

#### DRAFT TAI PO OUTLINE ZONING PLAN NO. S/TP/27A

(Being a Draft Plan for the Purposes of the Town Planning Ordinance)

#### **NOTES**

(N.B. These form part of the Plan)

- (1) These Notes show the uses or developments on land falling within the boundaries of the Plan which are always permitted and which may be permitted by the Town Planning Board, with or without conditions, on application. Where permission from the Town Planning Board for a use or development is required, the application for such permission should be made in a prescribed form. The application shall be addressed to the Secretary of the Town Planning Board, from whom the prescribed application form may be obtained.
- (2) Any use or development which is always permitted or may be permitted in accordance with these Notes must also conform to any other relevant legislation, the conditions of the Government lease concerned, and any other Government requirements, as may be applicable.
- (3) (a) No action is required to make the existing use of any land or building conform to this Plan until there is a material change of use or the building is redeveloped.
  - (b) Any material change of use or any other development (except minor alteration and/or modification to the development of the land or building in respect of the existing use which is always permitted) or redevelopment must be always permitted in terms of the Plan or, if permission is required, in accordance with the permission granted by the Town Planning Board.
  - (c) For the purposes of subparagraph (a) above, "existing use of any land or building" means -
    - (i) before the publication in the Gazette of the notice of the first statutory plan covering the land or building (hereafter referred as 'the first plan'),
      - a use in existence before the publication of the first plan which has continued since it came into existence; or
      - a use or a change of use approved under the Buildings Ordinance which relates to an existing building; and
    - (ii) after the publication of the first plan,
      - a use permitted under a plan which was effected during the effective period of that plan and has continued since it was effected; or
      - a use or a change of use approved under the Buildings Ordinance which relates to an existing building and permitted under a plan prevailing at the time when the use or change of use was approved.
- (4) Except as otherwise specified by the Town Planning Board, when a use or material change of use is effected or a development or redevelopment is undertaken, as always permitted in terms of the Plan or in accordance with a permission granted by the Town Planning Board, all permissions granted by the Town Planning Board in respect of the site of the use or material change of use or development or redevelopment shall lapse.

- (5) Road junctions, alignments of roads and railway tracks, and boundaries between zones may be subject to minor adjustments as detailed planning proceeds.
- (6) Temporary uses (expected to be 5 years or less) of any land or building are always permitted as long as they comply with any other relevant legislation, the conditions of the Government lease concerned, and any other Government requirements, and there is no need for these to conform to the zoned use or these Notes. For temporary uses expected to be over 5 years, the uses must conform to the zoned use or these Notes.
- (7) The following uses or developments are always permitted on land falling within the boundaries of the Plan except (a) where the uses or developments are specified in Column 2 of the Notes of individual zones or (b) as provided in paragraph (8) in relation to areas zoned "Site of Special Scientific Interest" or "Conservation Area":
  - (a) provision, maintenance or repair of plant nursery, amenity planting, open space, rain shelter, refreshment kiosk, road, bus/public light bus stop or lay-by, cycle track, taxi rank, nullah, public utility pipeline, electricity mast, lamp pole, telephone booth, telecommunications radio base station, automatic teller machine and shrine;
  - (b) geotechnical works, local public works, road works, sewerage works, drainage works, environmental improvement works, marine related facilities, waterworks (excluding works on service reservoir) and such other public works co-ordinated or implemented by Government; and
  - (c) maintenance or repair of watercourse and grave.
- (8) In areas zoned "Site of Special Scientific Interest" or "Conservation Area",
  - (a) the following uses or developments are always permitted:
    - (i) maintenance or repair of plant nursery, amenity planting, sitting out area, rain shelter, refreshment kiosk, road, watercourse, nullah, public utility pipeline, electricity mast, lamp pole, telephone booth, shrine and grave; and
    - (ii) geotechnical works, local public works, road works, sewerage works, drainage works, environmental improvement works, marine related facilities, waterworks (excluding works on service reservoir) and such other public works co-ordinated or implemented by Government; and
  - (b) the following uses or developments require permission from the Town Planning Board:
    - provision of plant nursery, amenity planting, sitting out area, rain shelter, refreshment kiosk, footpath, public utility pipeline, electricity mast, lamp pole, telephone booth and shrine.
- (9) In any area shown as 'Road', all uses or developments except those specified in paragraph (7) above and those specified below require permission from the Town Planning Board:

on-street vehicle park and railway track.

- (10) Unless otherwise specified, all building, engineering and other operations incidental to and all uses directly related and ancillary to the permitted uses and developments within the same zone are always permitted and no separate permission is required.
- (11) In these Notes,

"Existing building" means a building, including a structure, which is physically existing and is in compliance with any relevant legislation and the conditions of the Government lease concerned.

"New Territories Exempted House" means a domestic building other than a guesthouse or a hotel; or a building primarily used for habitation, other than a guesthouse or a hotel, the ground floor of which may be used as 'Shop and Services' or 'Eating Place', the building works in respect of which are exempted by a certificate of exemption under Part III of the Buildings Ordinance (Application to the New Territories) Ordinance (Cap. 121).

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#### COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT AREA (1)

Column 1 Uses always permitted Column 2
Uses that may be permitted with or without conditions on application to the Town Planning Board

Agricultural Use (Crop Cultivation Only)

**Eating Place** 

Flat

Government Refuse Collection Point

Government Use (not elsewhere specified)

House

Market

Place of Entertainment

Place of Recreation, Sports or Culture

Private Club Public Clinic

Dublic Chine

Public Convenience

**Public Transport Terminus or Station** 

Public Utility Installation Residential Institution Shop and Services

School

Utility Installation for Private Project

#### **Planning Intention**

This zone is intended for comprehensive development/redevelopment of the area for low-density residential and agricultural uses with the provision of open spaces and other supporting facilities. The zoning is to facilitate appropriate planning control over the development mix, scale, design and layout of development, taking account of various environmental, traffic, infrastructure and other constraints.

#### Remarks

- (a) Pursuant to section 4A(2) of the Town Planning Ordinance, and except as otherwise expressly provided that it is not required by the Town Planning Board, an applicant for permission for development on land designated "Comprehensive Development Area (1)" shall prepare a Master Layout Plan for the approval of the Town Planning Board and include therein the following information:
  - (i) the area of the proposed land uses, the nature, position, dimensions and heights of all buildings to be erected in the area;
  - (ii) the proposed total site area and gross floor area for various uses, total number of flats and flat size, where applicable;

## COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT AREA (1) (Cont'd)

#### Remarks (Cont'd)

- (iii) the details and extent of Government, institution or community (GIC) and recreational facilities, public transport and parking facilities, and open space to be provided within the area;
- (iv) the alignment, widths and levels of any roads proposed to be constructed leading to or within the area;
- (v) the landscape, tree preservation and urban design proposals within the area;
- (vi) programmes of development in detail;
- (vii) an environmental assessment including an ecological assessment report to examine any possible environmental problems that may be caused to or by the proposed development during and after construction and the proposed mitigation measures to tackle them;
- (viii) a drainage and sewerage impact assessment report to examine any possible drainage and sewerage problems that may be caused by the proposed development and the proposed mitigation measures to tackle them;
- (ix) a traffic impact assessment report to examine any possible traffic problems that may be caused by the proposed development and the proposed mitigation measures to tackle them;
- (x) a visual impact assessment report to examine any possible visual impacts that may be caused by the proposed development and the proposed mitigation measures to tackle them:
- (xi) an air ventilation assessment report to examine any possible air ventilation problems that may be caused by the proposed development and the proposed mitigation measures to tackle them; and
- (xii) such other information as may be required by the Town Planning Board.
- (b) The Master Layout Plan should be supported by an explanatory statement which contains an adequate explanation of the development proposal, including such information as land tenure, relevant lease conditions, existing conditions of the site, the character of the site in relation to the surrounding areas, principles of layout design, major development parameters, design population, types of GIC facilities, and recreational and open space facilities.
- (c) No new development, or addition, alteration and/or modification to or redevelopment of an existing building shall result in a total development and/or redevelopment in excess of a maximum domestic plot ratio of 0.64 and a maximum building height in terms of number of storeys as stipulated on the Plan, or the plot ratio and height of the existing building, whichever is the greater.

#### COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT AREA (1) (Cont'd)

#### Remarks (Cont'd)

- (d) In determining the maximum plot ratio for the purposes of paragraph (c) above, any floor space that is constructed or intended for use solely as car park, loading/unloading bay, plant room and caretaker's office, or caretaker's quarters and recreational facilities for the use and benefit of all the owners or occupiers of the domestic building or domestic part of the building, provided such uses and facilities are ancillary and directly related to the development or redevelopment, may be disregarded.
- (e) In determining the maximum number of storeys for the purposes of paragraph (c) above, any basement floor(s) may be disregarded.
- (f) Based on the individual merits of a development or redevelopment proposal, minor relaxation of the plot ratio and/or building height restrictions stated in paragraph (c) above may be considered by the Town Planning Board on application under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance.
- (g) Under exceptional circumstances, for developments and/or redevelopments, minor relaxation of the non-building area restrictions as shown on the Plan may be considered by the Town Planning Board on application under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance.

#### RESIDENTIAL (GROUP A)

### Column 1 Uses always permitted

Column 2
Uses that may be permitted with or without conditions on application to the Town Planning Board

Ambulance Depot

Flat

Government Use (not elsewhere specified)

House Library Market

Place of Recreation, Sports or Culture

Public Clinic

Public Transport Terminus or Station

(excluding open-air terminus or station)

Public Vehicle Park

(excluding container vehicle) (on land designated "R(A)1" only)

**Residential Institution** 

School (in free-standing purpose-designed

building only) Social Welfare Facility

Utility Installation for Private Project

Commercial Bathhouse/Massage

Establishment

Eating Place

Educational Institution

**Exhibition or Convention Hall** 

Government Refuse Collection Point

Hospital Hotel

Institutional Use (not elsewhere specified)

Office

Petrol Filling Station Place of Entertainment

Private Club

Public Convenience

**Public Transport Terminus or Station** 

(not elsewhere specified) Public Utility Installation

Public Vehicle Park

(excluding container vehicle) (not elsewhere specified)

Religious Institution

School (not elsewhere specified)

Shop and Services
Training Centre

In addition, the following uses are always permitted (a) on the lowest three floors of a building, taken to include basements; or (b) in the purpose-designed non-residential portion of an existing building, both excluding floors containing wholly or mainly car parking, loading/unloading bays and/or plant room:

Eating Place
Educational Institution
Institutional Use (not elsewhere specified)
Off-course Betting Centre
Office
Place of Entertainment
Private Club
Public Convenience
Recyclable Collection Centre
School
Shop and Services
Training Centre

#### **Planning Intention**

This zone is intended primarily for high-density residential developments. Commercial uses are always permitted on the lowest three floors of a building or in the purpose-designed non-residential portion of an existing building. The "Residential (Group A)1" and "Residential (Group A)9" zones are intended for public housing development.

#### RESIDENTIAL (GROUP A) (Cont'd)

#### Remarks

- (a) On land designated "Residential (Group A)" ("R(A)"), "Residential (Group A)1" ("R(A)1"), "Residential (Group A)2" ("R(A)2"), "Residential (Group A)3" ("R(A)3"), "Residential (Group A)4" ("R(A)4"), "Residential (Group A)5" ("R(A)5"), "Residential (Group A)6" ("R(A)6"), "Residential (Group A)7" ("R(A)7"), "Residential (Group A)8" ("R(A)8") and "Residential (Group A)9" ("R(A)9"), no new development, or addition, alteration and/or modification to or redevelopment of an existing building shall result in a total development and/or redevelopment in excess of the maximum building height in terms of number of storeys or metres above Principal Datum as stipulated on the Plan, or the height of the existing building, whichever is the greater.
- (b) On land designated "R(A)", no new development of or redevelopment to a domestic or non-domestic building shall result in a total development and/or redevelopment in excess of a maximum domestic plot ratio of 5, or a maximum non-domestic plot ratio of 9.5, as the case may be. For new development of or redevelopment to a building that is partly domestic and partly non-domestic, the plot ratio for the domestic part of the building shall not exceed the product of the difference between the maximum non-domestic plot ratio of 9.5 and the actual non-domestic plot ratio proposed for the building and the maximum domestic plot ratio of 5 divided by the maximum non-domestic plot ratio of 9.5.
- (c) On land designated "R(A)", no addition, alteration and/or modification to or redevelopment of an existing building shall result in a total development and/or redevelopment in excess of the relevant maximum domestic and/or non-domestic plot ratio(s) stated in paragraph (b) above, or the domestic and/or non-domestic plot ratio(s) of the existing building, whichever is the greater, subject to, as applicable
  - (i) the plot ratio(s) of the existing building shall apply only if any addition, alteration and/or modification to or redevelopment of an existing building is for the same type of building as the existing building, i.e. domestic, non-domestic, or partly domestic and partly non-domestic building; or
  - (ii) the maximum domestic and/or non-domestic plot ratio(s) stated in paragraph (b) above shall apply if any addition, alteration and/or modification to or redevelopment of an existing building is not for the same type of building as the existing building, i.e. domestic, non-domestic, or partly domestic and partly non-domestic building.

#### RESIDENTIAL (GROUP A) (Cont'd)

#### Remarks (Cont'd)

(d) On land designated "R(A)1", "R(A)2", "R(A)3", "R(A)4", "R(A)5", "R(A)6", "R(A)7", "R(A)8" and "R(A)9", no new development, or addition, alteration and/or modification to or redevelopment of an existing building shall result in a total development and/or redevelopment in excess of a maximum plot ratio/gross floor area (GFA) specified below, or the plot ratio/GFA of the existing building, whichever is the greater:

Sub-area	Maximum Plot Ratio/GFA
R(A)1	25,220m <sup>2</sup> for domestic and 8,000m <sup>2</sup> for non-domestic
R(A)2	plot ratio of 3.8
R(A)3	plot ratio of 4.7 for domestic and 0.45 for non-domestic
R(A)4	plot ratio of 4.2 for domestic and 1.40 for non-domestic
R(A)5	plot ratio of 4.8 for domestic and 1.22 for non-domestic
R(A)6	plot ratio of 3.8 for domestic and 1.57 for non-domestic
R(A)7	plot ratio of 4.1 for domestic and 1.13 for non-domestic
R(A)8	plot ratio of 4.4 for domestic and 1.82 for non-domestic
R(A)9	total plot ratio of 6.0 (including a maximum non-domestic plot ratio of 0.5)

- (e) In determining the maximum number of storeys for the purposes of paragraph (a) above, any basement floor(s) may be disregarded.
- (f) In determining the maximum plot ratio/GFA for the purposes of paragraphs (b) to (d) above, the area of any part of the site that is occupied or intended to be occupied by free-standing purpose-designed buildings (including both developed on ground and on podium level) solely for accommodating Government, institution or community facilities including school(s) as may be required by Government shall be deducted from calculation of the site area.
- (g) In determining the maximum plot ratio/GFA for the purposes of paragraphs (b) to (d) above, any floor space that is constructed or intended for use solely as car park, loading/unloading bay, plant room and caretaker's office, or caretaker's quarters and recreational facilities for the use and benefit of all the owners or occupiers of the domestic building or domestic part of the building, provided such uses and facilities are ancillary and directly related to the development or redevelopment, may be disregarded.
- (h) Where the permitted plot ratio/GFA as defined in Building (Planning) Regulations is permitted to be exceeded in circumstances as set out in Regulation 22(1) or (2) of the said Regulations, the plot ratio/GFA for the building on land to which paragraphs (b) to (d) above applies may be increased by the additional plot ratio by which the permitted plot ratio is permitted to be exceeded under and in accordance with the said Regulation 22(1) or (2), notwithstanding that the relevant maximum plot ratio/GFA specified in paragraphs (b) to (d) above may thereby be exceeded.

#### RESIDENTIAL (GROUP A) (Cont'd)

#### Remarks (Cont'd)

- (i) Based on the individual merits of a development or redevelopment proposal, minor relaxation of the building height and/or plot ratio/GFA restrictions stated in paragraphs (a) to (d) above may be considered by the Town Planning Board on application under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance.
- (j) Under exceptional circumstances, for developments and/or redevelopments, minor relaxation of the non-building area restrictions as shown on the Plan may be considered by the Town Planning Board on application under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance.

#### RESIDENTIAL (GROUP B)

Column 1 Uses always permitted

Column 2
Uses that may be permitted with or without conditions on application to the Town Planning Board

Flat

Government Use (Police Reporting Centre, Post Office only)

House Library

Residential Institution

School (in free-standing purpose-designed

building only)

Utility Installation for Private Project

Ambulance Depot

**Eating Place** 

**Educational Institution** 

Government Refuse Collection Point Government Use (not elsewhere specified)

Hospital Hotel

Institutional Use (not elsewhere specified)

Market

Off-course Betting Centre

Office

Petrol Filling Station Place of Entertainment

Place of Recreation, Sports or Culture

Private Club Public Clinic Public Convenience

Public Transport Terminus or Station

Public Utility Installation Public Vehicle Park

(excluding container vehicle) Recyclable Collection Centre

**Religious Institution** 

School (not elsewhere specified)

Shop and Services Social Welfare Facility Training Centre

#### **Planning Intention**

This zone is intended primarily for medium-density residential developments where commercial uses serving the residential neighbourhood may be permitted on application to the Town Planning Board.

#### Remarks

(a) On land designated "Residential (Group B)" ("R(B)"), "Residential (Group B)1" ("R(B)1"), "Residential (Group B)2" ("R(B)2"), "Residential (Group B)3" ("R(B)3"), "Residential (Group B)4" ("R(B)4"), "Residential (Group B)5" ("R(B)5"), "Residential (Group B)6" ("R(B)6"), "Residential (Group B)7" ("R(B)7"), "Residential (Group B)8" ("R(B)8") and "Residential (Group B)10" ("R(B)10"), no new development, or addition, alteration and/or modification to or redevelopment of an existing building shall result in a total development and/or redevelopment in excess of the maximum building height in terms of number of storeys or metres above Principal Datum as stipulated on the Plan, or the height of the existing building, whichever is the greater.

#### RESIDENTIAL (GROUP B) (Cont'd)

#### Remarks (Cont'd)

- (b) On land designated "R(B)", no new development, or addition, alteration and/or modification to or redevelopment of an existing building shall result in a total development and/or redevelopment in excess of a maximum plot ratio of 3.3 or the plot ratio of the existing building, whichever is the greater.
- (c) On land designated "R(B)1", "R(B)2", "R(B)3", "R(B)4", "R(B)5", "R(B)6", "R(B)7", "R(B)8" and "R(B)10", no new development, or addition, alteration and/or modification to or redevelopment of an existing building shall result in a total development and/or redevelopment in excess of a maximum plot ratio/GFA specified below, or the plot ratio/GFA of the existing building, whichever is the greater:

Sub-area	Maximum Plot Ratio/GFA
R(B)1	plot ratio of 1.8
R(B)2	plot ratio of 2.8
R(B)3	plot ratio of 2.4
R(B)4	plot ratio of 2.1
R(B)5	plot ratio of 1.75
R(B)6	plot ratio of 1.65
R(B)7	21,852m <sup>2</sup> for domestic and 1,304m <sup>2</sup> for non-domestic
R(B)8	$107,100 \text{m}^2$
R(B)10	$72,640\text{m}^2$

- (d) In determining the maximum number of storeys for the purposes of paragraph (a) above, any basement floor(s) may be disregarded.
- (e) In determining the maximum plot ratio/GFA for the purposes of paragraphs (b) and (c) above, any floor space that is constructed or intended for use solely as car park, loading/unloading bay, plant room and caretaker's office, or caretaker's quarters and recreational facilities for the use and benefit of all the owners or occupiers of the domestic building or domestic part of the building, provided such uses and facilities are ancillary and directly related to the development or redevelopment, may be disregarded.
- (f) Based on the individual merits of a development or redevelopment proposal, minor relaxation of the plot ratio/GFA and/or building height restrictions stated in paragraphs (a) to (c) above may be considered by the Town Planning Board on application under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance.
- (g) Under exceptional circumstances, for developments and/or redevelopments, minor relaxation of the non-building area restrictions as shown on the Plan may be considered by the Town Planning Board on application under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance.

#### RESIDENTIAL (GROUP B) 9

### Column 1 Uses always permitted

Column 2
Uses that may be permitted with or without conditions on application to the Town Planning Board

Flat

Government Use (Police Reporting Centre, Post Office only)

House Library

Residential Institution

School (in free-standing purpose-designed

building only)

Utility Installation for Private Project

Ambulance Depot

Eating Place

**Educational Institution** 

Government Refuse Collection Point

Government Use (not elsewhere specified)

Hospital Hotel

Institutional Use (not elsewhere specified)

Market

Off-course Betting Centre

Office

Petrol Filling Station Place of Entertainment

Place of Recreation, Sports or Culture

Private Club Public Clinic Public Convenience

**Public Transport Terminus or Station** 

Public Utility Installation Public Vehicle Park

(excluding container vehicle) Recyclable Collection Centre

Religious Institution

School (not elsewhere specified)

Shop and Services Social Welfare Facility Training Centre

In addition, the following uses are always permitted (a) on the lowest three floors of a building, taken to include basements; or (b) in the purpose-designed non-residential portion of an existing building, both excluding floors containing wholly or mainly car parking, loading/unloading bays and/or plant room:

Eating Place Off-course Betting Centre Office Place of Entertainment School Shop and Services

#### Planning Intention

This zone is intended primarily for medium-density residential developments. Commercial uses are always permitted on the lowest three floors of a building or in the purpose-designed non-residential portion of an existing building.

#### RESIDENTIAL (GROUP B) 9 (Cont'd)

- (a) No new development, or addition, alteration and/or modification to or redevelopment of an existing building shall result in a total development and/or redevelopment in excess of a maximum GFA of 88,200m<sup>2</sup> and a maximum building height in terms of metres above Principal Datum as stipulated on the Plan, or the GFA and height of the existing building, whichever is the greater.
- (b) In determining the maximum GFA for the purposes of paragraph (a) above, any floor space that is constructed or intended for use solely as car park, loading/unloading bay, plant room and caretaker's office, or caretaker's quarters and recreational facilities for the use and benefit of all the owners or occupiers of the domestic building or domestic part of the building, provided such uses and facilities are ancillary and directly related to the development or redevelopment, may be disregarded.
- (c) Based on the individual merits of a development or redevelopment proposal, minor relaxation of the GFA and/or building height restriction stated in paragraph (a) above may be considered by the Town Planning Board on application under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance.

#### RESIDENTIAL (GROUP C)

Column 1 Uses always permitted Column 2
Uses that may be permitted with or without conditions on application to the Town Planning Board

Flat

Government Use (Police Reporting Centre, Post Office only)

House

Utility Installation for Private Project

Ambulance Depot

**Eating Place** 

**Educational Institution** 

Flat (on land designated "R(C)1" only) Government Refuse Collection Point Government Use (not elsewhere specified)

Hospital Hotel

Institutional Use (not elsewhere specified)

Library

**Petrol Filling Station** 

Place of Recreation, Sports or Culture

Private Club Public Clinic Public Convenience

**Public Transport Terminus or Station** 

Public Utility Installation Public Vehicle Park

(excluding container vehicle) Recyclable Collection Centre

Religious Institution Residential Institution

Rural Committee/Village Office

School

Shop and Services Social Welfare Facility Training Centre

#### **Planning Intention**

This zone is intended primarily for low-rise, low-density residential developments where commercial uses serving the residential neighbourhood may be permitted on application to the Town Planning Board.

#### Remarks

(a) On land designated "Residential (Group C)", no new development, or addition, alteration and/or modification to or redevelopment of an existing building shall result in a total development and/or redevelopment in excess of a maximum plot ratio of 0.6 and a maximum building height in terms of number of storeys as stipulated on the Plan, or the plot ratio and height of the existing building, whichever is the greater.

#### RESIDENTIAL (GROUP C) (Cont'd)

#### Remarks (Cont'd)

(b) On land designated "Residential (Group C)1" ("R(C)1"), "Residential (Group C)2" ("R(C)2"), "Residential (Group C)3" ("R(C)3"), "Residential (Group C)4" ("R(C)4"), "Residential (Group C)5" ("R(C)5"), "Residential (Group C)6" ("R(C)6"), "Residential (Group C)7" ("R(C)7"), "Residential (Group C)8" ("R(C)8"), "Residential (Group C)9" ("R(C)9") and "Residential (Group C)10" ("R(C)10"), no new development, or addition, alteration and/or modification to or redevelopment of an existing building shall result in a total development and/or redevelopment in excess of a maximum plot ratio/GFA, site coverage, and building height specified below, or the plot ratio/GFA, site coverage and height of the existing building, whichever is the greater: -

Sub-area	Maximum Plot Ratio/GFA	Maximum Site <u>Coverage</u>	Number of Storeys/ Metres above Hong Kong <u>Principal Datum</u>
R(C)1	plot ratio of 0.4	-	as stipulated on the Plan
R(C)2	plot ratio of 1.5	50%	3
R(C)3	plot ratio of 1.2	50%	6 storeys above car park
R(C)4	plot ratio of 0.6	25%	3 storeys above car park
R(C)5	Domestic: 57,500m <sup>2</sup> Non-domestic: 1,500m <sup>2</sup>	-	12 residential storeys over 3 storeys of car park
R(C)6	plot ratio of 0.8	-	as stipulated on the Plan
R(C)7	$20,000 \text{m}^2$	-	as stipulated on the Plan
R(C)8	plot ratio of 1.5	-	as stipulated on the Plan
R(C)9	$46,200 \text{m}^2$	-	as stipulated on the Plan
R(C)10	plot ratio of 1.2	-	as stipulated on the Plan

- (c) In determining the maximum number of storeys for the purposes of paragraphs (a) and (b) above, any basement floor(s) may be disregarded.
- (d) In determining the maximum plot ratio/GFA for the purposes of paragraphs (a) and (b) above, any floor space that is constructed or intended for use solely as car park, loading/unloading bay, plant room and caretaker's office, or caretaker's quarters and recreational facilities for the use and benefit of all the owners or occupiers of the domestic building or domestic part of the building, provided such uses and facilities are ancillary and directly related to the development or redevelopment, may be disregarded.

## RESIDENTIAL (GROUP C) (Cont'd)

## Remarks (Cont'd)

(e) Based on the individual merits of a development or redevelopment proposal, minor relaxation of the plot ratio/GFA/site coverage/building height restrictions stated in paragraphs (a) and (b) above may be considered by the Town Planning Board on application under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance.

#### RESIDENTIAL (GROUP D)

## Column 1 Uses always permitted

## Column 2 Uses that may be permitted with or without conditions on application to the Town Planning Board

Agricultural Use

Government Use (Police Reporting Centre,

Post Office only)

House (Redevelopment; Addition, Alteration and/or Modification

to existing house only)

On-Farm Domestic Structure

Rural Committee/Village Office

**Eating Place** 

Flat

Government Refuse Collection Point

Government Use (not elsewhere specified)#

House (not elsewhere specified)#

Institutional Use (not elsewhere specified)#

Library Market

Place of Recreation, Sports or Culture

Public Clinic

**Public Convenience** 

**Public Transport Terminus or Station** 

Public Utility Installation#

Public Vehicle Park

(excluding container vehicle) Recyclable Collection Centre

Religious Institution# Residential Institution#

School#

Shop and Services

Social Welfare Facility#

Utility Installation for Private Project

In addition, the following uses are always permitted on the ground floor of a New Territories Exempted House:

Eating Place Library School Shop and Services

#### **Planning Intention**

This zone is intended primarily for improvement and upgrading of existing temporary structures through redevelopment of existing temporary structures into permanent buildings. It is also intended for low-rise, low-density residential developments subject to planning permission from the Town Planning Board.

#### Remarks

(a) No addition, alteration and/or modification to or in-situ redevelopment of an existing temporary structure or an existing building (except to 'New Territories Exempted House' or to those annotated with #) shall result in a total development and/or redevelopment in excess of a maximum building area of 37.2m² and a maximum building height of 2 storeys (6m), or the building area and height of the existing building, whichever is the greater.

#### RESIDENTIAL (GROUP D) (Cont'd)

#### Remarks (Cont'd)

- (b) No development including redevelopment for 'Flat' and 'House' uses, other than those to which paragraph (a) above shall apply, shall result in a development and/or redevelopment in excess of a maximum plot ratio of 0.4 and a maximum building height of 2 storeys (6m), or the plot ratio and height of the existing building, whichever is the greater.
- (c) In determining the maximum plot ratio for the purposes of paragraph (b) above, any floor space that is constructed or intended for use solely as car park, loading/unloading bay, plant room and caretaker's office, or caretaker's quarters and recreational facilities for the use and benefit of all the owners or occupiers of the domestic building or domestic part of the building, provided such uses and facilities are ancillary and directly related to the development or redevelopment, may be disregarded.
- (d) Based on the individual merits of a development or redevelopment proposal, minor relaxation of the plot ratio and/or building height restrictions stated in paragraph (b) above may be considered by the Town Planning Board on application under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance.

#### VILLAGE TYPE DEVELOPMENT

### Column 1 Uses always permitted

## Column 2 Uses that may be permitted with or without conditions on application to the Town Planning Board

Agricultural Use Government Use (Police Reporting Centre, Post Office only)

House (New Territories Exempted House only)

On-Farm Domestic Structure Religious Institution (Ancestral Hall only)

Rural Committee/Village Office

**Eating Place** 

Government Refuse Collection Point

Government Use (not elsewhere specified) #

House (not elsewhere specified)

Institutional Use (not elsewhere specified) #

Market

Petrol Filling Station

Place of Recreation, Sports or Culture

Public Clinic

Public Convenience

**Public Transport Terminus or Station** 

Public Utility Installation #

Public Vehicle Park

(excluding container vehicle)

Religious Institution (not elsewhere specified) #

Residential Institution #

School#

Shop and Services

Social Welfare Facility #

Utility Installation for Private Project

In addition, the following uses are always permitted on the ground floor of a New Territories Exempted House:

Eating Place Library School Shop and Services

#### **Planning Intention**

The planning intention of this zone is to reflect existing recognized and other villages, and to provide land considered suitable for village expansion and reprovisioning of village houses affected by Government projects. Land within this zone is primarily intended for development of Small Houses by indigenous villagers. It is also intended to concentrate village type development within this zone for a more orderly development pattern, efficient use of land and provision of infrastructures and services. Selected commercial and community uses serving the needs of the villagers and in support of the village development are always permitted on the ground floor of a New Territories Exempted House. Other commercial, community and recreational uses may be permitted on application to the Town Planning Board.

#### VILLAGE TYPE DEVELOPMENT (Cont'd)

- (a) No new development, or addition, alteration and/or modification to or redevelopment of an existing building (except development or redevelopment to those annotated with #) shall result in a total development and/or redevelopment in excess of a maximum building height of 3 storeys (8.23m) or the height of the existing building, whichever is the greater.
- (b) Based on the individual merits of a development or redevelopment proposal, minor relaxation of the building height restriction stated in paragraph (a) above may be considered by the Town Planning Board on application under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance.

#### GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTION OR COMMUNITY

Column 1 Column 2
Uses always permitted Uses that may be permitted with or without conditions on application to the Town Planning Board

Ambulance Depot

**Animal Quarantine Centre** 

(in Government building only)

Broadcasting, Television and/or Film Studio Cable Car Route and Terminal Building

**Eating Place** 

(Canteen, Cooked Food Centre only)

**Educational Institution** 

**Exhibition or Convention Hall** 

Field Study/Education/Visitor Centre Government Refuse Collection Point

Government Use (not elsewhere specified)

Hospital

Institutional Use (not elsewhere specified)

Library Market Pier

Place of Recreation, Sports or Culture

Public Clinic

**Public Convenience** 

**Public Transport Terminus or Station** 

Public Utility Installation Public Vehicle Park

(excluding container vehicle)

Recyclable Collection Centre

**Religious Institution** 

Research, Design and Development Centre

Rural Committee/Village Office

School

Service Reservoir Social Welfare Facility

Training Centre

Wholesale Trade

Animal Boarding Establishment Animal Quarantine Centre

(not elsewhere specified)

Columbarium

**Correctional Institution** 

Crematorium Driving School

Eating Place (not elsewhere specified)

Flat

Funeral Facility Holiday Camp

Hotel House

Marine Fuelling Station Off-course Betting Centre

Office

Petrol Filling Station Place of Entertainment

Private Club

Radar, Telecommunications Electronic

Microwave Repeater, Television and/or

**Radio Transmitter Installation** 

Refuse Disposal Installation

(Refuse Transfer Station only)

Residential Institution

Sewage Treatment/Screening Plant

Shop and Services

Utility Installation for Private Project

Zoo

## **Planning Intention**

This zone is intended primarily for the provision of Government, institution or community facilities serving the needs of the local residents and/or a wider district, region or the territory. It is also intended to provide land for uses directly related to or in support of the work of the Government, organizations providing social services to meet community needs, and other institutional establishments.

#### GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTION OR COMMUNITY (Cont'd)

- (a) No new development, or addition, alteration and/or modification to or redevelopment of an existing building shall result in a total development and/or redevelopment in excess of the maximum building height in terms of number of storeys or metres above Principal Datum as stipulated on the Plan, or the height of the existing building, whichever is the greater.
- (b) In determining the maximum number of storeys for the purposes of paragraph (a) above, any basement floor(s) may be disregarded.
- (c) Based on the individual merits of a development or redevelopment proposal, minor relaxation of the building height restriction stated in paragraph (a) above may be considered by the Town Planning Board on application under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance.

## GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTION OR COMMUNITY (1)

Column 1 Uses always permitted Column 2
Uses that may be permitted with or without conditions on application to the Town Planning Board

Government Use (not elsewhere specified)
Library
Public Convenience
Public Utility Installation
Religious Institution
Rural Committee/Village Office

Utility Installation for Private Project

#### **Planning Intention**

This zone is intended primarily for the provision of Government, institution or community facilities serving the needs of the local residents.

- (a) No new development, or addition, alteration and/or modification to or redevelopment of an existing building shall result in a total development and/or redevelopment in excess of a maximum building height of 2 storeys or the height of the existing building, whichever is the greater.
- (b) In determining the maximum number of storeys for the purposes of paragraph (a) above, any basement floor(s) may be disregarded.
- (c) Based on the individual merits of a development or redevelopment proposal, minor relaxation of the building height restriction stated in paragraph (a) above may be considered by the Town Planning Board on application under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance.

#### GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTION OR COMMUNITY (2)

Column 1 Uses always permitted Column 2
Uses that may be permitted with or without conditions on application to the Town Planning Board

Eating Place
(Canteen only)
Educational Institution
Field Study/Education/Visitor Centre
Government Use
Library
Place of Recreation, Sports or Culture
Residential Institution
(Hostel and Dormitory only)
School
Social Welfare Facility
Training Centre

Eating Place (not elsewhere specified)
Exhibition or Convention Hall
Institutional Use (not elsewhere specified)
Public Utility Installation
Religious Institution
Residential Institution (not elsewhere specified)
Shop and Services
Utility Installation for Private Project

#### **Planning Intention**

This zone is intended primarily for the provision of Government, institution or community facilities serving the needs of the local residents and/or a wider district, region or the territory. It is also intended to provide land for uses directly related to or in support of the work of the Government, organizations providing social services to meet community needs for such uses as hostel cum youth centre, and other institutional establishments.

- (a) No new development, or addition, alteration and/or modification to or redevelopment of an existing building shall result in a total development and/or redevelopment in excess of a maximum domestic GFA of 2,412m<sup>2</sup> and a maximum non-domestic GFA of 1,040m<sup>2</sup>, or the GFA of the existing building, whichever is the greater.
- (b) No new development, or addition, alteration and/or modification to or redevelopment of an existing building shall result in a total development and/or redevelopment in excess of the maximum building height in terms of metres above Principal Datum as stipulated on the Plan, or the height of the existing building, whichever is the greater.
- (c) In determining the maximum GFA for the purposes of paragraph (a) above, any floor space that is constructed or intended for use solely as car park, loading/unloading bay, plant room and caretaker's office, provided such uses and facilities are ancillary and directly related to the development or redevelopment, may be disregarded.
- (d) Based on the individual merits of a development or redevelopment proposal, minor relaxation of the GFA and/or building height restrictions stated in paragraphs (a) and (b) above may be considered by the Town Planning Board on application under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance.

#### **OPEN SPACE**

## Column 1 Uses always permitted

Column 2
Uses that may be permitted with or without conditions on application to the Town Planning Board

**Aviary** 

Barbecue Spot

Field Study/Education/Visitor Centre

Park and Garden

**Pavilion** 

Pedestrian Area

Picnic Area

Playground/Playing Field

Promenade

Public Convenience Sitting Out Area

Zoo

Cable Car Route and Terminal Building

**Eating Place** 

**Exhibition or Convention Hall** 

Government Refuse Collection Point

Government Use (not elsewhere specified)

Holiday Camp

Pier

Place of Entertainment

Place of Recreation, Sports or Culture

Private Club

**Public Transport Terminus or Station** 

Public Utility Installation Public Vehicle Park

(excluding container vehicle)

Religious Institution Service Reservoir Shop and Services Tent Camping Ground

Utility Installation for Private Project

#### **Planning Intention**

This zone is intended primarily for the provision of outdoor open-air public space for active and/or passive recreational uses serving the needs of local residents as well as the general public.

#### **RECREATION PRIORITY AREA**

## Column 1 Uses always permitted

## Column 2 Uses that may be permitted with or without conditions on application to the Town Planning Board

Agricultural Use (not elsewhere specified)
Aviary
Barbecue Spot
Field Study/Education/Visitor Centre
Government Use (Police Reporting
Centre only)
Holiday Camp
On-Farm Domestic Structure
Picnic Area
Place of Recreation, Sports or Culture
Public Convenience
Rural Committee/Village Office

Tent Camping Ground

Agricultural Use (Intensive Livestock Rearing only) Animal Boarding Establishment Boat Repairing Yard Broadcasting, Television and/or Film Studio Eating Place Flat Golf Course Government Refuse Collection Point Government Use (not elsewhere specified) Hotel House Marina Pier Place of Entertainment Private Club Public Utility Installation Public Vehicle Park

(excluding container vehicle)
Religious Institution
Residential Institution
Shop and Services
Social Welfare Facility
Theme Park
Utility Installation for Private Project
Zoo

#### **Planning Intention**

This zone is intended primarily for recreational developments for the use of general public. It encourages the development of active and/or passive recreation and tourism/eco-tourism. Uses in support of the recreational developments may be permitted subject to planning permission.

- (a) No new development, or addition, alteration and/or modification to or redevelopment of an existing building shall result in a total development and/or redevelopment in excess of a maximum GFA of 3,300m² and a maximum building height in terms of number of storeys as stipulated on the Plan, or the GFA and height of the existing building, whichever is the greater.
- (b) In determining the maximum GFA for the purposes of paragraph (a) above, any floor space that is constructed or intended for use solely as car park, loading/unloading bay, plant room, caretaker's office, provided such uses and facilities are ancillary and directly related to the development or redevelopment, may be disregarded.

## RECREATION PRIORITY AREA (Cont'd)

#### Remarks (Cont'd)

- (c) In determining the maximum number of storeys for the purposes of paragraph (a) above, any basement floor(s) may be disregarded.
- (d) Based on the individual merits of a development or redevelopment proposal, minor relaxation of the GFA and/or building height restrictions stated in paragraph (a) above may be considered by the Town Planning Board on application under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance.
- (e) Under exceptional circumstances, for developments and/or redevelopments, minor relaxation of the non-building area restrictions as shown on the Plan may be considered by the Town Planning Board on application under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance.

#### **OTHER SPECIFIED USES**

Column 1 Uses always permitted Column 2
Uses that may be permitted with or without conditions on application to the Town Planning Board

#### For "Bus Depot" Only

Bus Depot

Government Use Public Utility Installation Utility Installation for Private Project

#### **Planning Intention**

This zone is primarily to provide land for the use of bus depot.

#### Remarks

- (a) No new development, or addition, alteration and/or modification to or redevelopment of an existing building shall result in a total development and/or redevelopment in excess of the maximum building height in terms of number of storeys as stipulated on the Plan, or the height of the existing building, whichever is the greater.
- (b) In determining the maximum number of storeys for the purposes of paragraph (a) above, any basement floor(s) may be disregarded.
- (c) Based on the individual merits of a development or redevelopment proposal, minor relaxation of the building height restriction stated in paragraph (a) above may be considered by the Town Planning Board on application under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance.

#### OTHER SPECIFIED USES (Cont'd)

## Column 1 Uses always permitted

# Column 2 Uses that may be permitted with or without conditions on application to the Town Planning Board

#### For "Business" Only

Schedule I: for open-air development or for building other than industrial or industrial-office building <sup>@</sup>

Ambulance Depot

Commercial Bathhouse/Massage

Establishment

**Eating Place** 

**Educational Institution** 

**Exhibition or Convention Hall** 

Government Use (Police Reporting Centre,

Post Office only)

Information Technology and

**Telecommunications Industries** 

Institutional Use (not elsewhere specified)

Library

Non-polluting Industrial Use (excluding industrial undertakings involving the use/storage of Dangerous Goods<sup>△</sup>)

Off-course Betting Centre

Office

Place of Entertainment

Place of Recreation, Sports or Culture

Private Club

Public Clinic

**Public Convenience** 

**Public Transport Terminus or Station** 

**Public Utility Installation** 

Public Vehicle Park

(excluding container vehicle)

Radar, Telecommunications Electronic

Microwave Repeater, Television and/or

Radio Transmitter Installation

Recyclable Collection Centre

**Religious Institution** 

Research, Design and Development Centre

School (excluding free-standing purpose-

designed school building and kindergarten)

Shop and Services

**Training Centre** 

Utility Installation for Private Project

Broadcasting, Television and/or Film Studio

Cargo Handling and Forwarding Facility

Government Refuse Collection Point

Government Use (not elsewhere specified)

Non-polluting Industrial Use

(not elsewhere specified)

Petrol Filling Station

School (not elsewhere specified)

Social Welfare Facility (excluding

those involving residential care)

Warehouse (excluding Dangerous

Goods Godown)

Wholesale Trade

#### OTHER SPECIFIED USES (Cont'd)

## Column 1 Uses always permitted

# Column 2 Uses that may be permitted with or without conditions on application to the Town Planning Board

#### For "Business" Only (Cont'd)

Schedule II: for industrial or industrial-office building <sup>@</sup>

Ambulance Depot

Art Studio (excluding those involving direct provision of services or goods)

Eating Place (Canteen only)

Government Refuse Collection Point

Government Use (not elsewhere specified)

Information Technology and

Telecommunications Industries

Non-polluting Industrial Use (excluding industrial undertakings involving the use/storage of Dangerous Goods<sup>△</sup>)

Office (excluding those involving direct

provision of customer services or goods)

**Public Convenience** 

**Public Transport Terminus or Station** 

**Public Utility Installation** 

Public Vehicle Park (excluding container vehicle)

Radar, Telecommunications Electronic

Microwave Repeater, Television and/or

Radio Transmitter Installation

Recyclable Collection Centre

Research, Design and Development Centre

Shop and Services

(Motor-vehicle Showroom on

ground floor, Service Trades only)

Utility Installation for Private Project

Warehouse (excluding Dangerous Goods

Godown)

In addition, for building without industrial undertakings involving offensive trades or the use/storage of Dangerous Goods<sup>\(\Delta\)</sup>, the following use is always permitted:

Office

Broadcasting, Television and/or

Film Studio

Cargo Handling and Forwarding Facility

(Container Freight Station,

free-standing purpose-designed

Logistics Centre only)

Industrial Use (not elsewhere specified)

Off-course Betting Centre

Office (not elsewhere specified)

**Petrol Filling Station** 

Place of Recreation, Sports or Culture (not

elsewhere specified)

Private Club

Shop and Services

(not elsewhere specified)

(ground floor only except Ancillary

Showroom<sup>#</sup> which may be permitted on

any floor)

Vehicle Repair Workshop

Wholesale Trade

#### OTHER SPECIFIED USES (Cont'd)

## Column 1 Uses always permitted

# Column 2 Uses that may be permitted with or without conditions on application to the Town Planning Board

#### For "Business" Only (Cont'd)

In addition, the following uses are always permitted in the purpose-designed non-industrial portion on the lower floors (except basements and floors containing wholly or mainly car parking, loading/unloading bays and/or plant room) of an existing building, provided that the uses are separated from the industrial uses located above by a buffer floor or floors and no industrial uses are located within the non-industrial portion:

In addition, the following use may be permitted with or without conditions on application to the Town Planning Board in the purpose-designed non-industrial portion on the lower floors (except basements and floors containing wholly or mainly car parking, loading/unloading bays and/or plant room) of an existing building, provided that the use is separated from the industrial uses located above by a buffer floor or floors and no industrial uses are located within the non-industrial portion:

Commercial Bathhouse/
Massage Establishment
Eating Place
Educational Institution
Exhibition or Convention Hall
Institutional Use (not elsewhere specified)
Library
Off-course Betting Centre
Office
Place of Entertainment
Place of Recreation, Sports or Culture
Private Club
Public Clinic
Religious Institution
School (excluding kindergarten)

Shop and Services Training Centre Social Welfare Facility (excluding those involving residential care)

- <sup>®</sup> An industrial or industrial-office building means a building which is constructed for or intended to be used by industrial or industrial-office purpose respectively as approved by the Building Authority.
- <sup>^</sup> Dangerous Goods refer to substances classified as Dangerous Goods and requiring a licence for their use/storage under the Dangerous Goods Ordinance (Cap. 295).
- \* Ancillary Showroom requiring planning permission refers to showroom use of greater than 20% of the total usable floor area of an industrial firm in the same premises or building.

#### **Planning Intention**

This zone is intended primarily for general business uses. A mix of information technology and telecommunications industries, non-polluting industrial, office and other commercial uses are always permitted in new "business" buildings. Less fire hazard-prone office use that would not involve direct provision of customer services or goods to the general public is always permitted in existing industrial or industrial-office buildings.

## For "Business" Only (Cont'd)

## Remarks

- (a) No new development, or addition, alteration and/or modification to or redevelopment of an existing building shall result in a total development and/or redevelopment in excess of a maximum plot ratio of 9.5 and a maximum building height in terms of metres above Principal Datum as stipulated on the Plan, or the plot ratio and height of the existing building, whichever is the greater.
- (b) In determining the maximum plot ratio for the purposes of paragraph (a) above, any floor space that is constructed or intended for use solely as car park, loading/unloading bay, plant room, caretaker's office, provided such uses and facilities are ancillary and directly related to the development or redevelopment, may be disregarded.
- (c) Where the permitted plot ratio as defined in Building (Planning) Regulations is permitted to be exceeded in circumstances as set out in Regulation 22(1) or (2) of the said Regulations, the plot ratio for the building on land to which paragraph (a) above applies may be increased by the additional plot ratio by which the permitted plot ratio is permitted to be exceeded under and in accordance with the said Regulation 22(1) or (2), notwithstanding that the relevant maximum plot ratio specified in paragraph (a) above may thereby be exceeded.
- (d) Based on the individual merits of a development or redevelopment proposal, minor relaxation of the plot ratio and/or building height restrictions stated in paragraph (a) above may be considered by the Town Planning Board on application under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance.

Column 1 Uses always permitted Column 2
Uses that may be permitted with or without conditions on application to the Town Planning Board

# For "Golf Course" Only

Golf Course
Golf Driving Range
Utility Installation ancillary to
Golf Course/Golf Driving Range/
Landfill Restoration Use

Government Use Public Utility Installation

## **Planning Intention**

This zone is intended primarily for the provision of a golf course.

## Remarks

- (a) No new development, or addition, alteration and/or modification to or redevelopment of an existing building (including structure), except floodlight post and protective fencing, shall result in a total development and/or redevelopment in excess of a maximum building height of 9 metres above ground level or the height of the existing building (including structure), whichever is the higher.
- (b) Based on the individual merits of a development or redevelopment proposal, minor relaxation of the building height restriction stated in paragraph (a) above may be considered by the Town Planning Board on application under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance.

Column 1 Uses always permitted Column 2
Uses that may be permitted with or without conditions on application to the Town Planning Board

## For "Historical Building Preserved for Cultural and Community Uses" Only

Exhibition or Convention Hall Field Study/Education/Visitor Centre Government Use (Police Reporting Centre, Post Office Only) Library Place of Recreation, Sports or Culture Eating Place Educational Institution House Private Club Religious Institution Social Welfare Facility

# **Planning Intention**

This zone is intended to preserve, restore and convert the Tai Po Lookout building(s) of heritage interest on the site into a local heritage attraction with the provision of cultural and community facilities for the enjoyment of the public.

# Remarks

- (a) Any demolition of, or any addition, alteration and/or modification to the existing Tai Po Lookout building(s) of heritage interest on the site requires planning permission from the Town Planning Board.
- (b) No new development, or addition, alteration and/or modification to an existing building shall result in a total development in excess of the maximum building height in terms of number of storeys as stipulated on the Plan, or the height of the existing building, whichever is the greater.
- (c) In determining the maximum number of storeys for the purposes of paragraph (b) above, any basement floor(s) may be disregarded.
- (d) Based on the individual merits of a development proposal, minor relaxation of the building height restriction stated in paragraph (b) above may be considered by the Town Planning Board on application under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance.

Column 1 Uses always permitted Column 2
Uses that may be permitted with or without conditions on application to the Town Planning Board

# For "Historical Site Preserved for GIC Uses" Only

Education Centre/Visitor Centre Private Club

Government Use Public Utility Installation Institutional Use (not elsewhere specified) Residential Institution

Place of Recreation, Sports or Culture Utility Installation for Private Project

## **Planning Intention**

This zone is intended to preserve the site for adaptive reuse for government, institution or community and related uses.

## Remarks

- (a) Any new development, or major addition, alteration and/or modification to the existing building requires permission from the Town Planning Board under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance.
- (b) No new development, or addition, alteration and/or modification to the existing building shall result in a total development in excess of the maximum building height in terms of number of storeys as stipulated on the Plan, or the height of the existing building, whichever is the greater.
- (c) In determining the maximum number of storeys for the purposes of paragraph (b) above, any basement floor(s) may be disregarded.
- (d) Based on the individual merits of a development proposal, minor relaxation of the building height restriction stated in paragraph (b) above may be considered by the Town Planning Board on application under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance.

Column 1 Uses always permitted Column 2
Uses that may be permitted with or without conditions on application to the Town Planning Board

# For "Industrial Estate" Only

Ambulance Depot

Broadcasting, Television and/or Film Studio

Cargo Handling and Forwarding Facility

Dangerous Goods Godown

**Eating Place** 

**Electric Power Station** 

Gas Works

Government Refuse Collection Point

Government Use (not elsewhere specified)

Industrial Use

Information Technology and

**Telecommunications Industries** 

Office

**Petrol Filling Station** 

Pier

Private Club

Public Convenience

**Public Transport Terminus or Station** 

**Public Utility Installation** 

Public Vehicle Park

(excluding container vehicle)

Radar, Telecommunications Electronic

Microwave Repeater, Television and/or

Radio Transmitter Installation

Refuse Disposal Installation

Research, Design and Development Centre

Shop and Services

Social Welfare Facility (excluding those

involving residential care)

**Training Centre** 

Utility Installation for Private Project

Warehouse (excluding Dangerous

Goods Godown)

Wholesale Trade

Library
Off-course Betting Centre
Offensive Trades

Oil Depot, Oil Refinery and Petro-chemical Plant

Place of Recreation, Sports or Culture Service Industries (not elsewhere specified)

## **Planning Intention**

This zone is intended to provide/reserve land for the development of an industrial estate for industries to be admitted by the Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation according to the criteria set by the Corporation. Industries to be included would normally not be accommodated in conventional industrial buildings because of their specific requirements.

# For "Industrial Estate" Only (Cont'd)

## Remarks

- (a) No new development, or addition, alteration and/or modification to or redevelopment of an existing building shall result in a total development and/or redevelopment in excess of a maximum GFA of 2,023,274m<sup>2</sup> and a maximum building height in terms of metres above Principal Datum as stipulated on the Plan, or the GFA and height of the existing building, whichever is the greater.
- (b) In determining the maximum GFA for the purposes of paragraph (a) above, any floor space that is constructed or intended for use solely as car park, loading/unloading bay, plant room, caretaker's office, provided such uses and facilities are ancillary and directly related to the development or redevelopment, may be disregarded.
- (c) Based on the individual merits of a development or redevelopment proposal, minor relaxation of the GFA and/or building height restrictions stated in paragraph (a) above may be considered by the Town Planning Board on application under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance.

Column 1 Uses always permitted Column 2
Uses that may be permitted with or without conditions on application to the Town Planning Board

# For "Leachate Pre-treatment Works" Only

Leachate Pre-treatment Works

Government Use Public Utility Installation Utility Installation for Private Project

## **Planning Intention**

This zone is intended primarily to provide land for leachate pre-treatment works.

## Remarks

- (a) No new development, or addition, alteration and/or modification to or redevelopment of an existing building shall result in a total development and/or redevelopment in excess of the maximum building height in terms of number of storeys as stipulated on the Plan, or the height of the existing building, whichever is the greater.
- (b) In determining the maximum number of storeys for the purposes of paragraph (a) above, any basement floor(s) may be disregarded.
- (c) Based on the individual merits of a development or redevelopment proposal, minor relaxation of the building height restriction stated in paragraph (a) above may be considered by the Town Planning Board on application under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance.

Column 1 Uses always permitted Column 2
Uses that may be permitted with or without conditions on application to the Town Planning Board

# For "Liquefied Petroleum Gas Store" Only

Liquefied Petroleum Gas Store

Government Use Public Utility Installation Utility Installation for Private Project

# **Planning Intention**

This zone is primarily to provide land for the use of liquefied petroleum gas store.

#### Remarks

- (a) No new development, or addition, alteration and/or modification to or redevelopment of an existing building shall result in a total development and/or redevelopment in excess of the maximum building height in terms of number of storeys as stipulated on the Plan, or the height of the existing building, whichever is the greater.
- (b) In determining the maximum number of storeys for the purposes of paragraph (a) above, any basement floor(s) may be disregarded.
- (c) Based on the individual merits of a development or redevelopment proposal, minor relaxation of the building height restriction stated in paragraph (a) above may be considered by the Town Planning Board on application under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance.

Column 1 Uses always permitted

Column 2
Uses that may be permitted with or without conditions on application to the Town Planning Board

# For "Petrol Filling Station" Only

**Petrol Filling Station** 

Government Use Public Utility Installation Utility Installation for Private Project

## **Planning Intention**

This zone is primarily to provide land for the use of petrol filling station.

## Remarks

- (a) No new development, or addition, alteration and/or modification to or redevelopment of an existing building shall result in a total development and/or redevelopment in excess of the maximum building height in terms of number of storeys as stipulated on the Plan, or the height of the existing building, whichever is the greater.
- (b) In determining the maximum number of storeys for the purposes of paragraph (a) above, any basement floor(s) may be disregarded.
- (c) Based on the individual merits of a development or redevelopment proposal, minor relaxation of the building height restriction stated in paragraph (a) above may be considered by the Town Planning Board on application under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance.

Column 1 Uses always permitted Column 2
Uses that may be permitted with or without conditions on application to the Town Planning Board

# For "Railway" Only

Railway Track Railway Station Eating Place
Government Use
Public Utility Installation
Shop and Services (excluding Motor-vehicle
Showroom)
Utility Installation for Private Project

## **Planning Intention**

This zone is intended primarily to provide land for the use of railway stations and railway track.

## Remarks

- (a) No new development, or addition, alteration and/or modification to or redevelopment of an existing building shall result in a total development and/or redevelopment in excess of the maximum building height in terms of number of storeys as stipulated on the Plan, or the height of the existing building, whichever is the greater.
- (b) In determining the maximum number of storeys for the purposes of paragraph (a) above, any basement floor(s) may be disregarded.
- (c) Based on the individual merits of a development or redevelopment proposal, minor relaxation of the building height restriction stated in paragraph (a) above may be considered by the Town Planning Board on application under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance.

Column 1 Uses always permitted Column 2
Uses that may be permitted with or without conditions on application to the Town Planning Board

# For "Railway Staff Quarters and Recreation Club" Only

Flat
Government Use (Police Reporting Centre,
Post Office only)
Private Club
Utility Installation for Private Project

Government Use (not elsewhere specified) Public Utility Installation

## **Planning Intention**

This zone is intended primarily to provide land for railway staff quarters and recreation club.

## Remarks

- (a) No new development, or addition, alteration and/or modification to or redevelopment of an existing building shall result in a total development and/or redevelopment in excess of the maximum building height in terms of number of storeys as stipulated on the Plan, or the height of the existing building, whichever is the greater.
- (b) In determining the maximum number of storeys for the purposes of paragraph (a) above, any basement floor(s) may be disregarded.
- (c) No new development, or addition, alteration and/or modification to or redevelopment of an existing building shall result in a total development and/or redevelopment in excess of a maximum domestic GFA of 11,200m<sup>2</sup> and a maximum non-domestic GFA of 1,850m<sup>2</sup>, or the GFA of the existing building, whichever is the greater.
- (d) In determining the maximum GFA for the purposes of paragraph (c) above, any floor space that is constructed or intended for use solely as car park, loading/unloading bay, plant room and caretaker's office, or caretaker's quarters and recreational facilities for the use and benefit of all the owners or occupiers of the domestic building or domestic part of the building, provided such uses and facilities are ancillary and directly related to the development or redevelopment, may be disregarded.
- (e) Based on the individual merits of a development or redevelopment proposal, minor relaxation of the GFA and/or building height restrictions stated in paragraphs (a) and (c) above may be considered by the Town Planning Board on application under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance.

Column 1 Uses always permitted Column 2
Uses that may be permitted with or without conditions on application to the Town Planning Board

# For "Sewage Treatment Works" Only

Sewage Treatment Works

Government Use Public Utility Installation Utility Installation for Private Project

## **Planning Intention**

This zone is primarily to provide land for the use of sewage treatment works.

## Remarks

- (a) No new development, or addition, alteration and/or modification to or redevelopment of an existing building shall result in a total development and/or redevelopment in excess of the maximum building height in terms of number of storeys as stipulated on the Plan, or the height of the existing building, whichever is the greater.
- (b) In determining the maximum number of storeys for the purposes of paragraph (a) above, any basement floor(s) may be disregarded.
- (c) Based on the individual merits of a development or redevelopment proposal, minor relaxation of the building height restriction stated in paragraph (a) above may be considered by the Town Planning Board on application under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance.

## **GREEN BELT**

Column 1 Uses always permitted

Column 2 Uses that may be permitted with or without conditions on application to the Town Planning Board

Agricultural Use Barbecue Spot Country Park\* Government Use

(Police Reporting Centre only)

House (rebuilding of New Territories Exempted House or replacement of existing domestic building by New Territories Exempted House only)

Nature Reserve Nature Trail **On-Farm Domestic Structure** Picnic Area Public Convenience **Tent Camping Ground** Wild Animals Protection Area Animal Boarding Establishment Broadcasting, Television and/or Film Studio **Burial Ground** Cable Car Route and Terminal Building Columbarium (within a Religious Institution or

extension of existing Columbarium only)

Crematorium (within a Religious Institution or extension of existing Crematorium only)

Field Study/Education/Visitor Centre

Government Refuse Collection Point Government Use (not elsewhere specified)

Holiday Camp

House (not elsewhere specified)

Marine Fuelling Station Petrol Filling Station

Pier

Place of Recreation, Sports or Culture **Public Transport Terminus or Station** 

**Public Utility Installation** 

Public Vehicle Park

(excluding container vehicle)

Radar, Telecommunications Electronic

Microwave Repeater, Television and/or

Radio Transmitter Installation

**Religious Institution** Residential Institution School Service Reservoir Social Welfare Facility

Utility Installation for Private Project Zoo

Country Park means a country park or special area as designated under the Country Parks Ordinance (Cap. 208). All uses and developments require consent from the Country and Marine Parks Authority and approval from the Town Planning Board is not required.

## **Planning Intention**

The planning intention of this zone is primarily for defining the limits of urban and sub-urban development areas by natural features and to contain urban sprawl as well as to provide passive recreational outlets. There is a general presumption against development within this zone.

# GREEN BELT (Cont'd)

# Remarks

Any filling of pond, including that to effect a change of use to any of those specified in Columns 1 and 2 above or the uses or developments always permitted under the covering Notes (except public works co-ordinated or implemented by Government, and maintenance, repair or rebuilding works), shall not be undertaken or continued on or after the date of the publication in the Gazette of the notice of the draft Tai Po Outline Zoning Plan No. S/TP/20 without the permission from the Town Planning Board under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance.

## **CONSERVATION AREA**

Column 1 Uses always permitted Column 2
Uses that may be permitted with or without conditions on application to the Town Planning Board

Agricultural Use (other than Plant Nursery)

Country Park\*
Nature Reserve
Nature Trail
On-Farm Domestic S

On-Farm Domestic Structure Wild Animals Protection Area

**Burial Ground** 

Field Study /Education/Visitor Centre Government Use (not elsewhere specified)

House (Redevelopment only)

Public Convenience Public Utility Installation

Radar, Telecommunications Electronic Microwave Repeater, Television and/or Radio Transmitter Installation

\* Country Park means a country park or special area as designated under the Country Parks Ordinance (Cap. 208). All uses and developments require consent from the Country and Marine Parks Authority and approval from the Town Planning Board is not required.

## **Planning Intention**

This zoning is intended to protect and retain the existing natural landscape, ecological or topographical features of the area for conservation, educational and research purposes and to separate sensitive natural environment such as Site of Special Scientific Interest or Country Park from the adverse effects of development.

There is a general presumption against development in this zone. In general, only developments that are needed to support the conservation of the existing natural landscape or scenic quality of the area or are essential infrastructure projects with overriding public interest may be permitted.

## Remarks

- (a) No redevelopment, including alteration and/or modification, of an existing house shall result in a total redevelopment in excess of the plot ratio, site coverage and height of the existing house.
- (b) Any filling of land/pond or excavation of land, including that to effect a change of use to any of those specified in Columns 1 and 2 above or the uses or developments always permitted under the covering Notes (except public works co-ordinated or implemented by Government, and maintenance, repair or rebuilding works), shall not be undertaken or continued on or after the date of the publication in the Gazette of the notice of the draft Tai Po Outline Zoning Plan No. S/TP/20 without the permission from the Town Planning Board under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance.

## SITE OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST

Column 1 Uses always permitted Column 2
Uses that may be permitted with or without conditions on application to the Town Planning Board

Wild Animals Protection Area

Agricultural Use
Field Study/Education/Visitor Centre
Government Use
Nature Reserve
Nature Trail
On Farm Domestic Structure
Picnic Area
Public Convenience
Public Utility Installation

Tent Camping Ground Utility Installation for Private Project

## **Planning Intention**

The planning intention of this zone is to conserve and protect the features of special scientific interest which are designated as Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and are important habitats for egrets and herons and for breeding of some rare butterflies which are protected under the Wild Animals Protection Ordinance. It intends to deter human activities or developments within the SSSI.

There is a general presumption against development in this zone. No developments are permitted unless they are needed to support the conservation of the features of special scientific interest in the SSSI, to maintain and protect the existing character of the SSSI, or for educational and research purposes.

## Remarks

Any filling or excavation of land necessary to effect a change of use to any of those specified in Columns 1 and 2 above or the uses or developments always permitted under the covering Notes (except maintenance and repair works) shall not be undertaken or continued on or after the date of the publication in the Gazette of the notice of the draft Tai Po Outline Zoning Plan No. S/TP/18 without the permission from the Town Planning Board under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance.

# **COUNTRY PARK**

Country Park means a country park or special area as designated under the Country Parks Ordinance (Cap. 208). All uses and developments require consent from the Country and Marine Parks Authority and approval from the Town Planning Board is not required.

# **Annex III**

# <u>DRAFT TAI PO OUTLINE ZONING PLAN NO. S/TP/27A</u> <u>EXPLANATORY STATEMENT</u>

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# **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

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## DRAFT TAI PO OUTLINE ZONING PLAN NO. S/TP/27A

(Being a Draft Plan for the Purposes of the Town Planning Ordinance)

## **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

Note: For the purposes of the Town Planning Ordinance, this statement shall not be deemed to constitute a part of the plan.

# 1. <u>INTRODUCTION</u>

This Explanatory Statement is intended to assist an understanding of the draft Tai Po Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/TP/27A. It reflects the planning intention and objectives of the Town Planning Board (the Board) for various land-use zonings of the plan.

# 2. <u>AUTHORITY FOR THE PLAN AND PROCEDURES</u>

- 2.1 On 28 February 1980, under the delegated power by the then Governor, the then Secretary for Lands and Works, under section 3(1)(a) of the Town Planning Ordinance (the Ordinance), directed the Board to prepare a draft outline zoning plan for Tai Po New Town. Since the exhibition of the draft Tai Po OZP No. LTP/47 on 12 December 1980, the OZP has been amended/approved several times to reflect the changing circumstances.
- 2.2 On 11 July 2000, the Chief Executive in Council (CE in C), under section 9(1)(a) of the Ordinance, approved the draft Tai Po OZP, which was subsequently renumbered as S/TP/12. On 10 October 2000, the CE in C referred the approved Tai Po OZP No. S/TP/12 to the Board for amendment under section 12(1)(b)(ii) of the Ordinance. The OZP was subsequently amended four times and exhibited for public inspection under section 5 or 7 of the Ordinance to reflect the changing circumstances.
- 2.3 On 4 May 2004, the CE in C, under section 9(1)(a) of the Ordinance, approved the draft Tai Po OZP, which was subsequently renumbered as S/TP/17. On 29 June 2004, the CE in C referred the approved OZP to the Board for amendment under section 12(1)(b)(ii) of the Ordinance. The OZP was subsequently amended once and exhibited for public inspection under section 5 of the Ordinance.
- 2.4 On 8 November 2005, the CE in C, under section 9(1)(a) of the Ordinance, approved the draft Tai Po OZP, which was subsequently re-numbered as S/TP/19. On 8 May 2007, the CE in C referred the approved Tai Po OZP No. S/TP/19 to the Board for amendment under section 12(1)(b)(ii) of the Ordinance. The OZP was subsequently amended twice and exhibited for public inspection under sections 5 and 6C(2) of the Ordinance to reflect the changing circumstances.
- 2.5 On 13 January 2009, the CE in C, under section 9(1)(a) of the Ordinance, approved the draft Tai Po OZP, which was subsequently renumbered as S/TP/21.

- On 8 December 2009, the CE in C referred the approved Tai Po OZP No. S/TP/21 to the Board for amendment under section 12(1)(b)(ii) of the Ordinance.
- On 17 September 2010, the draft Tai Po OZP No. S/TP/22, incorporating amendments to impose plot ratio, gross floor area (GFA) and building height restrictions on development zones, to designate non-building areas, to rezone "Commercial/Residential" sites, free-standing Government, institution or community buildings in public housing sites, the Po Heung Street site for public housing development, completed open space sites and various sites to other appropriate zonings to reflect the as-built situation, to rationalize zoning boundaries and to revise the schedule of Notes, was exhibited for public inspection under section 5 of the Ordinance. Subsequently, the draft OZP was amended three times and exhibited for public inspection under sections 6C(2) and 7 of the Ordinance to reflect the changing circumstances.
- 2.7 On 27 August 2013, the CE in C under section 9(1)(a) of the Ordinance, approved the draft Tai Po OZP, which was subsequently re-numbered as S/TP/24. On 13 September 2013, the approved Tai Po OZP was exhibited for public inspection under section 9(5) of the Ordinance. On 3 December 2013, the CE in C referred the approved Tai Po OZP No. S/TP/24 to the Board for amendment under section 12(1)(b)(ii) of the Ordinance. The OZP was subsequently amended twice and exhibited for public inspection under sections 5 and 6C(2) of the Ordinance to reflect the changing circumstances.
- 2.8 On 11 April 2014, the draft Tai Po OZP No. S/TP/25, incorporating amendments to rezone several sites in Tai Po New Town for residential developments, a site at Po Heung Street for hostel cum youth centre use, and revision to the building height restriction of a site at Hong Chi Pinehill Village, was exhibited for public inspection under section 5 of the Ordinance. Subsequently, the draft OZP was amended once and exhibited for public inspection under section 6C(2) of the Ordinance.
- 2.98 On 8 September 2015, the CE in C, under section 9(1)(a) of the Ordinance, approved the draft Tai Po OZP, which was subsequently re-numbered as S/TP/26. On 18 September 2015, the approved Tai Po OZP No. S/TP/26 was exhibited for public inspection under section 9(5) of the Ordinance. On 14 March 2017, the CE in C referred the approved Tai Po OZP No. S/TP/26 to the Board for amendment under section 12(1)(b)(ii) of the Ordinance. The reference back of the OZP was notified in the Gazette on 24 March 2017 under section 12(2) of the Ordinance.
- 2.109 On 4 August 2017, the draft Tai Po OZP No. S/TP/27-(the Plan), incorporating amendments to rezone a "Government, Institution or Community" ("G/IC") site at Pok Yin Road to "Residential (Group B)9", a "Green Belt" site at Ma Wo Road to "Residential (Group B)10", a "Residential (Group C)" site at Yau King Lane to "Residential (Group C)10", and revision to the building height restriction of a "G/IC" site at On Pong Road, was exhibited for public inspection under section 5 of the Ordinance. During the two-month exhibition period, a total of 1,303 valid representations were received. On 17 November 2017, the representations were published for three weeks for public comments and a total of 15 valid comments on the representations were received. After

giving consideration to the representations and comments on 26 April 2018 and 11 May 2018, the Board decided not to propose any amendment to the draft OZP to meet the representations.

2.10 On \_\_\_\_\_\_ 2018, the CE in C, under section 9(1)(a) of the Ordinance, approved the draft Tai Po OZP, which was subsequently re-numbered as S/TP/28. On \_\_\_\_\_ 2018, the approved Tai Po OZP No. S/TP/28 (the Plan) was exhibited for public inspection under section 9(5) of the Ordinance.

# 3. <u>OBJECT OF THE PLAN</u>

- 3.1 The object of the Plan is to indicate the broad land-use zones and major road network for the Tai Po New Town so that development and redevelopment within the New Town can be put under statutory planning control. It also provides the planning framework for preparing more detailed non-statutory plans which form the basis for public works planning and site reservation for various uses.
- 3.2 The Plan is to illustrate the broad principles of development and planning control only. It is a small-scale plan and the road alignments and boundaries between the land-use zones may be subject to minor alterations as detailed planning proceeds.
- 3.3 Since the Plan is to show broad land use zoning, there would be situations in which small strips of land not intended for building development purposes and carry no development right under the lease, such as the areas restricted as non-building area or for garden, slope maintenance and access road purposes, are included in the residential zones. The general principle is that such areas should not be taken into account in plot ratio and site coverage calculation. Development within residential zones should be restricted to building lots carrying development right in order to maintain the character and amenity of the Tai Po area and not to overload the road network in the area.
- 3.4 Also, there would be cases that areas occupied by free-standing purpose-designed buildings that are solely accommodating schools or other Government, institution or community facilities, including those located on ground and on podium level, are included in the residential zones. Such areas should not be included into the plot ratio and site coverage calculations.

# 4. <u>NOTES OF THE PLAN</u>

- 4.1 Attached to the Plan is a set of Notes which shows the types of uses or developments which are always permitted within the Planning Scheme Area and in particular zones and which may be permitted by the Board, with or without conditions, on application. The provision for application for planning permission under section 16 of the Ordinance allows greater flexibility in land-use planning and control of development to meet changing needs.
- 4.2 For the guidance of the general public, a set of definitions that explains some of the terms used in the Notes may be obtained from the Technical Services

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Division of the Planning Department and can be downloaded from the Board's website at http://www.info.gov.hk/tpb.

# 5. THE PLANNING SCHEME AREA

- 5.1 The Planning Scheme Area (the Area) covered by the Plan is about 2,438 ha. The Area is encircled on three sides by the mountain ranges of Pat Sin Leng, Cloudy Hill, Tai Mo Shan and Grassy Hill. To the east, the coastline of Tolo Harbour forms its natural boundary. The boundary of the Area is shown by a heavy broken line on the Plan.
- 5.2 For planning and reference purposes, the Area has been divided into a number of smaller planning areas as shown on the Plan.
- 5.3 The Area can be broadly divided into three physical areas, namely the Tai Po Hui and its adjacent reclamation; the valley floors and lower hillslopes to the north and south; and the steep upper hillslopes in the peripheral areas.
- Tai Po Hui and its adjacent reclamation in Tolo Harbour form the urban core of the Area. Tai Po Hui was once occupied mainly by tenement buildings, many of which have however been redeveloped in recent years. The reclamation to the south of Ting Kok Road is mainly for residential and industrial developments including public housing estates and the Tai Po Industrial Estate. The valleys and lower hillslopes to the north and south are dominated by agricultural use and rural settlements. The steep upper hillslopes are heavily wooded in most parts and form a scenic backdrop of the Area.
- 5.5 The northwest and southwest of the Area falls within the indirect water gathering grounds. To protect the water resources from being contaminated by wastes and pollutants, developments in this area would be strictly controlled.

## 6. POPULATION

Based on the 20146 Population **By-c**Census, the population of the Area was estimated by the Planning Department as about 251,200249,250 persons. It is estimated that the planned population of the Area will be about 289,200 persons.

## 7. BUILDING HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS IN THE AREA

7.1 In order to provide better planning control on the development intensity and building height upon development/redevelopment, to address public demand for greater certainty and transparency in the statutory planning system, and to meet the growing community aspiration for a better living environment, a review of the Tai Po OZP has been taken with a view to incorporating appropriate building height restrictions for various development zones to guide future development/redevelopment. In the absence of building height control, tall buildings may proliferate at random locations and the scale may be out-of-context in the locality, resulting in negative impacts on the visual quality of the Area and may sometimes obstruct air ventilation. In order to prevent excessively tall or out-of

context buildings, to preserve some key urban design attributes (e.g. stepped building height from the urban core and preservation of public views to the mountain backdrop) and to provide better control on the building height of developments in the Area, building height restrictions are imposed for the development zones on the Plan.

- 7.2 A stepped building height concept with building heights gradually descending from the urban core at Tai Po Hui and the adjacent reclaimed areas to the peripheral areas has been adopted taking into account the local context, the local wind environment, and the need to maintain visually compatible building masses in the wider setting. The proposed height bands help preserve the natural topographical profile, public views to the ridgelines, maintain visual permeability, and wind penetration and circulation as far as possible.
- 7.3 Specific building height restrictions for the "Government, Institution or Community" ("G/IC") and "Other Specified Uses" ("OU") zones in terms of number of storeys or metres above Principal Datum (mPD) have been incorporated into the Plan, where appropriate, mainly to maintain the building height of developments at the existing and planned level, and to preserve their current function in providing visual and spatial relief to the high density environment of the Area.
- 7.4 For any site which covers a relatively large area, the development should be designed with a view to providing a variation in the height profile within the site, whilst not exceeding the maximum building height specified on the Plan.
- 7.5 Expert Evaluations on Air Ventilation Assessment (AVA) have been undertaken to assess the existing wind environment and the likely impact of the proposed building heights of the development sites within the Area on the pedestrian wind environment. The building height restrictions shown on the Plan have taken into consideration the findings of the AVA.
- 7.6 In general, a minor relaxation clause in respect of building height restrictions is incorporated into the Notes of the Plan in order to provide incentive for developments/redevelopments with planning and design merits. Each planning application under section 16 of the Ordinance will be considered on its own merits and the relevant criteria for consideration of such application are as follows:
  - (a) amalgamating smaller sites for achieving better urban design and local area improvement;
  - (b) accommodating the bonus plot ratio granted under the Buildings Ordinance in relation to surrender/dedication of land/area for use as a public passage/street widening;
  - (c) providing better streetscape/good quality street level public urban space;
  - (d) providing separation between buildings to enhance air and visual permeability;
  - (e) accommodating building design to address specific site constraints in achieving the permissible plot ratio under the OZP; and

- (f) other factors such as need for tree preservation, innovative building design and planning merits that would bring about improvements to townscape and amenity of the locality and would not cause adverse landscape and visual impacts.
- 7.7 However, for any existing building with building height already exceeding the building height restrictions in terms of mPD and/or number of storeys as shown on the Notes of the Plan and/or stipulated on the Plan, there is a general presumption against such application for minor relaxation except under exceptional circumstances.

## 8. NON-BUILDING AREA

- 8.1 According to the findings of the AVA 2010, the major prevailing annual winds come from the East and North directions. The summer wind comes mainly from the East and the South. For most of the time, the Area is dominated by the prevailing wind coming from the East which blows along Lam Tsuen River, Tai Po Road (Tai Wo), Tai Po Tai Wo Road and Ting Kok Road. For the southeast summer wind, Kwong Fuk Road serves as an air path to the inner land. There are also two valley wind systems which blow from the north and south of the Area. The valley wind from the south blows over Wilson Trail Stage 7 and is assisted by the summer winds. The north wind connects to the east wind at air paths along the existing road network. In terms of air ventilation, the Area has an extensive green coverage and comprises many connected open space, greenery and GIC sites. There is no major air ventilation issue for the Area. However, to further improve the air path network, the AVA recommends a few strips of non-building/low building areas for better air ventilation of the Area.
- 8.2 Taking into account the findings of the AVA and other relevant factors, such as site constraints and impacts on development/redevelopment potential, the connection of two major east-west air paths in Areas 16, 17 and 24 is proposed by imposing a strip of "non-building area" (NBA) and two strips of land with building height restrictions of 1 and 3 storeys respectively on the Plan as follows:
  - (a) a 20m wide strip of NBA is designated across the northern part of Fu Shin Estate. The NBA passes through the existing internal road and landscaped areas of Fu Shin Estate. It connects to On Po Road and will help facilitate air flow from the east;
  - (b) a building height restriction of 1 storey is proposed for a 20m wide strip of land covering the existing shop/market in Tai Yuen Estate to maintain the east-west air path leading from On Po Road; and
  - (c) a building height restriction of 3 storeys is proposed for a 15m wide strip of land in Kwong Fuk Estate to help facilitate air flow from the east. It passes through the existing open area, estate road, car park podium, shopping centre and minor portions of Kwong Yan House and Kwong Yau House of the public housing estate and connects to Plover Cove Road in Planning Area 1.

- 8.3 According to the findings of the AVA 2014, two 15m wide strips of NBAs and a 30m wide NBA are designated within the planned residential development at Lai Chi Shan to facilitate the penetration of winds from the east and southeast into Lai Chi Shan and Wun Yiu to the west of the site.
- 8.4 The above NBA and building height restrictions will not apply to underground developments. Moreover, a minor relaxation clause has been incorporated in the Notes of the relevant zones to allow minor relaxation of the stated NBA and building height restrictions as shown on the Plan under exceptional circumstances.
- 8.5 The AVA also stressed that building height restriction (or minor changes of building heights) is not the most effective method for maintaining and/or improving air ventilation. Breezeways, air paths, open spaces, gaps between buildings and building permeability especially at near ground level, are more effective. Future developments are therefore encouraged to minimize any possible adverse air ventilation impacts. The adoption of suitable design measures such as greater permeability of podium, wider gap between buildings, non-building area to create air paths, perforate building towers and podium design, positioning of building towers to align with the prevailing are encouraged. Large scale developments including public housing estates, Home Ownership Scheme (HOS) and Private Sector Participation Scheme (PSPS) should undertake AVA study upon their redevelopments.

## 9. <u>LAND-USE ZONINGS</u>

- 9.1 Comprehensive Development Area (1) ("CDA(1)"): Total Area 18.37 ha
  - 9.1.1 This is intended for comprehensive development/redevelopment of the area for low-density residential and agricultural uses with the provision of open spaces and other supporting facilities. The zoning is to facilitate appropriate planning control over the development mix, scale, design and layout of development, taking account of various environmental, traffic, infrastructure and other constraints.
  - 9.1.2 The site located to the north of Ting Kok Road and to the south of Fung Yuen Site of Special Scientific Interest is under this zoning.
  - 9.1.3 This zoning is intended to encourage a comprehensive development/ redevelopment of the site with a view to discontinuing the undesirable open storage and car-repairing workshop uses that existed on the site. The comprehensive development at the site comprises two portions, one portion for low-density residential use and the other for agricultural use. In view of the general infrastructure constraints pertinent to the area, residential development within the site is restricted to a maximum domestic plot ratio of 0.64. The agricultural use permitted is limited to crop cultivation only.
  - 9.1.4 Developments or redevelopments within this zone are also subject to NBA restriction and the maximum building height restrictions as stipulated on the Plan, or the height of the existing building, whichever

is the greater. The buffer area between the Fung Yuen SSSI and the planned residential development at the "CDA(1)" zone is designated as NBA. To provide flexibility for innovative design, minor relaxation of the NBA, building height and/or plot ratio restrictions may be considered by the Board through the planning permission system. The criteria given in paragraph 7.6 above would be relevant for assessment for minor relaxation of building height restrictions. Each application for minor relaxation of NBA, building height and/or plot ratio restrictions will be considered on its own merits.

9.1.5 Any development proposal in this zone requires the approval of the Board by way of a planning application under section 16 of the Ordinance. A Master Layout Plan (MLP) should be submitted in accordance with the requirements as specified in the Notes of the Plan for the approval of the Board under section 4A(2) of the Ordinance. A copy of the approved MLP will be made available in the Land Registry for public inspection pursuant to section 4A(3) of the Ordinance.

# 9.2 "Residential (Group A)" ("R(A)"): Total Area 108.48 ha

- 9.2.1 This zone is intended primarily for high-density residential developments. Commercial uses are always permitted on the lowest three floors of a building or in the purpose-designed non-residential portion of an existing building. The lowest three floors of a building include basements but exclude any floor used wholly or mainly for ancillary car parking, loading/unloading bay and/or plant room. Commercial uses on any floor above the lowest three floors will require planning permission from the Board.
- 9.2.2 Sites in Planning Areas 3, 4, 6, 8, 16, 17, 23 and 24 zoned for this purpose are intended for public housing development including public housing estates, HOS as well as PSPS. Within these developments, local open spaces and neighbourhood shopping and community facilities are provided to serve the needs of the residents.
- 9.2.3 Existing public housing estates include Tai Wo Estate in Planning Areas 3 and 23, Wan Tau Tong Estate in Planning Area 6, Fu Heng Estate in Planning Area 8, Tai Yuen Estate in Planning Area 16, Fu Shin Estate in Planning Area 17 and Kwong Fuk Estate in Planning Area 24. Nine HOS developments have been completed. They are King Nga Court, Tak Nga Court and Yat Nga Court in Planning Area 6, Chung Nga Court in Planning Area 8, Ting Nga Court in Planning Area 16, Ming Nga Court and Yee Nga Court in Planning Area 17, Po Nga Court in Planning Area 23 and Wang Fuk Court in Planning Area 24. Three PSPS developments have been completed. They are Tai Po Plaza in Planning Area 4, Elegance Garden in Planning Area 6 and Sun Hing Garden in Planning Area 17. The "R(A)1" zone at Po Heung Street in Planning Area 1 and "R(A)9" zone at Chung Nga Road and Planning Area 9 are intended for public housing developments. The comprehensive public housing development within the "R(A)9" zone comprises three sites including two along Chung Nga Road, namely Chung Nga Road West and Chung Nga Road East and an adjoining site in Planning Area 9.

Two primary schools with one at Chung Nga Road West and one at Planning Area 9 forming an integral part of the comprehensive public housing development are proposed to serve the community.

- 9.2.4 Most of the private "R(A)" developments in Planning Areas 1, 2, 4 and 9 have been completed.
- 9.2.5 Developments or redevelopments in areas zoned "R(A)" are subject to a maximum domestic plot ratio of 5, or a maximum non-domestic plot ratio of 9.5, or the plot ratio of the existing building, whichever is the greater. The proposed public housing developments at the eastern and western portions of Chung Nga Road and Planning Area 9 zoned "R(A)9" are subject to a total plot ratio of 6.0 (including a maximum non-domestic plot ratio of 0.5). The stipulated plot ratio restriction is the maximum only. All public housing estates are also governed by planning briefs. Any increase in GFA/plot ratio must be supported by relevant assessment on the infrastructural implications e.g. traffic impact assessment, drainage impact assessment and sewerage impact assessment.
- 9.2.6 Developments or redevelopments in areas zoned "R(A)" are also subject to the maximum building height restrictions as stipulated on the Plan, or the height of the existing building, whichever is the greater. stipulated building height restriction is the maximum only. Within public housing estates, there are a wide range of low-rise free-standing GIC facilities including schools, community halls, children and youth centres, elderly centres, social and welfare centres as well as ancillary facility buildings such as car park, shopping centres and markets serving the residents of the concerned estates. Such low-rise free-standing GIC and ancillary facility buildings should be kept as breathing spaces and visual relief for the building masses. No new addition, alteration and/or modification to or redevelopment of these existing individual free-standing GIC and ancillary facility buildings shall result in a height exceeding that of the existing building. All public housing estates are governed by planning brief. Upon the future redevelopment of the estates, the layout and design of these GIC and ancillary facility buildings should be comprehensively reviewed with the support of relevant impact assessments on air ventilation and visual aspects.
- 9.2.7 The "R(A)" sites in Tai Po Hui (Area 1) comprise small lots along narrow streets with a number of on-street parking areas. The area is close to the existing Tai Po Market Station and well served by public transport facilities. Under the prevailing leases for most of the lots in Tai Po Hui, they are not required to provide on-site car parking and loading/unloading facilities. To preserve the character of Tai Po Hui, the provision of podium for on-site car parking and loading/unloading facilities should be discouraged and the building height of future developments/redevelopments should be kept as low as possible while the maximum PR of 5/9.5 is still achievable. A more stringent building height restriction of 55mPD is therefore imposed for most of the "R(A)" sites in Tai Po Hui which will accommodate developments with not more than 2 storeys of commercial uses at the lowest floors. The

restriction is considered necessary to maintain the existing market town character and pedestrian-oriented environment for Tai Po Hui and to enhance air flow.

9.2.8 The "R(A)" zone is sub-divided into a number of sub-areas. These sub-areas have different PR/GFA restrictions as specified in the Remarks in the Notes of the Plan and they are also subject to the maximum building height restrictions as stipulated on the Plan, or the PR/GFA and height of the existing building, whichever is the greater. These restrictions are required to avoid further increase in development intensity and building bulk. In order to ensure that essential commercial floorspace would be provided to serve the function of the town centre, non-domestic plot ratio restriction is specified for sites within the town centre. The plot ratio/GFA restrictions for the "R(A)" sub-areas are as follows:

Site	Zone	Maximum Plot Ratio (PR)/GFA
Public Housing Development at Po Heung Street	"R(A)1"	Domestic GFA of 25,220 m <sup>2</sup> Non-domestic GFA of 8,000 m <sup>2</sup>
Ming Nga Court, Ting Nga Court and Wang Fuk Court	"R(A)2"	Total PR of 3.8
Treasure Garden and Eightland Garden	"R(A)3"	Domestic PR of 4.7 Non-domestic PR of 0.45
Jade Plaza and Fortune Plaza	"R(A)4"	Domestic PR of 4.2 Non-domestic PR of 1.40
Tai Po Plaza	"R(A)5"	Domestic PR of 4.8 Non-domestic PR of 1.22
Tai Po Centre Blocks 1-19 and multi-storey carpark	"R(A)6"	Domestic PR of 3.8 Non-domestic PR of 1.57
Tai Po Centre Blocks 20-23	"R(A)7"	Domestic PR of 4.1 Non-domestic PR of 1.13
Uptown Plaza	"R(A)8"	Domestic PR of 4.4 Non-domestic PR of 1.82 (the public transport interchange permitted below the development is included in non-domestic PR calculation)
Planned Public Housing Development at eastern and western portions of Chung Nga Road and Planning Area 9	"R(A)9"	Total PR of 6.0 (including a maximum non-domestic PR of 0.5)

- 9.2.9 Planning brief(s) setting out the development parameters and the design requirements of individual public housing site(s) will be provided to guide the future development of the site(s).
- 9.2.10 Minor relaxation of the NBA, building height and/or plot ratio/GFA restrictions may be considered by the Board on application under section 16 of the Ordinance. The criteria given in paragraph 7.6 above would be relevant for assessment for minor relaxation of building height

restrictions. Each application for minor relaxation of NBA, building height and/or plot ratio/GFA restrictions will be considered on its own merits.

# 9.3 "Residential (Group B)" ("R(B)"): Total Area 35.52 ha

- 9.3.1 This zoning is intended primarily for medium-density residential developments where commercial uses serving the residential neighbourhood may be permitted on application to the Board. Areas under this zoning lie mostly in the lower hillslopes, valley floors or borrow areas in Planning Areas 6, 7, 15, 22 and 30.
- 9.3.2 Two private residential developments namely Serenity Park in Area 22 and Classical Garden II in Area 6 are zoned "R(B)". Developments or redevelopments in areas zoned "R(B)" are subject to a maximum plot ratio of 3.3 and the respective building height restrictions as stipulated on the Plan, or the plot ratio and the height of the existing building, whichever is the greater.
- 9.3.3 The "R(B)" zone is sub-divided into a number of sub-areas. These sub-areas have different PR/GFA restrictions as specified in the Remarks in the Notes of the Plan and they are also subject to the maximum building height restrictions as stipulated on the Plan, or the PR/GFA and height of the existing building, whichever is the greater. These restrictions are necessary to preserve the local character of the fringe area of the New Town and to maintain a stepped height profile descending from the town centre. The plot ratio/GFA restrictions for the "R(B)" sub-areas are as follows:

Site	Zone	Maximum Plot Ratio/GFA	
Forest Hill and Balmoral	"R(B)1"	1.8	
Grand Dynasty View	"R(B)2"	2.8	
Classical Gardens I,			
Dynasty View and Grand	"R(B)3"	2.4	
Palisades			
Parc Versailles	"R(B)4"	2.1	
Tai Po Garden	"R(B)5"	1.75	
The Paragon	"R(B)6"	1.65	
	"R(B)7"	Domestic GFA of	
Richwood Park		$21,852m^2$	
Kichwood i ark	K(D)/	Non-domestic GFA of	
		1,304m <sup>2</sup>	
Lai Chi Shan	"R(B)8"	$107,100\text{m}^2$	
Pok Yin Road, Area 39	"R(B)9"	88,200m <sup>2</sup>	
Ma Wo Road near Classical Gardens I	"R(B)10"	72,640m <sup>2</sup>	

9.3.4 A site zoned "R(B)9" at Pok Yin Road is subject to a maximum GFA of 88,200m² and a maximum building height of 50mPD, of which a GFA of not exceeding 7,500m² should be provided for retail purpose to serve the increasing population in the locality. According to the findings of an

AVA 2017 for the development, a 15m wide NBA running from northeast to southwest should be provided along the existing drainage reserve to facilitate the penetration of wind from the east-north-east to reach the downstream areas. The existing drainage reserve along the eastern boundary of the site would also facilitate wind penetration and alleviate potential air ventilation impact on the surrounding area. Should the future developer wish to make any changes to these measures, a quantitative AVA should be carried out to demonstrate that the performance of any future development be no worse off than the scenario with these measures. Requirement of the design measures and quantitative AVA will be incorporated into the future lease/land grant. Besides, the requirement on provision of adequate air buffer distance and relevant technical assessments including Noise Impact Assessment (NIA), Sewerage Impact Assessment (SIA) and Drainage Impact Assessment (DIA), etc. would also be incorporated into the lease at the land disposal stage.

- 9.3.5 A site zoned "R(B)10" at Ma Wo Road is subject to a maximum GFA of 72,640m² and a maximum building height of 110mPD. Since the site is located on a sloping ground at a higher level than other nearby developments, a stepped building height profile descending from the northern part to the southern part of the site should be formulated in relation to the topography. Besides, the requirement on provision of adequate air buffer distance and relevant technical assessments (including NIA, SIA, DIA, quantitative risk assessment and natural terrain hazard study (NTHS), etc), if considered necessary, would also be incorporated into the lease at the land disposal stage.
- 9.3.6 Minor relaxation of the NBA, building height and/or plot ratio/GFA restrictions may be considered by the Board on application under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance. The criteria given in paragraph 7.6 above would be relevant for assessment for minor relaxation of building height restrictions. Each application for minor relaxation of NBA, building height and/or plot ratio/GFA restrictions will be considered on its own merits.
- 9.4 "Residential (Group C)" ("R(C)"): Total Area 141.04 ha
  - 9.4.1 This zone is intended primarily for low-rise, low-density residential developments where commercial uses serving the residential neighbourhood may be permitted on application to the Board.
  - 9.4.2 Areas under "R(C)" zone are located largely on the hillslopes in Planning Areas 7, 10, 11, 12 and 31 overlooking Tolo Harbour. Developments or redevelopments in area zoned "R(C)" are subject to a maximum plot ratio of 0.6 and the respective building height restrictions as stipulated on the Plan, or the plot ratio and height of the existing building, whichever is the greater.
  - 9.4.3 The "R(C)" zone is sub-divided into a number of sub-areas. These sub-areas have plot ratio/GFA/site coverage/building restrictions as specified in the Remarks in the Notes of the Plan and stipulated on the

Plan, or that of the existing building, whichever is the greater. The restrictions are intended to retain the existing scale and character of developments which blend in well with the natural environment. The plot ratio/GFA and site coverage restrictions for the "R(C)" sub-areas are as follows:

Site	Zone	Maximum PR/GFA	Maximum Site Coverage
Hong Lok Yuen, Tai Po Town Lot 109, Fortune Garden and Riverain Bayside	"R(C)1"	0.4	-
Tai Po Inland Lot 12	"R(C)2"	1.5	50%
Redland Garden and Tolo Ridge	"R(C)3"	1.2	50%
J.C. Castle	"R(C)4"	0.6	25%
The Deerhill Bay	"R(C)5"	Domestic GFA of 57,500m <sup>2</sup> Non-domestic GFA of 1,500m <sup>2</sup>	-
Casa Marina I & II, Tycoon Place, and the Paramount	"R(C)6"	0.8	-
Yat Yiu Avenue	"R(C)7"	20,000m <sup>2</sup>	-
Kon Hang near Cheung Shue Tan	"R(C)8"	1.5	-
Lo Fai Road near Tycoon Place	"R(C)9"	46,200m <sup>2</sup>	-
Yau King Lane near Tsiu Hang	"R(C)10"	1.2	-

- 9.4.4 A site zoned "R(C)10" at Yau King Lane near Tsiu Hang is subject to a maximum plot ratio of 1.2 and maximum building heights of 55mPD at the northern portion and 65mPD at the southern portion. Adequate NBAs, building separations and setback (including an NBA of 26m wide aligned in the east-west direction within the northern portion, a building separation of 60m wide aligned in the southeast-northwest direction between the northern and southern portions, a building separation of 15m aligned in the southeast-northwest direction within the southern portion, a 14m setback from the site boundary near Deerhill Bay, and maintaining an open area at the northern-most portion of the site) should be provided for air ventilation purpose. If the design measures cannot be provided, further quantitative assessments should be conducted to demonstrate that the performance of any future development be no worse off than the scenario with these measures. To ensure that the future development would not cause adverse impacts on the surrounding areas, the requirement on the air ventilation measures and relevant technical assessments, where appropriate, would be incorporated into the land lease at the land exchange stage.
- 9.4.5 Minor relaxation of the plot ratio/GFA/site coverage/building height restrictions may be considered by the Board on application under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance. The criteria given in paragraph 7.6

above would be relevant for assessment for minor relaxation of building height restrictions. Each application for minor relaxation of plot ratio/GFA/site coverage/building height restrictions will be considered on its own merits.

# 9.5 "Residential (Group D)" ("R(D)"): Total Area 0.73 ha

- 9.5.1 This zone covers the CARE village in Area 10 and is intended primarily for improvement and upgrading of the existing fishermen's village through redevelopment of existing temporary structures into permanent buildings. It is also intended for low-rise, low-density residential developments subject to planning permission from the Town Planning Board. Within this zoned area, redevelopment of existing houses shall not result in a total redevelopment of a maximum building area of 37.2m<sup>2</sup> and a maximum building height of 2 storeys(6m), or the building area and height of the existing building, whichever is the greater.
- 9.5.2 Apart from the intention of residential upgrading, very low-rise and low density residential development may be permitted on application to the Board. To be in line with the general development intensity of the surrounding areas, residential development shall not result in a total development in excess of a maximum plot ratio of 0.4 and a maximum building height of 2 storeys (6m), or the plot ratio and height of the existing building, whichever is the greater.
- 9.5.3 Minor relaxation of plot ratio and/or building height restrictions may be considered by the Board on application under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance. The criteria given in paragraph 7.6 above would be relevant for assessment for minor relaxation of building height restrictions. Each application for minor relaxation of plot ratio and/or building height restrictions will be considered on its own merits.

## 9.6 "Village Type Development" ("V"): Total Area 150.35 ha

- 9.6.1 The planning intention of this zone is to reflect existing recognised and other villages, and to provide land considered suitable for village expansion and reprovisioning of village houses affected by Government projects. Land within this zone is primarily intended for development of Small Houses by indigenous villagers. It is also intended to concentrate village type development within this zone for a more orderly development pattern, efficient use of land and provision of infrastructures and services. Selected commercial and community uses serving the needs of the villagers and in support of the village development are always permitted on the ground floor of a New Territories Exempted House. Other commercial, community and recreational uses may be permitted on application to the Board.
- 9.6.2 In order to ensure that any future development or redevelopment within these villages would retain the village character, a maximum building height of 3 storeys (8.23m) or the height of the existing building(s) whichever is the greater is imposed under this zoning.

- 9.6.3 Land under this zoning is mainly located to the north of Ting Kok Road and along the valleys and foothills to the south of the East Rail.
- 9.6.4 To provide flexibility for innovative design adapted to the characteristics of particular sites, minor relaxation of the building height restriction may be considered by the Board through the planning permission system. Each proposal will be considered on its individual planning merits.
- 9.7 "Government, Institution or Community" ("G/IC"): Total Area 172.12 ha
  - 9.7.1 This zone is intended primarily for the provision of Government, institution or community facilities serving the needs of the local residents and/or a wider district, region or the territory. It is also intended to provide land for uses directly related to or in support of the work of the Government, organizations providing social services to meet community needs, and other institutional establishments.
  - 9.7.2 Major existing GIC facilities include two water treatment works, a fresh water primary service reservoir, a fresh water service reservoir and a fresh water pumping station in Planning Area 21, six fresh water service reservoirs in Planning Areas 12, 31 (including 2 service reservoirs), 34, 37 and 57, a salt water pumping station in Planning Area 26 and two salt water service reservoirs in Planning Areas 21 and 31; two fire stations in Planning Areas 3 and 26; an ambulance depot in Planning Area 3; a major police station complex in Planning Area 17; the Tai Po Swimming Pool and the Tai Po Sports Ground in Planning Area 22; a major transport interchange in Planning Area 6; the Railway Museum in Planning Area 1; the Tai Po Hospital and Alice Ho Miu Ling Nethersole Hospital in Planning Area 9; the campus site of the Education University of Hong Kong (EdUHK) in Planning Area 34; the sports centre of the EdUHK in Planning Area 39; a special school in Planning Area 8; a market complex in Planning Area 1; a gas pigging station in Planning Area 24; a site of the Fraternity of the Little Sisters of Jesus for religious purpose in Planning Area 19; as well as primary and secondary schools, clinics, indoor recreation centres and community centre at various locations.
  - 9.7.3 Proposed GIC facilities include a sports centre, a community hall and soccer pitches in Planning Area 1; a sports centre in Planning Area 6; and a clinic building and other possible community facilities in Planning Area 4. Other local GIC facilities will also be provided in the detailed planning of future development areas.
  - 9.7.4 A number of primary and secondary schools have been provided and planned within the Area. This zoning covers some of the existing schools and adjacent ball courts, local open space etc., which fall within public housing estates. The ball courts, local open space etc. are common facilities shared by the schools and residents of the concerned estates. It also covers the Tai Wo Neighbourhood Community Centre, the refuse collection point at Tai Wo Estate as well as the Housing Department contractor depot and the adjoining ball courts.

- 9.7.5 When detailed planning and development for the Area proceeds, local community facilities such as kindergartens and neighbourhood centres, as may be required by relevant Government departments, will be provided within the public housing estates and the large private residential developments.
- 9.7.6 Developments or redevelopments within the "G/IC" zone are subject to building height restrictions as stipulated on the Plan or the height of the existing building, whichever is the greater. Minor relaxation of the building height restrictions may be considered by the Board on application. Each application for minor relaxation of building height restriction will be considered on its own merits, taking into account the relevant criteria as set out in paragraph 7.6 above.
- 9.7.7 This zoning includes two sub-zones which are subject to the following development restrictions:
  - (a) "Government, Institution or Community (1)" ("G/IC(1)"): Total Area 0.01 ha
    - (i) This sub-zone is intended to cover the rural committee building for the Tai Po Yuen Chau Tsai Fishermen's Village Association with a maximum building height of 2 storeys or the height of the existing building(s), whichever is the greater. Minor relaxation of the building height restriction may be considered by the Board on application. Each application for minor relaxation of building height restriction will be considered on its own merits, taking into account the relevant criteria as set out in paragraph 7.6 above; and
    - (ii) as this zone is located within the site boundary of Island House which is a declared monument, any work within this zone is prohibited except with a permit issued by the Antiquities Authority under section 6 of the Antiquities and Monuments Ordinance (Cap. 53). Application for permits under section 6 of the Antiquities and Monuments Ordinance through the Antiquities and Monuments Office (AMO) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department should be made well in advance.
  - (b) "Government, Institution or Community (2)" ("G/IC(2)"): Total Area 0.04 ha
    - (i) This sub-zone covers a site at Po Heung Street which is intended for hostel cum youth centre use. Development or redevelopment within this zone is subject to a maximum domestic GFA of 2,412m<sup>2</sup>, a maximum non-domestic GFA of 1,040m<sup>2</sup> and a maximum building height of 80mPD, or the GFA and height of the existing building, whichever is the greater. The non-domestic use is primarily intended for the in-situ reprovisioning of the youth centre under the subvention of Social Welfare Department. Minor relaxation

of the GFA and/or building height restrictions may be considered by the Board on application under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance. The criteria set out in paragraph 7.6 above are relevant for assessing minor relaxation of building height restrictions. Each application for minor relaxation of plot ratio and/or building height restrictions will be considered on its own merits; and

(ii) the site will be subject to noise impact from the East Rail and fixed plants of adjacent buildings. Upon development or redevelopment of the site, the project proponent is required to conduct noise impact assessment to address the noise issues and to implement mitigation measures identified in the assessment.

# 9.8 <u>"Open Space" ("O")</u>: Total Area 65.77 ha

- 9.8.1 This zoning is intended primarily for the provision of outdoor open-air public space for active and/or passive recreational uses serving the needs of local residents as well as the general public.
- 9.8.2 One of the major existing open spaces is the promenade along Lam Tsuen River in Planning Area 4. The promenade provides a visual corridor to Tolo Harbour in the east and Tai Mo Shan in the west. Other existing open spaces include one in Planning Area 17, Mui Shue Hang Playground in Planning Area 15, Tai Po Tau Playground in Planning Area 22, Yuen Chau Tsai Park in Planning Area 24, the Tai Po Waterfront Park in the southern part of Planning Areas of 26 and 33. The waterfront park, together with the adjacent proposed recreation ground, also act as a buffer to separate the town centre from the Industrial Estate in Planning Area 26.
- 9.8.3 In addition to the major open spaces as indicated on the Plan, local open spaces are/will be provided to serve the residents and factory workers within the residential neighbourhoods and industrial areas.

# 9.9 "Recreation Priority Area" ("RPA"): Total Area 3.75 ha

- 9.9.1 This zone covering the site of the Kerry Lake Egret Nature Park in the eastern part of Planning Area 10 at Tai Po Kau is intended primarily for eco-tourism related recreational developments for the use of general public. Development within this zoning will be restricted to recreational and other ancillary uses. Uses in support of the recreational developments may be permitted subject to planning permission.
- 9.9.2 Developments or redevelopments within the "RPA" zone are subject to NBA restriction, the maximum GFA restriction of 3,300m² as specified in the Remarks in the Notes of the Plan, and the maximum building height restriction as stipulated on the Plan, or the GFA and height of the existing building, whichever is the greater. The existing playground and open/landscaped area of the Park within the "RPA" zone is designated as a NBA. Minor relaxation of the NBA, GFA and/or building height

restrictions may be considered by the Board on application under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance. The criteria given in paragraph 7.6 above would be relevant for assessment for minor relaxation of building height restriction. Each application for minor relaxation of NBA, GFA and/or building height restrictions will be considered on its own merits.

- 9.10 "Other Specified Uses" ("OU"): Total Area 188.74 ha
  - 9.10.1 This zoning covers land annotated for the following specific uses:

## **Business**

Land zoned for "OU" annotated "Business" is intended for general business uses. The site comprises six existing buildings with mixed industrial and office uses. Under this zoning, a mix of information technology and telecommunications industries, non-polluting industrial, office and other commercial uses are permitted in new "business" buildings. However, in order to ensure that the concerns on fire safety and environmental impacts are properly addressed, only less fire hazard-prone office use that would not involve direct provision of customer services or goods to the general public are permitted as of right in existing industrial buildings or industrial-office buildings within this zone. As it is not possible to phase out existing polluting and hazardous industrial uses all at once, it is necessary to ensure compatibility of the uses within the same industrial building until the whole area is transformed to cater for the new non-polluting business uses. Development within this zone should make reference to the relevant Town Planning Board Guidelines. Developments or redevelopments within this zone are subject to a maximum plot ratio of 9.5 and a building height restriction as stipulated on the Plan, or the plot ratio and height of the existing building, whichever is the greater.

## Golf Course

9.10.3 This zone covers the former Shuen Wan Landfill site in Area 28 and is intended primarily for a golf course. To avoid visual intrusion to the surrounding mountain backdrop, no addition, alteration and/or modification to or redevelopment of an existing building including structure, except floodlight post and protective fencing, shall result in a total development and/or redevelopment in excess of a maximum building height of 9 metres above ground level or the height of the existing building including structure, whichever is the higher.

## **Industrial Estate**

9.10.4 This zone covers the Tai Po Industrial Estate in Planning Area 26 and is intended to provide/reserve land for the development of an industrial estate for industries to be admitted by the Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation. Industries to be included would normally not be accommodated in conventional industries buildings because of their specific requirements. In allocating sites, preference is given to those industries which involve a high level of technology,

provide employment at a high level of skills, or produce new products for export or for local industries. The Industrial Estate has largely been developed.

9.10.5 Within this zone, the maximum total GFA of all developments or redevelopments is 2,023,274m², which is equivalent to a plot ratio of 2.5 for the area designated for industrial development and a plot ratio of 5 for a site designated for estate centre as set out in the lease for the Tai Po Industrial Estate. Developments or redevelopments within this zone are also subject to a building height restriction as stipulated on the Plan, or the height of the existing building, whichever is the greater. According to the lease of the lot, individual subdivision in the Tai Po Industrial Estate may be developed up to a plot ratio of 2.625 provided that the overall plot ratio of the area designated for industrial use within the lot would not exceed a maximum plot ratio of 2.5.

## Historical Building Preserved for Cultural and Community Uses

9.10.6 This zoning covers the Tai Po Lookout site in Planning Area 12 and is intended to preserve, restore and convert the historic building(s) of heritage interest on the site into a local heritage attraction with the provision of cultural and community facilities for the enjoyment of the public. To retain the historic value of the Tai Po Lookout, any demolition of, or any addition, alteration and/or modification to the building(s) of heritage interest on the site requires planning permission from the Town Planning Board. Developments within this zone are subject to a maximum building height restriction as stipulated on the Plan, or the height of the existing building, whichever is the greater.

## Historical Site Preserved for GIC Uses

9.10.7 This zoning covers the Island House site in Yuen Chau Tsai, which is a declared monument, and is intended to preserve the site for adaptive re-use for government, institution or community and related uses. Redevelopment of the existing historical building is not allowed in this particular "OU" zone. Any new development, or major addition, alteration and/or modification to the existing building requires planning permission from the Town Planning Board. Developments within this zone are subject to a maximum building height restriction as stipulated on the Plan, or the height of the existing building, whichever is the greater.

## Railway

9.10.8 This zone is primarily to provide land for the use of railway stations and railway track. The Tai Po Market Station in Planning Area 6, the Tai Wo Station in Planning Areas 3 and 23 and the railway track of East Rail are under this zoning. Developments or redevelopments within this zone are subject to the maximum building height restriction as stipulated on the Plan, or the height of the existing building, whichever is the greater.

## Railway Staff Quarters and Recreation Club

9.10.9 This zone covers the Trackside Villas in Planning Area 10 and is intended to provide land for railway staff quarters and recreation club. Developments or redevelopments within this zone are subject to a maximum domestic GFA of 11,200m<sup>2</sup>, a maximum non-domestic GFA of 1,850m<sup>2</sup> and the building height restriction as stipulated on the Plan, or the GFA and height of the existing building, whichever is the greater.

## Others

- 9.10.10 Other "OU" sites in Tai Po are as follows:
  - (a) a liquefied petroleum gas store in Planning Area 5;
  - (b) the sewage treatment works in Planning Area 26;
  - (c) the leachate pre-treatment works in Area 28;
  - (d) the existing petrol filling stations in Planning Areas 2, 3, 5, 12 and 22; and
  - (e) a bus depot site in Planning Area 33.

Developments or redevelopments within the above zones are subject to a maximum building height restriction as stipulated on the Plan or in the Notes, or the height of the existing building, whichever is the greater.

9.10.11 Minor relaxation of the plot ratio/GFA/ building height restrictions for the "OU" zone may be considered by the Board on application under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance. The criteria given in paragraph 7.6 above would be relevant for assessment for minor relaxation of building height restrictions. Each application for minor relaxation of plot ratio/GFA/building height restrictions will be considered on its own merits.

## 9.11 "Green Belt" ("GB"): Total Area 1,262.54 ha

- 9.11.1 The planning intention of this zone is primarily for defining the limits of urban and sub-urban development areas by natural features and to contain urban sprawl as well as to provide passive recreational outlets. There is a general presumption against development within this zone.
- 9.11.2 This zoning covers mainly steep hillsides in the peripheral areas which are of limited potential for urban type development and should be retained in their natural state. These areas nevertheless provide opportunities for additional outdoor passive recreational outlets.
- 9.11.3 There is a general presumption against development within this zone. Nevertheless, limited developments may be permitted if they are justified on strong planning grounds. Developments requiring planning permission from the Board will be considered on their individual merits taking into account the relevant Town Planning Board Guidelines.

## 9.12 "Conservation Area" ("CA"): Total Area 75.49 ha

- 9.12.1 This zoning is intended to protect and retain the existing natural landscape, ecological or topographical features of the area for conservation, educational and research purposes and to separate sensitive natural environment such as Site of Special Scientific Interest or Country Park from the adverse effects of development. There is a general presumption against development in this zone. In general, only developments that are needed to support the conservation of the existing natural landscape or scenic quality of the area or are essential infrastructure projects with overriding public interest may be permitted.
- 9.12.2 There are five sites designated as "CA" on the Plan. The Tai Po Kau Headland near the coast of Tolo Harbour is a significant area of highly diverse woodland habitat with mature and rich lowland forest. A high degree of protection is required to retain their inherent value.
- 9.12.3 The Tolo Pond Mangrove near Constellation Cove is zoned "CA" on the Plan in order to conserve its ecological value. The mangroves in this area are valuable habitats and should be protected from adverse effects of developments.
- 9.12.4 The inter-tidal ponds to the east and west of Tai Po Kau Headland consist of mangroves and mudflat which are the feeding habitats of egrets and herons. They represent the remaining semi-natural coastlines in Tolo Harbour worthy of protection.
- 9.12.5 There is another "CA" in Pai Mun Shan located in Area 40 of the Plan adjacent to the Tai Po Kau Nature Reserve. Mature woodlands and vegetated middle hill slopes which are worth preserving are found in this area. Its role as buffer zone and ecological linkage to other natural habitats should be well retained.

# 9.13 "Site of Special Scientific Interest" ("SSSI"): Total Area 43.50 ha

- 9.13.1 The planning intention of this zone is to conserve and protect the features of special scientific interest which are designated as Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and are important habitats for egrets and herons and for breeding of some rare butterflies which are protected under the Wild Animals Protection Ordinance. It intends to deter human activity or development within the SSSI. There is a general presumption against development in this zone. No developments are permitted unless they are needed to support the conservation of the features of special scientific interest in the SSSI, to maintain and protect the existing character of the SSSI, or for educational and research purposes.
- 9.13.2 There are two sites designated as "SSSI" on the Plan. The Fung Yuen Valley SSSI in Planning Area 29 was designated on 5 February 1980. The site is a well-forested ravine. Some rare plants are recorded in the site, e.g. *Illigera celebica* and *Aristolochia tagala*. The site is also an important breeding site for some rare butterflies.

9.13.3 The Tai Po Egretry, which is located at Planning Area 1 near Tai Po town centre, was designated as a SSSI on 13 August 1994. The site provides an important habitat for egrets and herons. The unique location of the SSSI and its closeness to the town centre provides an excellent opportunity to demonstrate the importance of wildlife conservation in the planning of the New Town.

# 9.14 "Country Park" ("CP"): Total Area 5.73 ha

- 9.14.1 The intention of this zone is to encourage passive recreation and tourism, protect vegetation and wildlife, preserve and maintain buildings and sites of historical or cultural significance and to provide facilities and services for the public enjoyment of the countryside. All uses and developments require consent from the Country and Marine Parks Authority and approval from the Board is not required.
- 9.14.2 The zoned area is situated at Planning Area 38 on the southern side of the Tai Po New Town. The subject site is part of the Tai Mo Shan Country Park.

## 10. <u>COMMUNICATIONS</u>

# 10.1 Roads

- 10.1.1 The major road network, which comprises the trunk road (Tolo Highway) and major distributor roads, is shown on the Plan.
- Tolo Highway is intended for uninterrupted long-distance traffic and 10.1.2 forms part of the New Territories Circular Road system. It runs along the southern part of the Area and provides high-speed links to the Main Urban Areas and other parts of the New Territories. To cope with the growing traffic demand in the north-eastern region of the New Territories and those due to the cross boundary traffic movements on Tolo Highway, the Tolo Highway will be widened in two stages. A 5.4km long section between Sha Tin and Tai Po was widened from dual 3-lane to dual 4-lane and completed in August 2003. Another 5.7km long section of Tolo Highway between Island House Interchange and Tai Hang commenced in August 2009 forand completedion in March 2014. A 3.0km long section of Fanling Highway between Tai Hang and Wo Hop Shek Interchange will beis being widened from dual 3-lane to dual 4-lane. Construction commenced in July 2013 for completion of the major works in 20189.
- 10.1.3 Access from Tolo Highway to the distributor roads system is provided at the Island House Interchange, the Tai Po South and North Interchanges. An access road linking the northern part of Pak Shek Kok reclamation area and the northbound carriageway of Tolo Highway was completed in 2003.

## 10.2 Railway

Tai Po is served by the East Rail which provides an important transport link between the Area, Kowloon and the eastern part of the New Territories. There are two railway stations serving the Area, one in Planning Area 6 (Tai Po Market Station) and the other in Planning Areas 3 and 23 (Tai Wo Station).

# 10.3 <u>Public Transport</u>

Public transport interchange facilities are provided at the two railway stations in Planning Area 6 and Planning Areas 3 and 23. A major bus terminus is provided in Planning Area 4 to serve the town centre developments whilst another one is located within the Tai Po Industrial Estate in Planning Area 26 to serve the industrial workers. Bus and minibus termini are also provided within public housing estates and peripheral development areas.

## 10.4 Pedestrian and Cycle Networks

A comprehensive network of segregated cycle tracks and footpaths has been planned for the Area, which links all major land-use elements and provides links with the surrounding countryside. The cycle track network along Ting Kok Road, the section of Tolo Highway between Tai Po and Ma Liu Shui and within the town centre has been developed.

## 11. UTILITY SERVICES

## 11.1 Water Supply

Fresh water supply is provided by the existing treatment works at Planning Area 21 via Tai Po Tau Fresh Water Primary Service Reservoir and eight other secondary service reservoirs and water tanks located at various locations of the Area. Salt water supply for flushing is provided by Tai Po Salt Water Pumping Station via two salt water service reservoirs at Pun Chun Yuen and Ha Hang.

## 11.2 <u>Sewerage and Drainage Facilities</u>

- 11.2.1 There is existing public sewerage in the major parts of the Area. The existing sewerage system collects and conveys sewage to Tai Po Sewage Treatment Works (STW) situated inside Tai Po Industrial Estate for treatment and disposal. To cater for the anticipated increase of sewage to be generated within the catchment area, phase I of the upgrading works for the STW has commenced in 2005 and was completed in 2010. Phase II of the upgrading works commenced in 2010 and was completed in 2014.
- 11.2.2 Provision of further public sewers within the Area has been planned under Stage I (Phase IIC) and Stage II of the "Tolo Harbour Sewerage of Unsewered Areas" project. Stage I, Phase IIC will include sewerage works at Tai Po Road (near Hong Lok Yuen) and 10 villages alongside Ting Kok Road, while Stage II will include those at Cheung Shue Tan, Tai Po Mei, Lin Au, Tai Po Tau, Fung Yuen, CARE Village, Shan Tong

New Village, Ha Wong Yi Au, Wong Nai Fai, Ma Wo, Ha Wun Yiu and San Uk Ka. The Stage I, Phase IIC sewerage works commenced in 2009 was completed in 2015. The Stage II works is scheduled for completion in 2021.

11.2.3 Drainage improvement works for the existing drainage systems in Tai Po urban area and for Upper Tai Po River (near Wun Yiu) have been recommended in the "Stormwater Drainage Master Plan Study in Sha Tin and Tai Po" which is under the project "Drainage Improvement Works in Tai Po". The drainage improvement works in Tai Po urban area was completed in 2009, while the works for Upper Tai Po River was completed in 2012.

## 11.3 Electricity

The Area is currently supplied with electricity. Additional electricity supply can be provided to cater for future development in the Area by expanding the existing electricity network. Since there are 132kV and 400kV high voltage overhead lines passing through some regions inside the Area. Relevant guidelines in Chapter 7 of the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines regarding building developments in the vicinity of the 132kV and 400kV overhead lines and the corresponding safety clearances from these lines should be observed.

# 11.4 Gas Supply

There are existing town gas distribution network and piped liquefied petroleum gas systems in the Area and should be adequate to meet the demand of gas supply.

## 11.5 Telephone Service

There are three existing telephone exchanges located in Planning Areas 1 and 17, and Ting Kok respectively. These should be adequate in meeting the demand for telephone services.

## 12. CULTURAL HERITAGE

Several sites of archaeological interest are located within the Area, namely Cheung Shue Tan Site of Archaeological Interest, Tai Po Kau Stone Circle, Wun Yiu Site of Archaeological Interest, Wun Yiu Trackway and Shek Kwu Lung Site of Archaeological Interest. Also, the Wai Tau Site of Archaeological Interest is situated in the close vicinity of the Area. There are seven declared monuments located within the Area. The declared monuments are Old District Office North, Island House, Wun Yiu Pottery Kilns, Old Tai Po Market Railway Station, Man Mo Temple, Fan Sin Temple and King Law Ka Shuk. There are also graded and proposed graded historic buildings within the Area. On 19 March 2009, the Antiquities Advisory Board (AAB) released the list of 1,444 historic buildings, in which some buildings within the area have been given proposed gradings. All the and proposed monuments. graded graded buildings/structures and sites of archaeological interest are worthy of preservation. The AAB also released a list of new items in addition to the list of 1,444 historic

- buildings. These items are subject to grading assessment by the AAB. Details of the list of 1,444 historic buildings and the new items have been uploaded onto the official website of the AAB at <a href="http://www.aab.gov.hk">http://www.aab.gov.hk</a>.
- 12.2 Prior consultation with the Antiquities and Monuments Office (AMO) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department should be made if any development, redevelopment or rezoning proposals might affect the above sites of archaeological interest, declared monuments, graded and proposed graded historic buildings/structures, new items pending grading assessment and their immediate environs. An Assessment shall be conducted to evaluate the archaeological impact imposed by the proposed works if there is any development within the site of archaeological interest. If necessary, a professional archaeologist shall be engaged to apply for a licence from the Antiquities Authority under the Antiquities and Monuments Ordinance (Cap. 53) for an archaeological field investigation to evaluate whether the proposed works is acceptable from an archaeological preservation point of view and propose appropriate mitigation measures.

# 13. <u>IMPLEMENTATION</u>

- 13.1 Although existing uses non-conforming to the statutory zonings are tolerated, any material change of use and any other development/redevelopment must be always permitted in terms of the Plan or, if permission is required, in accordance with the permission granted by the Board. The Board has published a set of guidelines for the interpretation of existing use in the urban and new town areas. Any person who intends to claim an "existing use right" should refer to the guidelines and will need to provide sufficient evidence to support his claim. The enforcement of the zonings mainly rests with the Buildings Department, the Lands Department and the various licensing authorities.
- 13.2 This Plan provides a broad land-use framework within which more detailed non-statutory plans for the Area are prepared by the Planning Department. These detailed plans are used within the Government as the basis for public works planning and site reservation within the Government. Disposal of sites is undertaken by the Lands Department. Public works projects are co-ordinated by the Civil Engineering and Development Department in conjunction with the client departments and the works department, such as the Highways Department and the Architectural Services Department. Implementation of these public works projects will be subject to the availability of resources. In the course of implementation of the Plan, the Tai Po District Council would also be consulted as appropriate.
- 13.3 Planning applications to the Board will be assessed on individual merits. In general, the Board's consideration of the planning applications will take into account all relevant planning considerations which may include the departmental outline development plans/layout plans, and guidelines published by the Board. The outline development plans and layout plans are available for public inspection at the Planning Department. Guidelines published by the Board are available from the Board's website, the Secretariat of the Board and the Technical Services Division of the Planning Department. Application forms and Guidance Notes for planning applications can be downloaded from the Board's website and are available from the Secretariat of the Board; and the

Technical Services Division and the relevant District Planning Office of the Planning Department. Applications should be supported by such materials as the Board thinks appropriate to enable it to consider the applications.

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