

Appendix F

Minutes of Briefing Session to Green Groups

Tung Chung New Town Extension Study
Stage 1 Public Engagement
Briefing Session with Green Groups

Date: 21st June 2012
Time: 3:00pm – 5:30pm
Venue: Arup Office

Attendees:

1. Dr Luk-Ki Cheng – Division Head, Scientific Research & Conservation, Green Power
2. Mr Clive Noffke – Green Lantau Association
3. Dr Alan Leung – Conservation Manager, Terrestrial, WWF-Hong Kong
4. Mr Tobi Lau – Reserve Officer, WWF-Hong Kong
5. Ms Sandra Chow – Conservation Officer, WWF-Hong Kong
6. Mr Roy Ng – The Conservancy Association
7. Mr Peter Li – The Conservancy Association
8. Ms Eva Tam – Project Manager, Designing Hong Kong
9. Ms Yiu-jing Tan – Designing Hong Kong
10. Mr Matthew Sin – Senior Environmental Affairs Manager, Green Power
11. Ms Bette Cheng – Hong Kong Bird Watching Society
12. Mr David KC Lo – Chief Engineer, CEDD
13. Mr CK Lam – Senior Engineer, CEDD
14. Mr Kenneth Wong – Engineer, CEDD
15. Mrs Margaret WF Lam – Senior Town Planner, Sai Kung & Islands District Planning Office, Planning Department
16. Mr Ivan Chung – District Planning Officer, Sai Kung & Islands District Planning Office, Planning Department
17. Ms Theresa Yeung – Associate Director, Arup
18. Mr Franki Chiu – Associate Director, Arup
19. Ms Natalie Leung – Assistant Town planner, Arup
20. Ms Joey Chiu – Senior Public Relations Officer, Arup
21. Mr Vincent CS Lai – Managing Director, Ecosystems Ltd
22. Mr Timothy Peirson-Smith – Managing Director, Executive Counsel Ltd
23. Ms Vicky So – PR Consultant, Executive Counsel Ltd

Key discussion issues:

1. Presentation of Environmental Baseline Review

- Mr Franki Chiu from Arup presented the baseline conditions of Tung Chung in terms of environment, ecology, cultural heritage and landscape and visual.
- Regarding the environmental situation in Tung Chung, various data related to air quality, noise, hydrology and water quality were shown and presented.
- Green groups questioned about the time frame, calculation method, accuracies and comprehensiveness of the data and survey.
- ARUP replied that all studies would be presented in the baseline survey report, the data will be sent to EPD for approval and they will also be included in the EIA report in the future.

2. Necessity of Tung Chung New Town Expansion and scope of Study Area

- Green groups asked for the necessity of expanding Tung Chung into a new town of population capacity up to 220,000.
- They questioned if there is enough evidence to support the population behind the Lantau Concept plan completed in 2007.

- They were also concerned about the proposed Study Area as it covered the whole Tung Chung River that has a very high ecological value.
- The government and consultants replied that there was no actual plans/layout, relevant ecological survey would be conducted to ensure that the area with high ecological value would not be destroyed.
- Green groups worried that it would give a false hope to the public that there will be development near Tung Chung River, whilst there should be NO development along the whole Tung Chung River.

3. Ecological value of Tung Chung River

- Green groups restated the importance of the whole Tung Chung River, not only Tung Chung Bay or Tung Chung Valley as the whole river is an ecological system and the development will surely affect the whole system.
- They were also concerned about how did the government present environmental issues to the public whilst people might not put environment as the first priority for consideration during development when they didn't know their importance.

4. Timing of submitting project profile

- The government and consultants reported that the project profile would be submitted to EPD at around mid-July and there would be a two-week public inspection.
- Green groups stated that the Project Profile should be done after the planning process, otherwise it won't reflect the real environmental situation.
- They showed their worries based on this and called for more consideration and revision before submitting the Project Profile.
- They also asked for another consultation before the Project Profile to be submitted, and the government replied that they would take it consideration but generally there was no similar practice before.