

say NO to NENT plan !

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Representation Relating to Draft Plan

Plan No.: S/KTN/1 and S/FLN/1

We strongly object to the Northeast New Territories (Kwu Tung North & Fanling North) Development Plan (“the Plan”). The reasons are as follows:

1. The Plan is not necessary at all. It will only create huge social and ecological problems to Hong Kong.

What the government should do is to make better use of existing vacant government lands and to rectify its housing and land policies, which heavily favour developers now.

2. The Plan will destroy the way of life and community network of existing residents.

Nearly 10 thousand residents’ homes will be destroyed, which will be the largest eviction in Hong Kong in the last 30 years.

3. The plan will cause a domino effect of more destruction of rural New Territories.

With the government’s acquiescence, developers have been hoarding and pre-emptively destroying farmland throughout the pre-planning stages of the Plan. Such government-business collusion has led to Hong Kong’s precious natural resources being monopolised, and only large corporations in Hong Kong and Mainland China are the biggest winners.

4. Green belt will be reduced and ecological buffer zone destroyed.

The intended development area is the only remaining green belt between Shenzhen and Hong Kong. The Kwu Tung, Sheung Shui and Fanling plain, which is connected to the Long Yuen Wetland, is an important line of defence

against the intrusion of urbanisation. From a planning perspective, this remaining natural habitat should be preserved.

We urge the government to:

1. withdraw the NENT Development Plan, maintain the current land use, and strengthen the protection for green belt and agricultural land.
2. protect and develop local industries and agriculture, maintain the rural way of life, enhance diversification of local industries and promote mutual growth of rural and urban areas, for a truly sustainable development.

Yours faithfully,

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