

Retaining Changi Point's rustic charm

The Singapore Land Authority and the Urban Redevelopment Authority have launched a contest to solicit ideas from the public to enhance the rustic quality of Changi Point. The ideas should capitalise on the area's laid-back and rustic character. Participants can tackle one or both topics – the first, a concept masterplan for the 42ha site, and the second, a proposal for the repurposing of Old Changi Hospital.

NG KENG GENE runs through some of the current features in Changi Point.

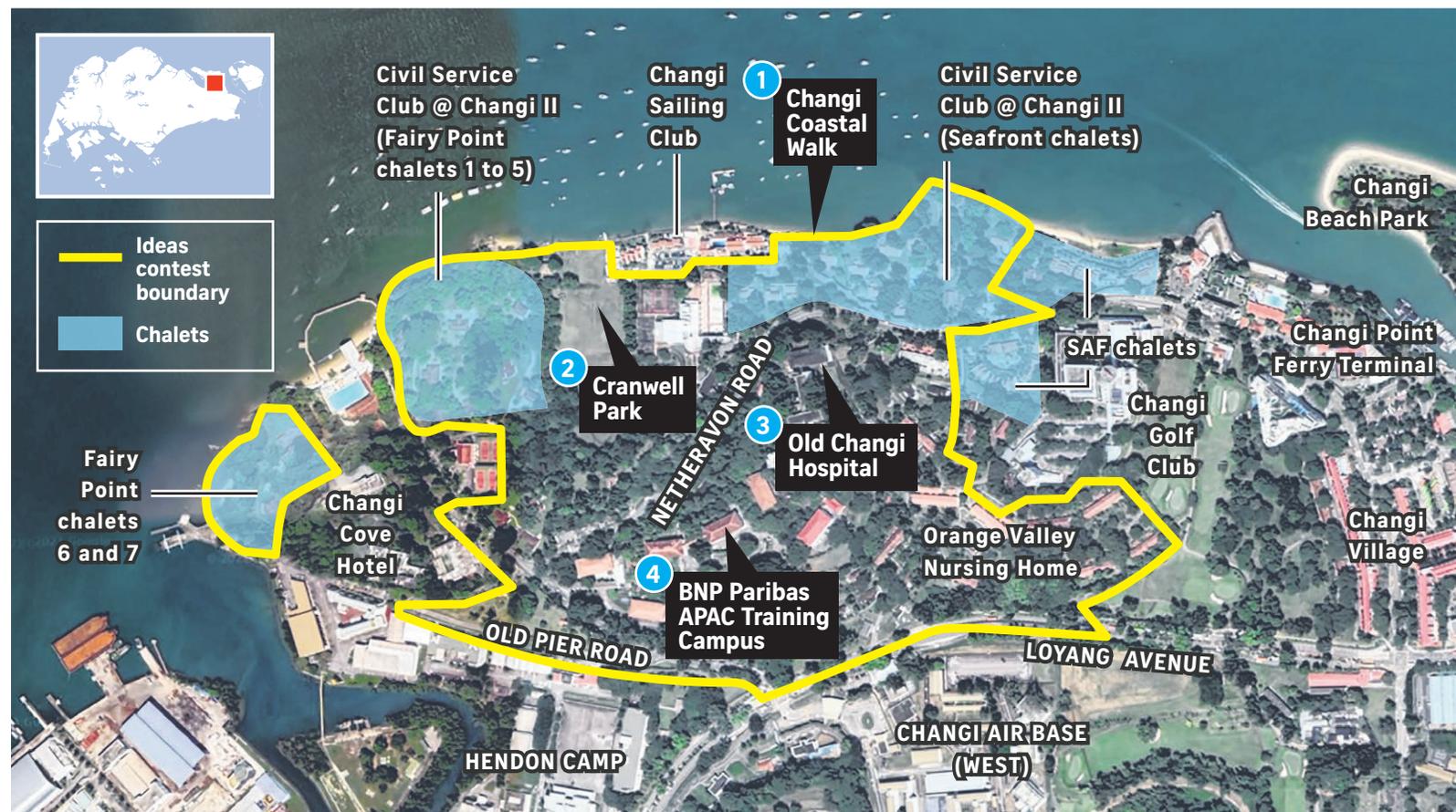
1 CHANGI COASTAL WALK



- Completed in 2006, the boardwalk currently has three public entrances – at Changi Village, next to Changi Sailing Club, and next to Changi Beach Club.
- There are stretches of the boardwalk that are currently not fully connected, while other portions have become run down over the years.
- Contest proposals should include suggestions to strengthen connectivity to the coastlines and improve public access to beachfronts.

2 CRANWELL PARK

- The open field was known by British soldiers as the Changi Padang, and was where they could relax and bond over sports in their free time.
- Located by the sea, the field has potential to be used as a community space.



3 OLD CHANGI HOSPITAL



- The hospital was established by the British Royal Air Force in 1947, after World War II.
- The hospital took over two buildings from the pre-war Kitchener Barracks – a station sick quarters and a barrack block (left), built in the early 1930s.
- Proposals should consider ways to retrofit the interiors while respecting their structural and architectural features.

4 BNP PARIBAS APAC TRAINING CAMPUS

- The European bank's training facility is an example of how old barrack buildings can be repurposed, while retaining the architectural features of the buildings.
- The campus occupies two former military barrack buildings, which have a total of about 50,000 sq ft of space, allowing BNP Paribas to include training rooms, a 200-seater auditorium and a cafeteria.

