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The Secretary

Town Planning Board

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Dear Sir/Madam

Comments on Luk Wu and Keung Shan Development Permission Area Plan (DPA) (No: DPA/I-LWKS/1)

The Conservancy Association (CA) is writing to submit our comments on Luk Wu and Keung Shan DPA (DPA/I-LWKS/1). Introducing planning control through DPA is necessary to provide planning guidance and impose planning enforcement against various forms of devastation in this area.

Many temples and monasteries result in a unique religious character in Luk Wu. Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) has also appreciated that such religious character formed a tranquil ambience in Luk Wu and worth conservation¹. From the perspective of cultural and heritage conservation, CA would suggest zoning with planning intention to facilitate in-situ preservation of various historical religious buildings, particularly current graded historic building. Any demolitions of, or alteration works on these building should obtain planning permission from Town Planning Board. The zonings should be considered in area-based approach so that not only one single historic building but its associated structure or landscape would be protected.

Past research² has once stated that the stream system in Keung Shan had record of a rare

¹ Tsang, T.C. (2010) 香港容得下佛門淨土嗎？

http://www.hab.gov.hk/tc/about_us/from_the_desk_of_secretary_for_home_affairs/shaArticle

² Green Lantau Association, The Conservancy Association, Friends of the Earth, Green Power, HK Marine

dragonfly species *Sinosticta ogatai*. It should be indeed zoned to stress on planning intention on conservation purpose. Similar manner should be considered in wooded area to complement adjacent Lantau North and South Country Park due to their high ecological and landscape value.

Yours faithfully

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