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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Comments on the Section 16 Application No. A/DPA/NE-TKP/3, A/DPA/NE-TKP/4 and A/DPA/NE-TKP/5

The Conservancy Association (CA) OBJECTS to the captioned 3 applications.

It should be noted that the detailed land use zoning of To Kwa Peng/Pak Tam Au DPA is still working out. No development should be approved in this stage until specifying clear planning intention with appropriate land uses in To Kwa Peng. It should be especially applied to A/DPA/NE-TKP/4 which indeed received approval from Lands Department on 27/1/2010. Meanwhile, CA should reiterate that the general planning intention of this area should complement Sai Kung East and Sai Kung West Country Park with reference to high ecological and landscape value of To Kwa Peng.

For A/DPA/NE-TKP/3, CA doubts that if some proposed small houses might encroach to secondary woodland which is subjected to disturbance and vegetation removal before DPA implementation. It should be prevented from any small house development. Together with the remaining 2 applications, the small house works would be launched very close to a natural stream (Figure 1) which directly flows into the estuarine mudflat along the coast of To Kwa Peng. CA could foresee that land formation and excavation work during construction period, not to mention absence of proper drainage and sewerage

system with reference to the applications, would pollute surface runoff, render adverse impact on the stream, and ultimately affect species of mangrove and seagrass in the mudflat.

Yours faithfully

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Figure 1 The natural stream adjacent to the proposed small houses

