

**A Joint Petition to the Two Developers  
Against the Demolition of Hunghom Peninsula Residential  
Buildings**

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We, representing five environmental groups of Hong Kong, raise our strong objection to the intention of First Star Development Limited, which is 50% owned by New World Development Limited and 50% by Sun Hung Kai Properties Limited, for demolishing the residential buildings of Hunghom Peninsula for re-development purposes.

We are of the view that:

1. The whole incident makes a mockery of the HKSAR Government's long-term vision of Hong Kong's sustainable development. The confusion and inconsistencies of the HKSAR Government's housing policy, without any due consideration given to possible environmental consequence, are the direct cause of this environmentally unjustifiable re-development which may lead to demolition of seven brand-new residential buildings. It will also set an extremely poor example for the future handling of Kingsford Terrace in Ngau Chi Wan, which is another PSPS housing project kept in limbo and pending settlement between the Government and the developers.
2. The developers in control of this building consortium claim to manifest corporate citizenship in terms of environmental protection. Such manifestations are made in their annual reports to their shareholders and to the public. In this case, however, their pronounced plan of demolishing the residential buildings at Hunghom Peninsula shows absolutely no environmental concern as regards construction waste and its treatment. Their intention of demolishing the brand-new buildings is totally against the spirit of Sustainable Development that the HKSAR Government has been promoting. We urge the developers to live up to their corporate citizenship by

re-thinking the whole re-development plan and ruling out demolition as an option.

3. Debris generated from the demolition may add up to at least 200,000 tonnes, which requires the Government to spend HK\$25 million to manage such waste. If all goes to the landfill, it would be our taxpayers footing the bill for their construction waste treatment. This blatantly dishonours the 'polluter pays' and 'producer's responsibility' principles.
4. We also urge the HKSAR Government and Legislators to promptly lay down a landfill charging system to put 'polluter pays' within a regulatory framework.
5. Should the developers insist on demolishing the existing buildings and on a re-development on the existing land plot, we urge all future flat buyers to boycott this re-development which is planned on an entirely profit maximization basis without any environmental consideration.
6. We urge the developers to consult the public regarding their demolition intention because the taxpayers are the ones to pay for your construction waste treatment costs.

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