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## Give us a park, say residents

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Most Hongkongers want the multibillion-dollar West Kowloon Cultural District development shelved and replaced by a waterfront park with some cultural facilities, a survey suggests.

The University of Hong Kong survey found 81 per cent of residents wanted "cultural and leisure facilities" and a large park, while just 11 per cent wanted any commercial or residential area on the 40-hectare harbourfront land.

The result is a further blow to the government, following a Legislative Council subcommittee report which attacked its proposals for the site - already modified to placate critics. The survey of 510 residents also found 62 per cent believed Hong Kong needed more parks and open space and 65 per cent thought there had been too much harbour reclamation.

The government said the hub would attract tourists, enhance cultural development and create jobs.



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