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Dear Mr Paul Chan,

Development Permission Area Plan for Tung Chung West

In 2012, Green Groups requested in a joint letter to the Secretary of Development for the publication of a Development Permission Area Plan (DPA) to protect the rich biodiversity and ecological importance of the Tung Chung River Valley and Coast from vandalism and unauthorized development.

Now that the draft Recommended Outline Development Plan (RODP) has been published under the “Tung Chung New Town Extension Study” the undersigned urge Government to proceed forthwith with the publication of a DPA for the area around Tung Chung not yet covered under the Town Planning Ordinance.

The new town extension and associated increase in economic activities will provide incentives for unauthorized land uses. The publication the RODP provides further incentives. Although members of the community will have input and the government may consider further amendments to the RODP, a statutory DPA plan is now required urgently:

(a) To ensure the proposed land uses can be implemented and control over incompatible and/or unauthorized developments can be enforced.

(b) To terminate existing vandalism and to stem potential vandalism in Tung Chung Valley and Coast and to enable the implementation of the RODP.

(c) To protect the ecology, hydrology and water quality of Tung Chung River and Bay as should be a major planning intention of RODP.

We look forward to your confirmation of your commitment to publish a DPA, and if so, what the program will be. If not, why not.

Yours sincerely,

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Green Lantau Association
Green Power
Hong Kong Bird Watching Society
Tai O Sustainable Development Education Workshop
The Conservancy Association
World Wildlife Fund, Hong Kong

Attachment:

Joint Green Group's Request for a Development Permission Area Plan (DPA) in Tung Chung River Valley and Coast in 2012