

COUNTRY AND MARINE PARKS BOARD

Preparation of Draft Replacement Maps of Plover Cove Country Park and Lantau South Country Park

1. Purpose

1.1 To better protect country park enclaves (“enclaves”), it is proposed to incorporate the enclaves of Fan Kei Tok and Sai Lau Kong into the Plover Cove Country Park (PCCP), and the enclave of the site near Nam Shan into the Lantau South Country Park (LSCP). This paper seeks Members’ views on the draft replacement maps of the PCCP and LSCP and their respective explanatory statements which are prepared for the implementation of the proposals.

2. Background

2.1 The proposals to incorporate the aforesaid enclaves into the respective country parks were discussed at several meetings of the Country Parks Committee (“the Committee”) and the Country and Marine Parks Board (“the Board”) held in 2014 and 2015. Members of the Committee and the Board showed general support to the proposals and no adverse comment had been received.

2.2 On 27 August 2015, the Country and Marine Parks Authority (“the Authority”) issued a working paper to update members of the Board on the progress of consultation and to seek members’ comments on invoking the statutory procedures under the Country Parks Ordinance, Cap. 208 (“the Ordinance”) for implementing the proposals. Most of the members showed support to or had no comment on the proposals. In view of the general support from the Board, the Authority considered it justified to invoke the statutory procedures under the Ordinance for implementing the proposals.

3. Statutory Procedures in Progress

3.1 In October 2015, the Chief Executive in Council (CE in C) referred the approved maps of the PCCP and LSCP to the Authority under section 15(1) for replacement by new maps to incorporate the three subject enclaves into their respective country parks. The Authority then prepared the draft replacement maps of PCCP and LSCP, and the respective explanatory statements pursuant to section 8 of the Ordinance.

3.2 The draft replacement maps and the explanatory statements were circulated to the Department of Justice and other relevant government departments for comments in November 2015. Some minor comments on the presentation of the draft replacement maps were received and have already been incorporated into the maps. On 18 December 2015, the Authority consulted the Country Parks Committee on the draft replacement maps and the explanatory statements. Members showed general support to the proposals to incorporate the aforesaid enclaves into the respective country parks.

3.3 Subject to the comments of members, the draft replacement maps and the explanatory statements will be made available for public inspection in accordance with section 9 of the Ordinance.

4. Advice sought

Members are invited to comment on the following:-

(i) the draft map (Plan No. CP/PC^C) and the explanatory statement of PCCP (Annex 1); and

(ii) the draft map (Plan No. CP/LT(S)^B) and the explanatory statement of LSCP (Annex 2).

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