

**Subcommittee on Country Parks (Designation) (Consolidation)
(Amendment) Order 2010**

**List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion
at the meeting on 13 July 2010**

At the meeting on 13 July 2010, the Administration was requested to provide response/information with regard to the views and concerns expressed by members and deputations at the meeting and in the submissions as follows:

Proposed extension of the South East New Territories (SENT) Landfill

- (a) explain the effectiveness of existing and enhancement measures to address the environmental nuisance caused by the operation of the SENT Landfill, in particular odour nuisance, spattering of waste and odour emission from refuse collection vehicles, noise and congestion impact arising from associated traffic;
- (b) identify other source(s) of odour emission, if any, apart the SENT Landfill and devise corresponding measures;
- (c) regarding refuse collection vehicles,
 - (i) compare the design of local refuse collection vehicles to those of enclosed type used in Japan;
 - (ii) step up enforcement against non-compliance of the sanitary requirements for refuse collection vehicles;
 - (iii) consider imposing statutory requirement to use compressed and enclosed type of refuse collection vehicles for waste transportation; and
 - (iv) follow up on the concern about the nuisance arising from the parking of loaded refuse collection vehicles near the LOHAS Park.
- (d) justify the extension of the SENT Landfill as the amount of solid waste actually disposed of at the landfills had been decreasing steadily from 15 039 tonnes per day (tpd) in 2006 to 13 503 tpd in 2008, which was below the landfill space demand quoted under SENT Landfill Extension - Feasibility Study: Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report, i.e. an estimated demand of around 200 million tonnes (or 27 397 tpd on average) from 2006 to 2025;
- (e) consider alternative(s) to extending the SENT Landfill, such as the eco-co-combustion system proposed by the Green Island Cement Co. Ltd,

and disposing municipal solid waste in isolated islands;

- (f) advise whether and, if yes, how the LOHAS Park and other residential developments in the vicinity of the SENT Landfill had been taken into account in the strategic and EIA studies for the SENT Landfill extension, and whether any consultation with the affected residents, in particular those of LOHAS Park, on the proposed landfill extension had been conducted; and
- (g) advise whether the SENT Landfill would be further extended after the proposed extension.

Proposed excision of 5 hectares (ha) of land from the Clear Water Bay Country Park (CWBCP) and compensation

- (h) advise whether the excision of land from CWBCP for the SENT Landfill extension was proposed on grounds of lower financial costs implication and/or low ecology value when compared to other options;
- (i) provide the Administration's views regarding the High Court judgment in the *Lai Pun Sung case* (HCAL83/2009), in particular whether there was an overriding public need to excise 5 ha of land from CWBCP for landfill purpose;
- (j) advise whether the Country and Marine Parks Board had duly been informed of the allocation of 15 ha of land in the Tseung Kwan O Area 137 for extension of the SENT Landfill when it was consulted on the excision of land from CWBCP, and whether an additional 5 ha of land from Area 137 could be designated for landfill purpose thereby obviating the excision of land from CWBCP;
- (k) regarding the compensation for the proposed excision of 5 ha of land from CWBCP:
 - (i) advise whether there was a policy to compensate, under the "no net loss" principle, for the land loss in country parks;
 - (ii) provide information on the site options already explored for inclusion in CWBCP and the reasons for not adopting them, such as inaccessibility, and the progress updates on identifying alternative sites.
 - (iii) consider the land options suggested by Friends of Sai Kung: the coastline, hillsides and valley south of Nam Wai and Au Tsai Tsuen, East of New Hiram's Highway and North of Pik Shui San Tsuen and the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, the area of

which included trails, an ancient coastal boulder trackway and two beaches etc;

- (l) advise whether and when the Country Parks Ordinance (Cap. 208) would be reviewed as recommended by the Ombudsman in 1993 when the Administration was securing land from CWBCP for landfill purpose; and
- (m) explain how and the extent to which the extended SENT Landfill would be restored to its original state.

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