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Dear Sirs and Madam,

**Suspected Illegal Open Storage Sites Spotted in “Conservation Area” and  
“OU (Polder)” Zones in Tung Chung River Valley**

Green Power would like to draw your attention to a suspected case of illegal open storage spotted along the lower West Stream of Tung Chung River. The incident reveals the existing deficiencies to protect the “Excellent” water quality and important but fragile ecology of Tung Chung River and Bay, which are Government’s major planning intentions for Tung Chung New Town Extension.

Green Power visited Tung Chung, Lantau on 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2020 and spotted stockpiling of construction material in areas between Shek Lau Po and Lam Che, which border the lower West Stream of Tung Chung River designated as an Ecologically Important Stream (Figure 1). The

stockpiled material consisted of loose gravels piled up to about 4m high (Figure 2), and the location of storage was suspected to have encroached the “Conservation Area” (Area 96B) and “OU (Polder)” (Area 86) Zones which are respectively planned as buffer to protect Tung Chung River from pollution and development impacts, and as part of the sustainable drainage and flood prevention system in the area according to Tung Chung Valley Outline Zoning Plan (S/I-TCV/2).

Green Power is gravely concerned about the adverse impacts observed, and more importantly its implications for the future development of Tung Chung River Valley. Although we appreciate the intention and efforts of the Administration taken to protect Tung Chung River and Bay through publishing a Development Permission Area plan and the following Outline Zoning Plan for Tung Chung River Valley, the protection would only be effective with proactive and timely law enforcement. Moreover, the lower West Stream of Tung Chung River, although recognized as ecologically important and is excellent in water quality, would not be under proactive management as the lower East Stream does, as the future River Park only includes the latter. Lands adjoining Tung Chung River and its river water quality have been damaged and threatened over a decade by proliferating incompatible developments and the associated wastewater and stormwater discharge. The situation is worsening in a fast pace.

We hope that the Administration investigates this complaint seriously and takes prompt actions to stop, rectify and prevent any environmental, hydrological and ecological damages. For any inquiries, please contact the undersigned at Green Power (T: 3961 0200, F: 2314 2661, Email: [elaine@greenpowr.org.hk](mailto:elaine@greenpowr.org.hk)).

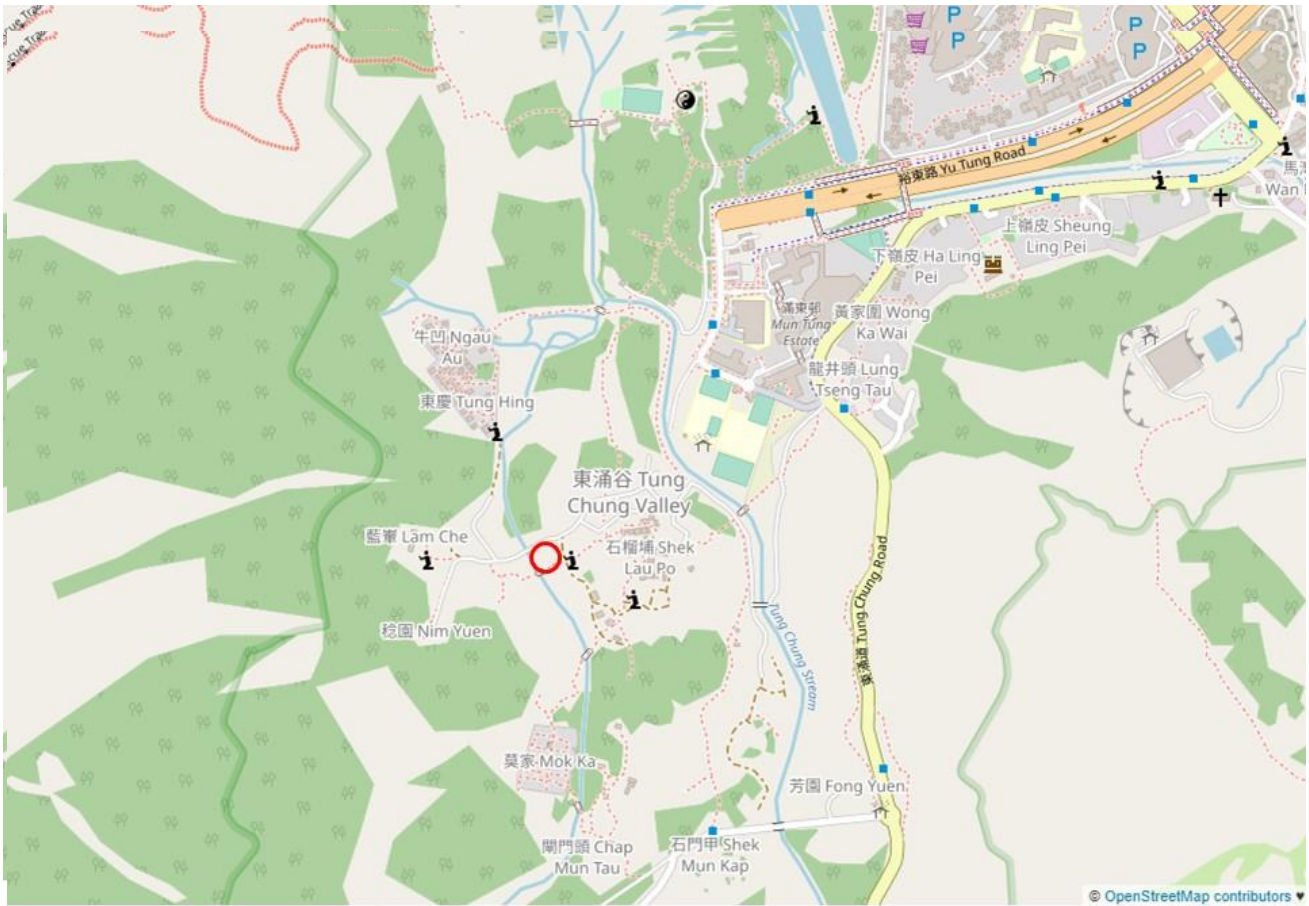
We look forward to your replies and actions as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Yuen Yan Ling'.

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**Figure 1.** Location (denoted by red circle) of suspected illegal open storage along West Stream of Tung Chung River.



**Figure 2.** Stockpiled materials near the edge of West Stream of Tung Chung River (close up).



**Figure 3.** Stockpiled materials near the edge of West Stream of Tung Chung River (viewed in downstream direction).



**Figure 4.** Stockpiled materials near the edge of West Stream of Tung Chung River (viewed in upstream direction).