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Re – Proposal to establish New Principal Fairway in Northern Lantau

Comment to the subject matter

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- The original Urmston Road Fairway have been designed more than 40 years ago mainly for CLP power station.
- Since then Tsing Ma bridge built.
- New airport built in Lantau Island
- Building the 3<sup>rd</sup> runway.
- New Shekou port built (No.1 port in container throughput)
- New shipyard in Shekou built
- Marine traffic changed completely between HKG and Pearl River Delta, and the vicinity due to new resident in Tuen Mun and Tung Chung, land fill areas in Nim Wan, etc.....
- Maritime trade pattern changed in last 30 years.
- River Trade Terminal for coastal ships built.
- 500~600 river trade ships transit this area everyday
- Marine accidents happened with heavy casualty.
- Container ships are the largest in world record.
- Continuous reclamation never stop.
  
- **Therefore the Urmston Road Fairway needs be revised.**
  
- Support no fishing zone in water area adjoining 3 fairways due to heavy cross traffic in the vicinity.
- Authority should use modern technology to control, monitor the traffic in this area i.e. digital radar, Automatic Identification System, CCTV, VHF, etc.....
- Such monitoring system should not give disturbance to ships in the area i.e. too many reporting points, to reduce air report time in order minimize radio pollution.
- The new fairway should also take care the coastal traffic i.e. small boats in the same area.

- Cross traffic sails out and from Sky Pier to Pearl River Delta and Macau.
- The new fairway should not have any limitation i.e. height restriction due to airport area, one way restriction, allow overtaking in safe practice.
- Operators in Vessel Traffic Control Centre should be well trained.
- Well introduction to public.

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