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The Secretary
Town Planning Board

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Dear Sir/Madam

Comments on To Kwa Peng And Pak Tam Au Development Permission Area Plan (DPA) (No: DPA/NE-TKP/1)

The Conservancy Association (CA) is writing to submit our comments on To Kwa Peng and Pak Tam Au DPA (No: DPA/NE-TKP/1). Introducing planning control through DPA is necessary to provide planning guidance and impose planning enforcement against various forms of devastation in this area.

CA agrees that the general planning intention of this area should complement Sai Kung East and Sai Kung West Country Park as both of them are in high ecological and landscape value. It should be reminded that unauthorized tree removal and other excavation works were detected and caused adverse impact on To Kwa Ping. Areas of high conservation value should therefore be protected with zoning stressing on conservation purpose to prevent encroachment from development and further unauthorized work, notably feng-shui wood adjacent to existing To Kwa Ping village and estuarine mangrove.

The existing villages form a rural ambience compatible to tranquil environment of countryside. The planning intention should ensure that such rural character of existing village setting would be preserved.

Yours faithfully
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