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Re: Planning and Engineering Study for Hung Shui Kiu NDA – Where is the economic development plan?

Hon LAU Wong-fat,

We support the plan to redevelop Hung Shiu Kiu. The program is a test for the Government's ability to improve the overall living conditions, environment and economic infrastructure of the New Territories. However, we raise the following concerns to be addressed:

1. The plans published so far are only broad stroke land use plans. However, there is no detail of an economic development policy to justify the estimated jobs, whether these new jobs will benefit existing operators and employees, nor whether the proposed land changes meet the logistics industry future requirements. When will such information be made available for public scrutiny? When will an update on the logistics and port industry strategies be published?
2. A survey is required of the number of residents, business operators, and employees within the affected area, clearly identifying whether residents are locally employed and where current employees and business owners actually reside.
3. Prior to development, and to ensure destructive land uses are not pushed to other areas in the New Territories, Government must strengthen their enforcement powers and resources to address the many breaches of environmental, hygiene, buildings, planning and lands regulations in the New Territories.
4. We urge for an *"Enhancement and Urban Design Public Works Program"* to revitalise and upgrade the urban and rural landscape for the entire study area including enhancement of infrastructure, amenities, greening, stream revitalisation, streets, paths and trails, lighting, clearing of illegal structures, bus shelter improvements, and all other public space enhancements, irrespective of whether the land is within or outside village environs.

Herewith we so submit for your consideration.

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