Focus Group Discussion topics

1. Although Singapore is faced with a limited land resource, we have actively planned to optimise this precious resource and use land innovatively to meet our various land needs. As Singapore continues to grow and develop, the Concept Plan 2011 will play a vital role in helping us to balance different land-use needs, ensure that the needs of various segments of the population are met and that Singapore achieves sustainable economic growth over the long term.

2. The four issues identified for the Concept Plan 2011 review are:

   a. Quality of Life
   b. Ageing issues;
   c. Sustainability; and
   d. Identity.

(A) Quality of Life

3. As Singapore continues to develop over the next 40-50 years, it will be increasingly important to ensure that we grow in a sustainable manner and be a global city in the heart of Asia.

4. In planning for the future, it is important to understand the needs and aspirations that various population segments have for a good quality of life. This will contribute towards a balanced approach that plans for an inclusive society which caters to the diverse needs of the population and ensures a good quality of life for all.

5. Some of the discussion areas for this Focus Group are:

   How do we maintain and enhance our quality of life even as Singapore develops?

   How do we meet the diverse lifestyle needs and aspirations of the different population segments (i.e. youths, elderly, working adults, families and foreign population)?

(B) Ageing

6. With the rapidly ageing population, we will need to examine how we can better cater to the needs of the elderly and ensure that we continue to enjoy a good quality of life as we age. It is therefore imperative that we re-examine the provision of facilities that cater to the needs of the elderly and our ability to care for the elderly, so that Singaporeans can look forward to ageing with grace and dignity.

7. We would also want to explore ways to encourage active ageing within the community and plan for more inclusive spaces that can bring our diverse population together, both young and old. In time to come, Singapore can be a place where we look forward to growing old in.
8. Some of the discussion areas for this Focus Group are:

   **How can we provide for the needs of an ageing population to be more “senior-ready” and “senior-friendly”?**

   **How can we design our physical landscape so that they are more conducive for active ageing?**

(C) Sustainability

9. As a small island nation with limited land resources, sustainable development has always been a priority for Singapore to ensure that we can continue to grow our economy while providing a good quality living environment for our people. Achieving sustainable growth however, requires the participation and contribution of the wider population, involving all segments of society, from individuals and households to community groups and businesses in adopting more environmentally friendly practices.

10. Some of the discussion areas for this Focus Group are:

   **How can individuals, households, community groups and businesses contribute to creating a sustainable Singapore which balances growth with responsible environmental management?**

   **How do we make sustainable development relevant to our community?**

(D) Identity

11. In ensuring our sustainable growth, we will have to consider how we can strengthen our people’s sense of belonging to Singapore as an endearing home while balancing against the need for Singapore to continue to develop and grow as a distinctive global city.

12. Some of the discussion areas for this Focus Group are:

   **How do we strengthen our people’s sense of belonging to Singapore as an endearing home as Singapore continues to develop and grow as a distinctive global city?**

   **What are the considerations in identifying significant places or elements that contribute to our sense of belonging?**