

# Activists gearing up for action on Tamar

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Harbour activists are gearing up for a fresh campaign against plans for a new government headquarters at Tamar.

Citizen Envisioning @Harbour convenor Albert Lai Kwong-tak said a number of civic groups are planning to work together to block the government from going ahead with the Tamar proposal.

He said civic groups include Designing Hong Kong Harbour District and the Society for Protection of the Harbour.

"It is going to be one of the rare unified actions between civic groups and the business sector. We are determined to start a public debate on the subject. We have strong reservations against the plan," Mr Lai said.

They will try to raise their objections in the legislature on the subcommittee tasked to review planning of the Central waterfront.

Independent legislator Kwok Ka-ki hopes the subcommittee will become a platform for the public to raise concerns about the government's plan.

"We also hope the government can provide more information on the proposal. The government wants Legco to approve funding for the project, but it is unwilling to provide information," he said.

The government wants to build a new headquarters at Tamar and has started a prequalification test in which construction companies can submit designs, and technical and financial capabilities.

It plans to consult the Legislative Council and seek funding approval for the Tamar project in the second quarter of this year.

● Mr Kwok and Hong Kong Institute of Architects' vice-president Vincent Ng Wing-shun have given an audio interview on their views on the government's plan to redevelop the Tamar site.

