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Subject: Objection to Reprovisioning of the Harcourt Road Fresh Water Pumping Station to Hong Kong Park

Dear Members of the Panel on Development,

I am writing to object to the proposed "Reprovisioning of the Harcourt Road Fresh Water Pumping Station" from its existing location to the green open space within Hong Kong Park. I understand that a meeting will take place on May 27 to consider this issue.

Given the rampant destruction of Hong Kong's public parks to date, including Victoria Park, Harcourt Garden and the areas adjacent to Hong Kong Park at Justice Drive for the various MTR and Central-Wanchai Bypass projects, I am shocked that this proposal to destroy even more public park space and a historic wall within the park has even proceeded to the Legislative Council for further consideration. It is even more troubling that public park space would be sacrificed in order to free the Harcourt Road site for commercial office development.

The discussion paper for this project makes no mention that the proposed pumping station is to be re-located to zoned "Open Space" within the boundaries of the public park. Rather, the discussion paper is worded in an extremely misleading manner and refers merely to "construction of a new pumping station at a site near the Central Fire Station on Cotton Tree Drive."

For these reasons, I request the Panel on Development to reject this proposal and prevent it from moving forward to the Public Works Sub-committee and the Finance Committee for funding approval.

Sincerely,

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