

Secretary Town Planning Board 15th Floor, North Point Government Offices, 333 Java Road, North Point, Hong Kong

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Objections to Planning Application No. A/SLC/146

Proposed Temporary Holiday Camp (Caravan Holiday Camp) for a Period of 3 Years at Cheung Sha, Lantau Island

Dear Secretary

Living Islands Movement strongly **objects** to the captioned Planning Application (A/SLC/146) on the following grounds:

- The application Site is within the Coastal Protection Area (CPA) that consists of the ecologically sensitive areas, according to the South Lantau Coast Outline Zoning Plan (S/SLC/19), and the proposed activities are not compatible with this environment
- 2. The application site is already the subject of unauthorised accommodation activities, demonstrated by their website advertisement. The website also promotes fishing activities which are not allowed on gazetted beaches. This history provides a high potential for other illegal activities to occur in the future.
- 3. The access to the site appears to be across government land and other private land so there is not clear access for the public to get to the caravan park.
- 4. The South Lantau road access point to the site does not have any formal access design nor does there appear to be any plans in the application to make safe vehicle access to the site so creating a road hazard.
- 5. Characterization of the proposed development as "temporary" is not credible given the extent of the compacting and concreting over of CPA zoned ecosystems.

6. The proposed installation of a sewerage tanks will likely not be able to cope with high demand and use in the weekends and holiday periods resulting in sewerage water overflowing into the nearby land and waterways.

LIM is not against Caravan Parks per se, rather we are against ad hoc applications by private land owners to establish caravan parks. Without any significant planning rules or guidelines we are concerned of a large portion of South Lantau coastline and farm land being covered in "Temporary" caravan parks.

LIM is unclear which Government department monitors and inspects the safety of caravan based accommodation. Caravans may not form part of the rules for Hotels and Guesthouses under the Home Affairs Department's, Office of the Licensing Authority.

Based on the numerous points of objection raised and the concerns around rules of operation for Caravan Parks we hope the Town Planning Board will reject application A/SLC/146.

Yours Sincerely

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