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Subject: FW: [MARKETING] (請廣傳及報名!) 立法會公聽會 "大嶼山發展策略建議"Receive public views on"Proposed Development Strategy for Lantau"  
(See attached file: space for all - legco.jpg)

Grateful if you can reserve a place for me at this hearing. Many thanks.

My written submission is as follows:

I have strong concerns about space for all and its long term impact on Lantau Island. Most people are agreed that some development of Lantau is inevitable but the plan is neither balanced or fair.

The space for all plan is produced by LANDAC, a Government appointed committee comprised largely of vested interests. Only one of its 20 members has clear association with conservation whilst 12 of its members have clear association with development. Its purpose was to produce a plan that balanced the needs of development with the needs of conservation. Whilst the plan is littered with ideas about building and pouring concrete it pays scant regard to the needs of conservation or the environment.

The public consultation exercise has been woefully inadequate, with just three forums, arranged hastily, at which the public could engage with the DB. Only one of these was held on Lantau. There has been no true attempt by the Government to engage with the people whom this plan will directly affect, in breach of their own guidelines. The Development Secretary was caught out trying to sell an 'invitation only' playground opening in Mui Wo as a public engagement exercise about 'space for all' and was subject to protest as a result.

There has been no broad consultation with the people of Hong Kong about whether they want one of the last remaining green lungs of the territory to be significantly changed. It is clear that developers benefit from these proposals but completely unclear what the broader public seek to gain.

The Government has produced no detail of the needs base for much of what is in the plan, particularly around the level of housing they propose to build.

I look forward to expanding upon these points in the LegCo chamber.

Best regards

Martin