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Comments on Country Parks (Designation) (Consolidation) (Amendment) Order 2010

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The Conservancy Association (CA) is writing to submit our objection to the amendment order with regard to excising about 5 hectares of land of the Clear Water Bay Country Park (CWBCP) affected by the proposed South East New Territories (SENT) Landfill Extension from the original approved map of CWBCP.

CA reiterates the following principles:

1. To protect a conservation area there must be a presumption against encroachment of its boundaries;
2. Cogent materials must be obtained through due public process demonstrating that the action is 'inevitable', that the development project is 'essential', that it serves a 'public overriding need', and that there is 'no reasonable alternative' prior to considering excising part of a conservation area;
3. There shall be sufficient and adequate compensation when the boundaries of a conservation area are to be violated;
4. Notwithstanding other compensation and mitigation measures agreed on, there shall be no-net loss of land and at least the same amount of land of at least a similar quality must be added elsewhere to the conservation area.

Despite the consideration the need for the 5 hectare encroachment of the Clear Water Bay Country Park for the landfill extension has received, CA believes that the process fell well short of the principles stated above. Without the "no-net-loss" principle for compensation, it would create a very dangerous precedent and the guaranteed nature of our country parks is lost forever.

CA also urges for the designation of at least 5 hectares of similar quality land elsewhere as part of the CWBCP. CA proposes that the appropriate compensation for the 5 hectare lost to the landfill extension should include 10 hectares of native woodland as well as improvements to the firebreak surrounding CWBCP.