

Tapescript PSW 3.9 Listening 3: Meetings

Review and Renew

Chair: Thank you for coming today to this rather urgent meeting. We need to discuss the only item on the agenda - the facilities for the new housing development. Shall we begin? Alan, what do you think our priorities should be?

Alan: We should attract a superstore - not just a supermarket. A very large, very good supermarket will be essential.

Chair: Thank you. Betty, as liaison manager for the development team, can you check if we have the right population mix to attract a superstore?

Betty: Well, we are near a CBD, that's a Central Business District, and the MTR. I think we probably can but I'll need to check the customer ratio that the large chains demand.

Alan: I'm sorry - could you explain that again? Can't we just ask for what we want?

Betty: No, the supermarket chain will have to check our population. - We need high income families who have travelled, got expensive tastes - etc etc. We may have the right mix. It depends on the development - we're aiming at above the sandwich class, so it's probably alright.

Chair: Well, some more priorities. Betty, what do you think?

Betty: I want to see the best children's playground in all Hong Kong! A properly designed area for all age groups and families. We need to show added value.

Chair: Good idea.

Michael: Can I add something to that? We must cater for the teenagers - maybe a cybercafe or something involving IT.

Chair: Point noted. Well, so far we've got a superstore, children's play area and a teenagers' cybercafe. I'd like to add the usual range of small shops - dry cleaning, chemist, bakery. Do you think we can get a small cinema on the site?

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