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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Objection on application for amendment of plan at Ho Sheung Heung,
Kwu Tung North (Y/NE-KTN/3)**

The Hong Kong Bird Watching Society (HKBWS) would like to raise an objection to the application for amendment of plan at Ho Sheung Heung, Kwu Tung North (Y/NE-KTN/3) based on the following reasons:

1. The application site is located near Ho Sheung Heung Fung Shui Woodland, which is a habitat with recognized high ecological value and is listed in the List of Priority Sites for Enhanced Conservation by AFCD¹. The proposed development would intensify disturbance to the area due to increased traffic and noise disturbance;
2. Agricultural Lands is an important component of the ecology of Long Valley and should be protected by appropriate zoning. The site is adjacent to the boundary of the Long Valley and Ho Sheung Heung in the priority Sites for Enhanced Conservation by AFCD². Long Valley is also an area with demonstrated high ecological value and is listed as Important Bird Area by BirdLife International³. The site currently acts as a buffer between village/roads and agricultural lands of high ecological value. Rezoning

¹ AFCD List of Priority Sites for Enhanced Conservation, Long Valley and Ho Sheung Heung. Available:

http://www.afcd.gov.hk/english/conservation/con_nncp/con_nncp_list/files/long_valley_and_ho_sheung_heung_public.rtf

² AFCD List of Priority Sites for Enhanced Conservation, Long Valley and Ho Sheung Heung. Map http://www.afcd.gov.hk/english/conservation/con_nncp/con_nncp_list/files/long_valley_ho_sheung_heung.pdf

³ BirdLife International, 2011, Important Bird Areas factsheet: Inner Deep Bay and Shenzhen River catchment area. Downloaded from <http://www.birdlife.org> on 16/02/2011.

of the site and the proposed development, if allowed, would cause a direct damage to the biodiversity of Long Valley;

3. Despite that the site is located at an ecologically sensitive area, no information on possible ecological impacts was provided in the application. We are concerned that the possible ecological impacts would be under-estimated.

As the site is located near ecologically sensitive areas of wetlands in Long Valley and Fung Shui Woodland in Ho Sheung Heung and may generate impacts on these areas, the HKBWS respectfully requests the Town Planning Board to reject the current application. Thank you very much for your attention.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cheng Nok Ming". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Cheng Nok Ming
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