

COUNTRY AND MARINE PARKS BOARD

Preparation of Draft Map for the Proposed Robin's Nest Country Park

1. Purpose

1.1 The Government has committed to designating Robin's Nest as a country park for the purpose of nature conservation, outdoor recreation and education. It is planned to commence the statutory designation procedure for the proposed country park under the Country Parks Ordinance (Cap. 208) ("the Ordinance") in December 2022. This paper aims to seek Members' views on the draft map of the proposed Robin's Nest Country Park (RNCP) and its explanatory statement (**Annex I**).

2. Background

2.1 The proposal to designate Robin's Nest as a new country park has been discussed at several meetings of the Country and Marine Parks Board ("the Board") and its Country Parks Committee ("the Committee") since 2016. Members of the Board and the Committee showed general support to the designation proposal.

2.2 In July 2019, the Country and Marine Parks Authority ("the Authority") presented the summary of consultation and recommendations of the "Consultancy Services on Detailed Study of the Proposed Robin's Nest Country Park – Planning, Design and Consultation" to the Board. Board members generally supported the Authority to commence the statutory procedures for designation of the proposed RNCP under the Ordinance. Taking into account stakeholders' comments on the proposed boundary of the RNCP, the Authority has adjusted the boundary as recommended to the Board in July 2019. Based on the revised boundary, the assessment on the suitability of Robin's Nest for designation as a country park was updated in accordance with the endorsed principles and criteria.

3. Statutory Procedures in Progress

3.1 In September 2019, the Secretary for Environment, with the delegated statutory power and duty, gave the direction to the Authority to prepare the draft map showing the

proposed RNCP under section 8(1) of the Ordinance. The Authority then prepared the draft map of the proposed RNCP and its explanatory statement pursuant to section 8 of the Ordinance. The draft map and explanatory statement had been circulated to relevant government departments for comment.

3.2 Subject to the comments of Board members, the draft map and the explanatory statement will be made available for public inspection in December 2022 in accordance with section 9 of the Ordinance.

4. Advice Sought

4.1 Members are invited to comment on the draft map (Plan No. CP/RN^A) and the explanatory statement of the proposed RNCP.

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