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The Secretary  
Town Planning Board

By fax (2877 0245/ 2522 8426)

Dear Sir/Madam

Comments on 5 DPAs in Frontier Closed Area

The Conservancy Association (CA) is writing to submit our comments on 5 DPAs in Frontier Closed Area (FCA), particularly Ma Tso Lung (No: DPA/NE – MTL/1) and Lin Ma Hang (No: DPA/NE-LMH/1) DPA.

CA was of particular concern about wetland habitat within FCA. The wetlands in San Tin and Hoo Hok Wai forms an ecological corridor which is worth preserving. Introducing development plan into this wetland core would not provide a better protection to the existing wetland habitat and is definitely not acceptable. This area should be zoned to stress on planning intention on conservation purpose, accompanied by conservation management plan. Current town planning guideline PG-12B within the Deep Bay Area, including the designation of Wetland Conservation Area and Wetland Buffer Area, should also be applied to the above area.

CA is concerned about the proposed OU (Eco-lodge) surrounding the adjacent slope in Ma Tso Lung. We worry if the arising noise impact or heavy transport burden would adversely affect the environment and thus oppose the origin of eco-tourism. Even adopting the best practice/green architecture/sustainable principles in design, construction and operation only would not necessarily mean achieving the concept of green living.

We also suggest that Feng-shui woodland varied in scale near rural villages in FCA should be zoned as Conservation Area (“CA”).

In view of high ecological value of Lin Ma Hang Stream which is designated as SSSI, we agree that zoning the buffer area as “CA” for Lin Ma Hang Stream should be as large as possible. Meanwhile, the section without a buffer requires attention. AFCD should explore and come up with a plan on how to protect that section. Meanwhile, potential source of polluted discharge and runoff from the adjacent Village zone should also be kept monitoring to prevent threatening the stream ecology.

Yours faithfully

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