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Subcommittee on Country Parks
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Dear Chairperson and Members,

**Submission to Subcommittee on Country Parks
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Meeting on 5 November 2013**

1. After a widely concerned environmental vandalism, seventeen local non-governmental organizations jointly urged the Administration on 16 July 2012 to designate the “enclaves” (land parcels within or adjoining existing Country Parks) in Tai Long Sai Wan as part of the Sai Kung East Country Park (SKECP) in order to provide more comprehensive protection against environmental devastation, pollution and incompatible developments.
2. Draft map (Plan No. CP/SK(E)^B) of the SKECP was gazatted on 26 October 2012. Two parcels, about 17 hectares, of land which are located in Tai Long Sai Wan and fully surrounded by the SKECP are to be incorporated into the existing area of the SKECP.
3. Green Power, a local charitable green group, supports the incorporation the “enclaves” located in Tai Long Sai Wan into the Sai Kung East Country Park. This can certainly help protect the rich natural resources and landscape features there, including the natural beach, woodland, natural streams, mangrove stands, etc.

4. Moreover, Green Power considers that the incorporation of Tai Long Sai Wan “enclaves” into SKECP is of grave public concern because
- (a) The “enclaves” are located on the route of popular MacLehose Trail which is for the public enjoyment of tranquil landscape and outdoor excursion to the nature. Any uncontrolled and incompatible developments will deprive Hong Kong people and overseas tourists of an internationally renowned natural landscape.
 - (b) Uncontrollable development of “enclaves”, both in construction and operation phase, may cause insurmountable and irreversible impacts to SKECP, Geopark, natural streams (i.e. Kap Man Hang), beaches and bay (i.e. Tai Long Sai Wan)
 - (c) Particularly, sewage generated from development of “enclave” will deteriorate the water quality of natural streams, which in turn pollutes Sai Wan Bay and Beach where the streams feed into. Statutory control, enforcement and remedial actions are extremely difficult to clean up the polluted water, streams and shorelines due to remoteness.
 - (d) Health of beach goers and swimmers will be threatened by sewage generated by developments in “enclaves”. And river and marine ecology of the areas will also be affected.
 - (e) The incorporation of “enclaves” into SKECP reinforces the preservation and integrity of Country Park and Hong Kong Geopark as Tai Long Sai Wan is within SKECP and High Island Geo-Area of Sai Kung Volcanic Rock Region respectively.
5. Green Power, as a member of alliance Save Our Country Parks, concurs to urge the government and the legislative Council to incorporate these high value and world-class nature heritage “enclaves” in Tai Long Sai Wan into country parks.

Yours faithfully,



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