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Town Planning Board 15/F North Point Government Offices 333 Java Road North Point Hong Kong

By e-mail: tpbpd@pland.gov.hk

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: Comments on the Section 16 Application No. A/YL-PH/875

The Conservancy Association (CA) OBJECTS to the captioned application.

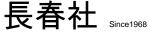
## Undesirable precedent of "destroy first, build later"

The site was subject to land formation and vegetation clearance and was involved in an unauthorized development (Case No. E/YL-PH/719). Enforcement Notice was issued by Planning Department at the southern part of the site in 2016. It is suspected that this is a case of "destroy first, build later".

Planning Department and members of Town Planning Board (TPB) should alert that TPB has announced approaches to deter "destroy first, build later" activities in 2011. It stated that "the Board is determined to conserve the rural and natural environment and will not tolerate any deliberate action to destroy the rural and natural environment in the hope that the Board would give sympathetic consideration to subsequent development on the site concerned"<sup>1</sup>. Therefore, this application should not be given any sympathetic consideration or it will set an undesirable precedent for similar cases in future.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> TPB Press Release. Available at: http://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201107/04/P201107040255.htm





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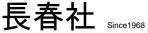
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Figure 1-3 According to aerial photos, the site (marked in red) was subject to land formation and vegetation clearance in the past (Source: Google Earth)

