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Dear Sir,

Objection of Landfill in Tseung Kwan O

People living in Tseung Kwan O (TKO) including the staff and students in the Hong Kong Design Institute and Institute of Vocational Education (LWL) have been suffered from odious smell delivered from the Landfill in TKO and the running Refuse Collection Vehicles (RCV) for the past year. The situation is even more serious in summer, when direction of wind is South West.

Private RCVs running along the King Ling Road and Wan Po Road are producing odious smell when they are going to the landfill for disposal of waste. After leaving the landfill, most of them park along the road overnight and continue to generate odious smell as the body of the vehicles are dirty and the refuse hopper are not covered.

Evidence of these uncleaned vehicles can be found from Ms Christine Fong Kwok Shan (District Councilor) who has many photos of these RCVs parking along the roads after leaving the landfill.

We believe that you are well aware of the air quality in Hong Kong. They are, in general, fall short of World Health Organisation (WHO) standard. The air quality is even worse as the landfill and the RCVs are delivering small toxic particles and generating harmful gaseous emissions everyday. As a consequence, they are making the pollutant level much higher resulting more people suffering chronic bronchitis, and lung cancer.

It is very unusual to see a landfill which is located so close to a residual area and the Environment Protection Department (EPD) is not taking any measure to reduce the unacceptable smell at all. In view of the growing population in TKO, no more landfill should be located at there.

The current remedial action could be the installation of a wide partition at the landfill facing the side of TKO and at the same time apply activate carbon to minimize gaseous emissions. In addition, measuring of quantitative data of air quality would also be helpful to the people and students in TKO. Eventually, it should be close as soon as possible.

We hope that the Government can provide a hygiene and healthy environment to the citizen in Hong Kong.

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Dear Sir/Madam,

No More Landfill in Tseung Kwan O Plcase

I wish, firstly, to express my heartfelt gratitude to all the Legislative Council members who have been making every endeavour to improve the environment in Hong Kong. Without your dedicated effort and commitment, more people will be suffered from pollution-related illness. Your enthusiasm is sincerely applauded.

It is improper for me to speculate whether it is the Town Planning Department's or the developers' fault to have the landfill located so closely to the Tseung Kwan O residential area with a projected population of 500 thousand people. This is totally unacceptable in developed western countries.

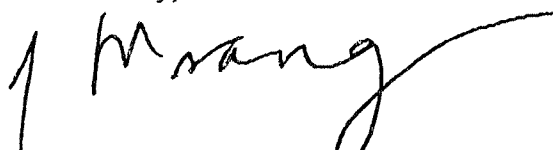
Odous smell is generated from the landfill and in fact has extended to most of the areas in Tseung Kwan O and occasionally to Chai Wan in particular when the wind direction is South West. Those Refuse Collection Vehicles owned by the private waste collectors are having the hopper opened at the rear side and with the body full of dirt and soil again delivering very awful smell.

I met Dr. York YN Chow the other day. He is as keen and concern as people in Tseung Kwan O saying that all the unqualified RCV owned by the government will be upgraded. However, those private ones are still problems.

I believe you would agree with me that the air pollution has been criticized to be at a poor standard. Poisonous particles generated by landfill ranging from 2.5 to 10 microns have been found and are easily breathed in by human being causing lung cancer.

I earnestly hope that all the legislative councilors would object the landfill in TKO which is so close to an immense residential area.

Yours faithfully,



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