



# “Hong Kong 2030+” Improving Liveability

*Town planning is important to the younger generation. 57.8% of respondents to this survey think Hong Kong’s liveability is above average. They rate it at average of 5.8 on a 1-10 scale. What do they suggest to improve the situation?*

80.2% of young people in this survey believe firmly that Hong Kong must increase its land supply to meet housing demands, whereas 74% say the city’s greatest shortcoming is its crowded living environment. 61.1% say the best way forward is to develop brownfield sites. They also say a liveable city should provide a good living environment and quality of life.



*Hong Kong 2030+\*, a government consultation document, aims to address the question of how much land should be provided, what type and where. It gives figures from the Census and Statistics Department which predict that Hong Kong’s population will peak at 8.22 million in 2043 and then decline, but it actually plans for a larger target population of 9 million. The final report states that it is “not meant to set out a detailed blueprint for Hong Kong’s future development, but to provide a robust strategy that can cater for changes.” The general approach is, it claims, “to leverage on the existing urban infrastructure, concentrate on the reuse and recycling of the old urban fabric and to do more with less.”*

**More information**

\* [hk2030plus.hk/index.asp2016](http://hk2030plus.hk/index.asp2016)

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**Comments from group members and convener**

The main emphasis of comments is on making the city a better place to live, on providing incentives for developers and on creating a cluster effect in residential areas for specific industry professionals.

**Justen Li, convener** “A range of indicators are used to measure livability. The assessment criteria are mainly environmental or social and in Hong Kong I believe they should include rankings specifically for social capital, including social networks, trust, solidarity and social cohesion. Also, to promote cultural distinctiveness, the government should consider providing developers with incentives to include artistic elements that reflect local culture in building design.”

**Calvin Lam, member** “The government should formulate a brownfield development policy as a priority, including a comprehensive picture of brownfield redevelopment patterns and characteristics. The government could also create a web page with information on brownfield sites for public reference and rational discussion.”

**Jeff Kwok, member** “Fundamental principles of good town planning include providing not only various types of housing but also the necessary infrastructure investment to generate economic development. The government could also consider creating residential districts specifically for people who work in similar industries to gain a synergistic effect.”

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20 young people and 4 experts or academics were also interviewed.

**Full details** [in Chinese]

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