

Clerk to Panel on Development  
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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you regarding the two proposed Development Options at Hong Kong Golf Club's (HKGC) Fanling Golf Courses (FGC) as suggested by the Task Force on Land Supply. I strongly believe that the development of golf and the economic benefits that HKGC brings to the surrounding communities and Hong Kong as a whole will be adversely affected if the Options are to be undertaken.

FGC is critical to the future development of golf in Hong Kong. Its courses are indispensable for training and nurturing talented players to represent our city at the highest level. HKGC has been a key supporter of the Hong Kong Golf Association (HKGA) in the grooming of young talents by providing HKGA free access to host its squad team training and amateur tournaments.

FGC is also essential for hosting high-profile international golf tournaments, in particular the Hong Kong Open – which has been held at Fanling for the past 59 years – and the Hong Kong Ladies Open. Playing in the tournaments has enabled Hong Kong's talented young amateurs to earn world ranking points to help them to qualify for international events including The Olympic Games.

Taking back the Fanling golf course for housing development would thus limit the availability of very scarce facilities in Hong Kong and reduce the opportunities for Hong Kong to promote its international profile.

It is critical to take the many different needs of our society into account when making any decision, I strongly believe that keeping the FGC is in the best interest of Hong Kong and oppose the taking back of FGC for housing development.

Yours faithfully,

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