections, the objections which are not withdrawn and an assessment will be submitted by the URA to the Secretary for Development (SDEV) for consideration no later than three months after the expiration of the publication period under section 24(3) of the URAO.

- 2.4 Under section 24(4) of the URAO, the SDEV shall consider the development project and any objections not withdrawn and determine whether:
- (a) to authorize the URA to proceed with the development project without amendment;
 - (b) to make amendment to the development project to meet an objection raised under section 24(1); or
 - (c) to decline to authorize the development project.

The SDEV may also authorize the URA to proceed with the development project if after the expiration of the publication period no objections have been lodged.

3. Submission Requirements

- 3.1 Under section 24(2) of the URAO, the written statement of objections shall set out:
- (a) the nature and reasons for the objection; and
 - (b) where the objection would be removed by an amendment of the development project any amendment proposed.
- 3.2 All written statements of objections should be sent to the “Urban Renewal Authority, 26/F, COSCO Tower, 183 Queen’s Road Central, Hong Kong” by hand or post. To facilitate processing of the objections, objectors should provide the necessary information by filling in an objection form (Form No. S24). The form is available at the URA office or neighbourhood centres and can be downloaded from the URA website (<http://www.ura.org.hk>).
- 3.3 Any objection must be made within the statutory time limit for submission, *i.e. within two months from the gazettal of the notice of commencement date of the implementation of the project*. It is the responsibility of the objectors to provide sufficient and correct information when making the submission to the URA. There is no provision under the URAO for submission of further information to supplement an objection after expiration of the statutory time limit.
- 3.4 Objectors are advised to provide their particulars (including name, correspondence address, and telephone number/ fax number/ email address) in the submission. If the submission is made by an authorized agent, particulars of the authorized agent (including name, correspondence address, and telephone

number/ fax number/ email address), and an authorization letter signed by the relevant objector should be given.

4. Collection of Personal Data

4.1 The personal data submitted to the URA will be used for the following purposes:

- (a) processing the relevant objection, its consideration and deliberation, and the consideration of the development project; and
- (b) facilitating communication between the objector and the URA.

4.2 The personal data provided by the objector may also be disclosed to other persons (including Government departments) for the purposes mentioned in paragraph 4.1 above.

4.3 An objector has a right of access and correction with respect to his personal data as provided under the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance (Cap. 486). Request for personal data access and correction should be addressed to the URA.

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