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Secretary, Town Planning Board
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Draft Lai Chi Wo, Siu Tan and Sam A Tsuen Outline Zoning Plan no. S/NE-LCW/1

Our Association would like to raise the following comments on the Draft Lai Chi Wo, Siu Tan and Sam A Tsuen Outline Zoning Plan no. S/NE-LCW/1:-

- 1. We appreciate the extension of planning control to Lai Chi Wo, Siu Tan and Sam A Tsuen and support the general planning intention of the OZP plan to conserve its geomorpholical, ecological and cultural values.
- 2. We also support converting the vacant Siu Ying School into the geoheritage-cum-ecological education centre which helps to popularize earth science and ecology to the general public.
- 3. We suggest the Agriculture Zone to be designated as Green Belt which can better retain and safeguard good quality agricultural land for rehabilitation for cultivation and other agricultural purposes as well as conserving the rural setting and environment.
- 4. To retain the unique Hakka village characteristics of Lai Chi Wo, it is suggested to set more control on small house developments including the height and style of the houses to be compatible to the entire environment.

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- 5. As there is neither existing nor proposed public sewer in the Area, it is of high concern that the uncontrolled village developments would cause adverse impact on the sensitive natural environment. It is suggested that development of houses in these areas must be approved by the Town Planning Board.
- 6. As Lai Chi Wo is included in the Hong Kong Global Geopark of China, in order to fully protect the ecological and landscape values of the site, as well as the overall value of the surrounding Plover Cove Country Park, the authority should consider including these sites into the Plover Cove Country Park.

Yours faithfully,

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