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Clerk to Subcommittee on Country Parks (Designation)
(Consolidation) (Amendment) Order 2010
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By email only

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Subcommittee on Country Parks (Designation)
(Consolidation) (Amendment) Order 2010 – submission

We refer to the captioned issue and relevant LC papers (EP CR 9/25/15, CB(1)2283/09-10(01), CB(1)2283/09-10(02)).

In principle, we do not object to the extension of the SENT landfill. Our concern is the excision of country park land without compensation.

This case was discussed in the Country and Marine Parks Board meeting on 18 June 2009. Following the requests from many CMPB members, compensation for the 5-ha of land that would be excised from the Clear Water Bay Country Park land as a result of the SENT landfill extension was being explored by AFCD.

Under the no-net-loss principle, a similar area of new country park land should be designated in order to compensate for the loss. Without such compensation, we are worried that this case will set a dangerous precedent and more and more infrastructures of “high public interest” will be placed in Country Parks in the future. This case will also send a wrong message to the public and government departments that country park land is a free ‘land bank’ for public projects with no compensation required.

We are disappointed that none of the LC papers mentioned the compensation of 5-ha land. We sincerely hope that the subcommittee members would follow up on this important issue and help to safeguard our precious country parks. Thank you for your attention.

Yours faithfully,

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Conservation Officer