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Dear Mr. Tsang,

By email & by fax

**Joint Green Group Position on
Planning and Engineering Study on the Remaining Development in Tung Chung**

We, the undersigned groups, are writing to express our deep concern regarding the *planning and engineering study on the remaining development in Tung Chung* and the consequent impacts to the entire Tung Chung river valley and estuary, which mostly remains intact and natural with high ecological, landscape, hydrological and cultural values.

In order to conserve Tung Chung river course, valley and estuary, and avoid adverse impacts of development, we strongly urge the government to:

1. prohibit civil engineering development, channelization and reclamation in Tung Chung river valley and estuary, i.e. to the west of the Hau Wong Temple.
2. provide promptly a statutory landuse framework to guide the planning and engineering study on the remaining development in Tung Chung. Tung Chung river valley and estuary should be covered by a Development Permission Area (DPA) plan.
3. follow a logical, cautionary and well-consulted process. Any development feasibility study for Tung Chung river valley and estuary should base on a statutory approved landuse plan, e.g. DPA plan. Statutory environmental impact assessment (EIA) should be conducted only when any developments are suitable for further study after feasibility study. We urge the Administration not to fast-track these three processes, namely landuse planning, engineering feasibility and EIA study. We consider that

the present proposed study, with new town development as the decided objective, pre-empts the landuse planning and EIA process.

Should you have any inquiries or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me (T: 3961 0223, F: 2314 2661, Email: lkcheng@greenpower.org.hk).

Yours faithfully,



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