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Association for Geoconservation, Hong Kong

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The Secretary
Town Planning Board
15th Floor, North Point Government Offices
333 Java Road, North Point
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Dear Sir,

DRAFT TAI O FRINGE OUTLINE ZONING PLAN NO. S/I-TOF/1

We welcome the planning intention of captioned draft OZP to conserve areas of high ecological and geological significance as well as to maintain the unique landscape and cultural heritage of the area. Here below are our comments:-

Geologically and geomorphologically, the attractive reddish, rare Jurassic laminated siltstone and sandstone along the long strip of natural coastlines to the north of Tai O and east of Po Chue Tam are valuable geological heritage and coastal landscapes. They must be protected from any development and destruction.

Same protective measures must also be taken to protect the Tai O formation forming the trending ridgelines through the summit at Fu Shan. It provides an excellent skyline and backdrop for the developments at the foothills.

We support the zoning of the conservation area to protect the woodland, abandoned salt pans, marsh, fishpond, mangrove, Tai O reedbed and wetlands which are of significant ecological value, especially where the rare avifauna have been recorded.



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The Tai O River next to Hang Mei comprising natural river bank must be protected to avoid stream diversion and filling that would adversely affect the natural environment as well as drainage in adjacent areas.

Regarding the restoration of the disused salt pans into salt panning demonstration area, in consideration of the serious impact on surrounding ecology and tilt houses, we suggest to categorise as conservation area. Operation of ancient salt industry can be demonstrated by setting up a museum in the vicinity of the abandoned salt pan which serves to maintain this traditional culture while tourists can be attracted.

Your consideration of captioned comments is highly appreciated.

Best regards,

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