



大澳環境及發展關注協會  
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Dear Mrs. Lam,

Request to zone Shui Mong Tin in Ma Shi Chau as Conservation Area under the Development

Permission Area Plan

Association for Geoconservation, Hong Kong and the Concern Groups have been monitoring the development of Shui Mong Tin in Ma Shi Chau. It is learnt that the developer has applied for changing the land use from agriculture to columbarium.

Ma Shi Chau has been designated as Site of Special Scientific Interest since 1982 and was declared a protected Special Area in 1999 because of its geological importance. It is the key site of studying the 280 million years old rock formation, the second oldest rocks in Hong Kong as well as other spectacular geological features including the faults and folds, tombolo, shell beach, differential weathering and quartz veins. The unnamed islet near Yim Tin Tsai, vegetated with dense woodlands, is a popular roosting ground for egrets and herons. Given its geological and ecological significance,

it is included as one of the geo-areas of Hong Kong National Geopark in 2009. Ma Shi Chau is, therefore, one of our invaluable geological heritages showcasing the geological diversities of Hong Kong.

The changing of Shui Mong Tin's land use to columbarium would definitely lead to:-

1. The destruction of the uniqueness and integrity of the entire Ma Shi Chau geological heritage which is irreparable;
2. The encouragement of "destroy first and apply later" which is trashing our entire countryside;
3. Allegation of the Government's favouritism towards influential individuals at the expense of public interests in conserving our important geological heritage.

We would therefore seek your kind assistance and attention in urgently drafting the private land lots of Shui Mong Tin as conservation area under the Development Permission Area Plan and asking the developer for reinstatement of the land.

In addition to Shui Mong Tin, as promised by the Chief Executive in the 2010-11 Policy Address, we would urge you to take prompt action to cover the other 49 sites within or adjacent to country parks to forestall human damage through statutory planning.

We look forward to your prompt reply.

Thank you for your attention.

Joint statement groups (in alphabetical order):

Association for Geoconservation, Hong Kong

Association for Tai O Environment and Development

Friends of Sai Kung

Friends of Tai Long Wan

Friends of the Earth (HK)

Green Lantau Association

Green Power

HKWildlife.net

Hong Kong Outdoors

Lung Fu Shan Environmental Concern Group

The Conservancy Association

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Shui Mong Tin view before  
Sep 2008



large scale destruction on 15/05/2009



development of columbarium on 6/02/2010



Site condition on 20/08/10



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