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LANTAU DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Views submitted by the Public

PURPOSE

This paper consolidates the proposals and views of the public and organisations on Lantau development, received by the Secretariat up to 31 May 2014, for members' reference and consideration.

SCOPE

2. LanDAC Paper No. 04/2014 classifies the proposals and views of members under five categories, including: (1) Development planning issues for Lantau; (2) Tourism and recreation; (3) Environment and heritage conservation; (4) Transport and improvement proposals; and (5) Employment, education and social welfare. The Secretariat adopts the same categorization and has grouped the proposals and views of the public and organisations under these five categories as set out in the table at the [Annex](#).

3. The proposals and views of the public and organisations have generally been covered by members' submissions. Those that have not been covered or are different from members' proposals and views are specifically marked in the table at the Annex.

ADVICE SOUGHT

4. Members are invited to express their views, if any, on the proposals and views of the public and organisations, set out in the table at the Annex, for discussion.

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Table: Public Views on Lantau Development Received by the Lantau Development Advisory Committee

(* Denotes proposals that have not been raised by members or are different from members' views)

Category 1: Development planning issues for Lantau	
Summary: There were organisations supporting the development of Lantau to address the housing shortage. Rural committees proposed the relaxation of village boundaries to increase land for the planning of small houses. Meanwhile, other organisations requested that some areas should immediately be planned with the Development Permission Area Plans. Some members of the public supported the construction of artificial islands, but others doubted the worth of this construction.	
1.1	· Immediately carrying out planning for certain areas, such as Pui O, with the Development Permission Area Plans to curb illegal development
1.2	· Enhancing educational, leisure and community supporting facilities in Mui Wo
1.3	· Supporting Lantau development to address the problem of housing shortage, with a view to boosting Hong Kong's economy
1.4	· Questioning the construction of artificial islands not worthy*, and accelerating Tung Chung New Town Extension and development of northern Lantau
1.5	· Extending Tung Chung New Town towards Siu Ho Wan, but objecting to development around Tung Chung River*
1.6	· Making best use of farmland in Tung Chung for development purposes
1.7	· Relaxing village boundaries to increase land for the planning of small houses*
1.8	· Supporting the development of artificial islands
1.9	· Auctioning government lands in Lantau for development

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Category 2 : Tourism and entertainment	
Summary: There were organisations requesting the revitalisation of Ma Wan Chung Village, the development of Silver Mine Cave and cycle tracks in southern Lantau. Some members of the public doubted whether the development of retail malls in Lantau could really attract tourists.	
2.1	· Revitalising Ma Wan Chung Village
2.2	· Developing Silver Mine Cave
2.3	· Constructing a mountain bike trail network in southern Lantau as soon as possible
2.4	· Doubting whether the development of retail malls in Lantau could really attract tourists*
2.5	· Constructing a large columbarium at Chi Ma Wan in Lantau and developing the area into a tourism landmark*
Category 3: Environment and heritage conservation	
Summary: Some organisations requested carrying out “environmental capacity” studies for Lantau. In addition, some organisations requested not to damage the ecology of Lantau. Some members of the public objected to the development in country parks.	
3.1	· Carrying out “environmental capacity” studies first for Lantau in accordance with the “Baseline assessment” principle · Achieving “zero loss” for country parks and protecting the coastal ecology
3.2	· Establishing Lantau as the survey and development zone for geothermal energy in Hong Kong, as well as the site for an enhanced geothermal power plant*
3.3	· Objecting development of country parks and suggesting reclamation and development of small islands for construction of housing
3.4	· Objecting to the development in country parks; Lantau development should focus on environmental conservation and meet the needs of the public without damaging the environment
Category 4: Transport and improvement proposals;	
Summary: Rural committees requested early construction of a number of roads connecting various parts of the island and some of the remote areas.	
4.1	· Increasing the frequency of bus services as there were long queues waiting for buses in southern Lantau (Pui O and Tong Fuk) and Tai O on holidays
4.2	· Constructing circular highway*
4.3	· Widening South Lantau Road and Keung Shan Road

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4.4	· Exploring the north-south road link connecting Mui Wo and Tai Ho Wan, and further with Tung Chung *
4.5	· Opening up all the roads in Lantau and cancelling the restrictions imposed by the system of Lantau Closed Road Permit*
4.6	· Constructing coastal highway connecting Tai O and Tung Chung and claiming this can shorten travel time to 15 minutes
4.7	· Constructing highway connecting Tai O, Yi O and Fan Lau Village*
4.8	· Constructing highway connecting Tung Chung with villages such as Shek Lau Po and Ngau Au Village*
4.9	· Constructing cycle tracks in southern Lantau
4.10	· Connecting Peng Chau, Hong Kong Disneyland and Pokfulam*, connecting Peng Chau, Kau Yi Chau, Hong Kong West and Mui Wo*; constructing bridges connecting Peng Chau, Discovery Bay and Hong Kong Island South *

Topic 5: Employment, education and social welfare

Summary: No public view in this aspect has been received yet.

Remarks: The above public views might not be adopted as they are subject to detailed studies for establishing their feasibility and implementation requirements.