

VIETNAM VILLAGE IN LONDON Post-Olympic Games 2012

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Dear all Vietnamese,

An Viet Foundation's desire is to set up a Vietnam Village in London to be comparable to the others internationally such as District 13 in Paris, Little Saigon in Orange County and San Jose California, Bankstown in Australia, etc... The world's Financial Centre, English as an international language, the first-class education system, the gateway to Europe and other continents all create favourable conditions to London.

A dream of a Vietnam Village in London became feasible when London was chosen as the host country of Olympic Games 2012. On this occasion, the British Government decided to build up the second city in East London stretching from Hackney where converges almost all Vietnamese in Britain to Newham, Tower Hamlets, Greenwich, Barking Dagenham. The project is of significance aiming to enlarge historic as well as modern London which becomes smaller and smaller due to all-round development. The British Government also agreed to provide £40 billions for the area's enlargement.

We submitted the proposal of the Vietnam Village establishment in London two years ago when I was voted as a Hackney Councillor (2002 – 2006). The proposal was welcomed and supported by both local and national Departments and Ministries. The chance of building up a Vietnam Village before 2012 is extremely difficult because large areas are used for Olympic Games. However, the project will be feasible after 2012. A post – Olympic Building Committee has been established to make a Master Plan for this second London.

We have made contact with relevant offices and departments. They require us to prove and present investment plan and comprehensive model of the Vietnam Village which are enclosed with this letter for your brief understanding. Your opinions of the



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comprehensive model are welcomed. The name, address, investment capital and investment area demand of each individual, company and corporation need to be filled in the enclosed registration list.

Although the establishment of a Vietnam Village in London is in the initial stages, it is necessary for the proposal to become attractive in the overall plan of the British Government. The golden opportunity will be missed out if there are not enough investors and capital. The Islamic Community have also lobbied to build up a temple and the most populous living area in Europe with a capital of £300 millions.

There is little time to wait because last year was wasted. We hope that this letter will be spread out to all Vietnamese who have concern in the Vietnam Village establishment in London. It is expected that the enclosed investment proposal will be sent back to us before 31st October 2008 for the next steps.

Capital requirement is £750,000 for each INVESTOR - with reference to:

www.uk-wp.com/workpermits/others/investors.htm

and £200,000 for each BUSINESS PERSON - with reference to:

www.uk-wp.com/workpermits/others/business-people.htm

Your name, your company and your investment plan will be kept absolutely secret. Please contact me via the email address of An Viet Foundation's Director: **anvietuk@aol.com**

All news relating to the Vietnam Village proposal in London is officially announced in two websites:

www.anviettoancau.net and **www.anvietuk.org**

Thank you for your concern and contribution.

Best regards,



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INVESTMENT PROPOSAL

(Please send back to us via email address: anvietuk@aol.com
with the intention to: 'Vietnam Village Investment')

Name

Company

Address

Tel

Email

Business field

Expected investment capital

Expected investment area (m2)

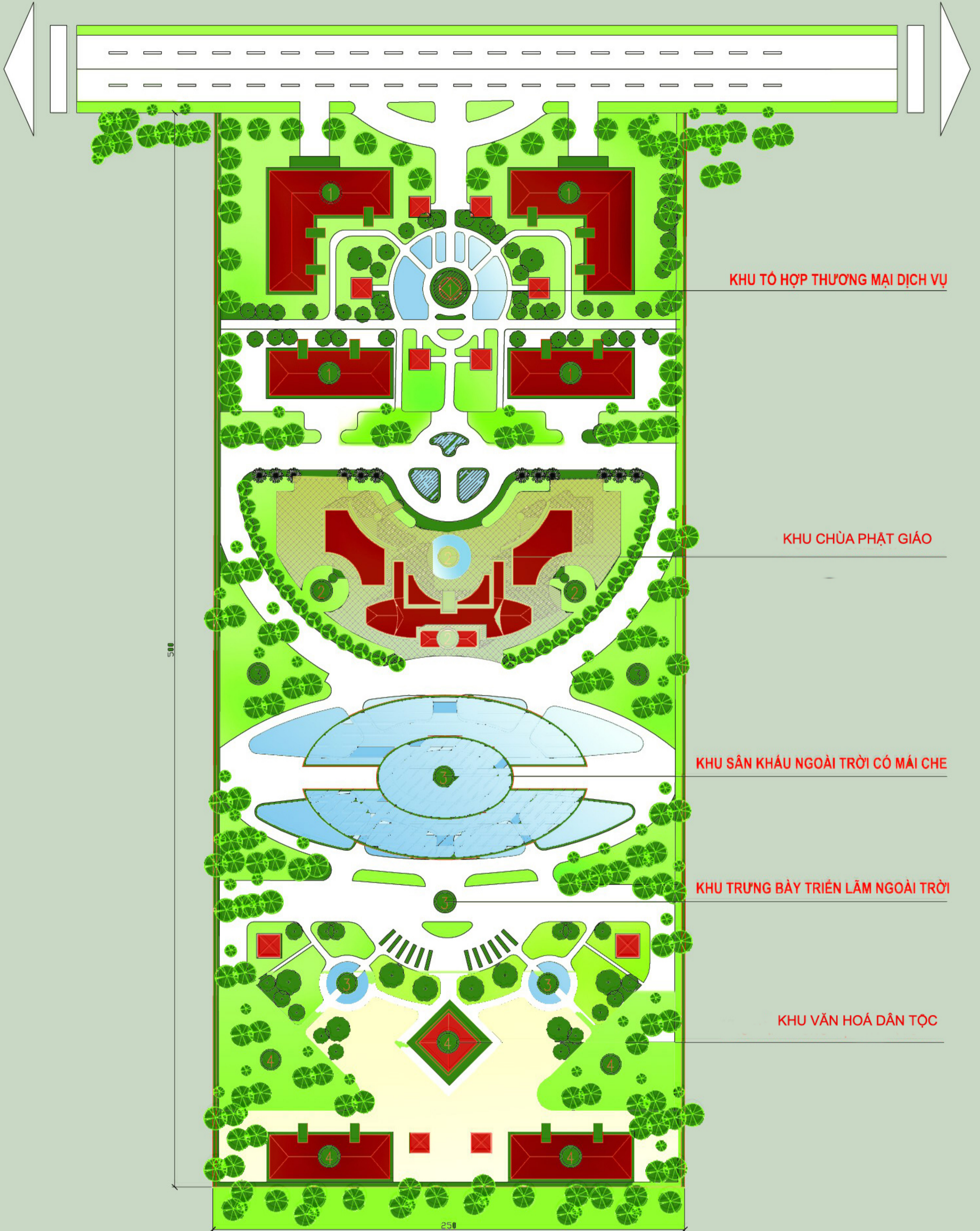
For Commerce or Office purpose?

For Housing (how many bedrooms)?

Your opinions/comments

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Signature:



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VIETNAM VILLAGE IN BRITAIN **Concept Design Idea & Thought**

I. Introduction

“Vietnam Village” in the UK is a Vietnam miniature comprised of all the finest Vietnamese valuable cultural objects and non-objects. This place is where to preserve spiritual culture such as Quan Họ Bac Ninh Folk-singing music, Tay Nguyen Gongs & Cymbals Festival. It also embraces architectural construction representing 54 Vietnamese ethnics from North to South including Communal Houses, Cham Tower, Muong Ethnic and Nha San of North Highland. Moreover, it also plays as an economic force for Vietnamese communities.

Project “Vietnam Village” not only meets the desire of overseas Vietnamese to have a rich ethnic cultural space which will enable them fully enjoy the sensations of the Vietnamese way of life but also meets the need of the British Government to have an ethnic cultural environment in order to develop London as cultural capital of the world. Therefore this project has been well supported from the side of British Government in providing land in the Post-Olympic 2012 Master Plan.

II. Aim of “Vietnam Village” Project

- Introducing and promoting traditional Vietnamese cultural values to British.
- Promoting good race relation between Vietnam and the United Kingdom.
- Satisfying the need to have a cultural space to commemorate the origin and ancestor worship of British Vietnamese in the UK.
- Create a commerce & tourism centre to bring traditional Vietnamese villages culture values to the world and United Kingdom particularly.



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III. The idea of Project “Vietnam Village”

“Vietnam Village” is taking 125,000m² in post-Olympic Master plan area for London, temporarily using for this concept design. It is expectedly divided into 3 main areas from the front to the back aligned with each other.

- ❖ Commercial & Service Complex area is 4 primary buildings of: 200 offices; a hotel with 100 rooms; Luxury departments and a gym; and retail outlets with catering area that includes restaurants, food stalls, food markets and bars. They will surround a square in the middle that provides a relaxing environment and bring Vietnamese cuisine from all regions to the UK.
- ❖ A Buddhist Temple area is a square with a grand traditional Vietnamese architectural style temple in the middle which will please the spiritual needs of the Vietnamese community.
- ❖ Ethnic Cultural Area is including an outdoor stage with 500 seats for traditional and modern art performances.

The arrangements for the Commercial & Service Complex right in the entrance can facilitate businesses which undoubtedly attracts local people and visitors to their services and products. Besides, this complex will play an important role as an insulating layer from all the noises outside in order to create a peaceful environment for the Temple at its back.

Right after the temple is the Ethnic Cultural Area with ethnic Vietnamese cultures representing from the North to the South. The outdoor stage with a canopy facilitates any arts or music shows, exhibitions, fair and other social activities. This area combines the surrounding environmental system to exhibit art objects. Last but not least, the combination of architectural styles of Central and High Land regions by an ethnic Cham style Tower and two High Land Communal Houses. Inside these houses we will exhibit valuable art pieces of South and High Land regions and use it a relaxing environment for people working & living in the village.

IV. Conclusion

We believe that this concept design will be able to delivery and achieve all the needs and aims respectively. Although the concept design is temporarily using in this initial stage of the Vietnam Village establishment, we would welcome any changes necessary for a more attractive proposal.