

Sai Kung District Council

Paper SKDC

Replacement of the Approved Map of  
The Clear Water Bay Country Park  
Under the Country Parks Ordinance, Cap 208

**1. Purpose**

The purpose of this paper is to seek members' views on the draft replacement map of the Clear Water Bay Country Park.

**2. Background**

2.1 The South East New Territories (SENT) Landfill will be full by around 2012. In view of an imminent waste disposal problem when the capacity of the existing landfills is exhausted one by one from early to mid 2010s, the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) proposed to extend the lifetime of the existing SENT Landfill by another six years. The proposed landfill extension would involve an encroachment of about 5 hectares upon the Clear Water Bay Country Park (CWBCP). The proposed encroachment area is inaccessible and comprises mainly scrubland and grassland habitats of low to moderate ecological value. No recreational provisions are within the area.

2.2 The Country and Marine Parks Board (the Board) at the meeting on 22 May 2007 agreed to the proposed encroachment upon the CWBCP by the SENT landfill extension subject to EPD presenting the results of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report, and demonstrating its commitment to press ahead with a series of waste management strategies.

2.3 At the Board's meeting on 11 September 2008, EPD presented the requisite additional information. The Board further advised that the 5 hectares of encroachment upon the CWBCP should be excised from the approved map of the CWBCP by invoking section 15 of the Country Parks Ordinance (CPO). Despite the decision to excise the affected land from the CWBCP, the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department would work closely with EPD to monitor the impacts of the landfill site on the surrounding environment. After the landfill restoration is completed and subject to the views of the Board at that time, the Government would consider the need to re-designate the excised area and other parts of the restored landfill as country park or other recreational use.

### **3. Statutory Procedures**

3.1 The existing CWBCP map was approved on 18 September 1979 by the then Governor-in-Council under section 13(1) of the CPO and deposited in the Land Registry.

3.2 The Chief Executive-in-Council has recently referred the approved map of the CWBCP to the Country and Marine Parks Authority (the Authority) under Section 15(1) of the CPO for replacement by a new map excising the relevant area affected by the SENT Landfill Extension from the CWBCP.

3.3 The Authority (that is the Director of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation) has prepared the draft replacement map of the CWBCP together with the explanatory statement and has published them in the Gazette for public inspection in accordance with the CPO on 14 November 2008. A copy of the notice has also been published in three issues of one English and two Chinese language daily newspapers, and displayed at suitable locations within the CWBCP. The draft map has been made available for inspection by the public at various District Lands Offices and District Offices. Any person aggrieved by the draft map may send his objection to the Authority within 60 days from the date of publication of the draft map in the gazette, i.e. 14 November 2008. A copy of the draft replacement map and the explanatory statement are attached at Annexes A & B.

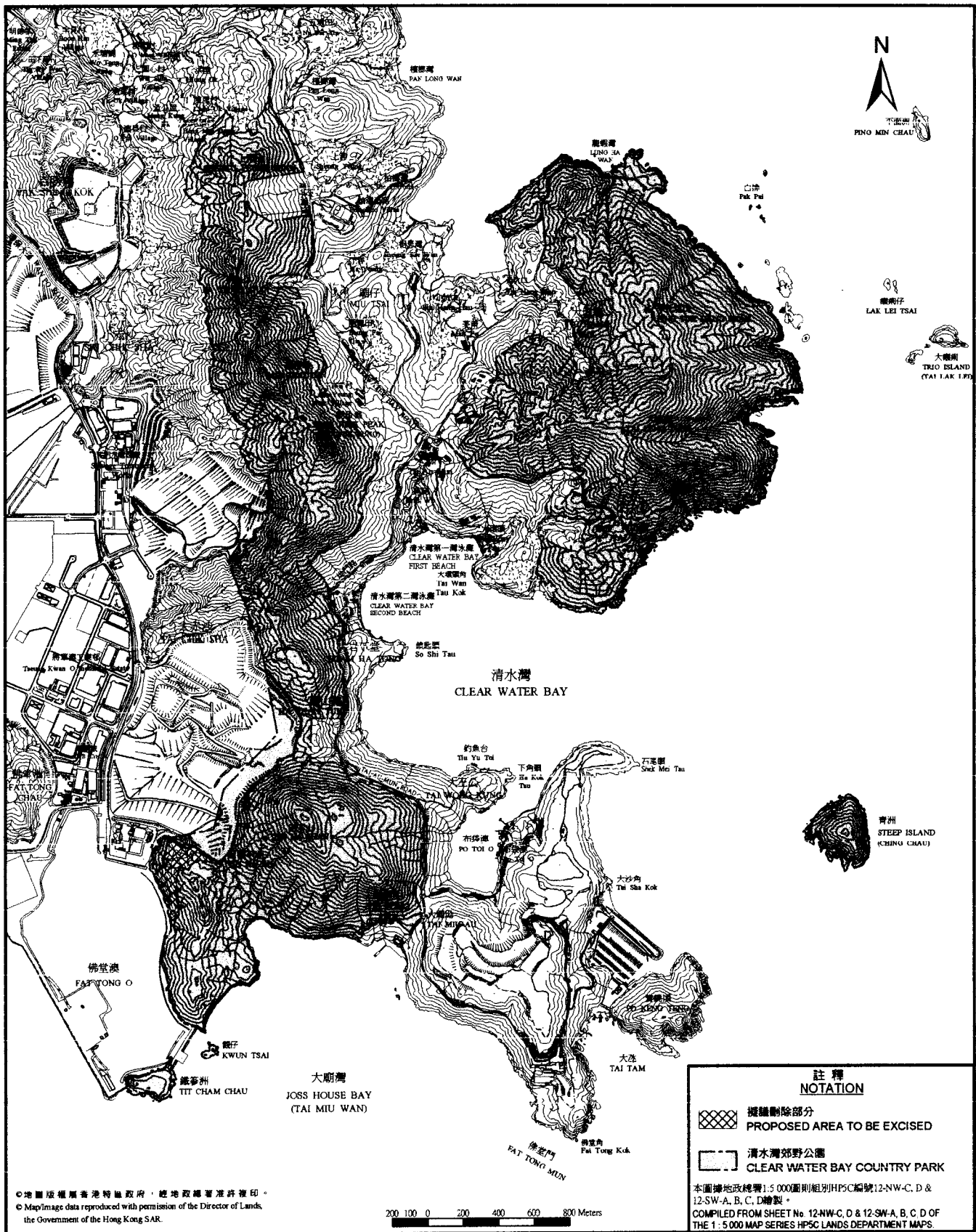
3.4 Any objections shall be heard by the Board. Upon hearing the objections, the draft map shall be submitted by the Authority to the Chief Executive-in-Council for determination in accordance with section 13 of the CPO.

3.5 Apart from the excision area, the draft replacement map of Clear Water Bay Country Park is the same as the existing Clear Water Bay Country Park. The total area of the Country Park after excision is about 606 hectares, which predominantly comprises grassy hills, wooded valleys and sea cliffs.

### **4. Advice Sought**

Members are requested to comment on the draft Clear Water Bay Country Park map at Annex A and the explanatory statement at Annex B.

Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department  
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註釋 NOTATION	
	擬議劃除部分 PROPOSED AREA TO BE EXCISED
	清水灣郊野公園 CLEAR WATER BAY COUNTRY PARK
本圖繪地政總署1:5 000圖則組別HPSC編號12-NW-C, D & 12-SW-A, B, C, D繪製。 COMPILED FROM SHEET No. 12-NW-C, D & 12-SW-A, B, C, D OF THE 1:5 000 MAP SERIES HPSC LANDS DEPARTMENT MAPS.	

清水灣郊野公園未定案地圖(取代舊圖)

DRAFT MAP OF CLEAR WATER BAY COUNTRY PARK (for replacement)

檔案編號 FILE REF.	73/85/09/14	圖則編號 PLAN No.	CP/CWB <sup>D</sup>
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DRAFT MAP FOR REPLACEMENT OF  
THE APPROVED MAP OF THE CLEAR WATER BAY COUNTRY PARK  
Explanatory Statement

1. AUTHORITY

This statement forms part of the draft map (Plan No. CP/CWB<sup>D</sup>) for replacement of the map (Plan no. CP/CWB<sup>B</sup>) of the Clear Water Bay Country Park (the Country Park) approved on 18 September 1979 by the then Governor-in-Council and deposited in the Land Registry. The draft map was prepared by the Country and Marine Parks Authority (the Authority) in accordance with sections 8 & 15(1) of the Country Parks Ordinance (Cap. 208).

2. LOCATION AND BOUNDARIES

2.1 It is proposed that about 5 hectares of land which are to be used for extending the South East New Territories (SENT) Landfill, are to be excised from the area of the Country Park. The land to be excised is a piece of scrubland and grassland. No recreation facilities are located within the area.

2.2 Except for the proposed excision area, the area as delineated in the draft map is the same as such area shown in the approved map of the Country Park. It includes the undulating mountain ridge of High Junk Peak and Tin Ha Shan and a hill country of Tai Leng Tung lying to the northeast of Clear Water Bay Peninsula. Tit Cham Chau, and the islands of Kwun Tsai and Steep Island (Ching Chau) are also included. The total area covered by the draft map is about 606 hectares. It predominantly comprises grassy hills, wooded valleys and sea cliffs. Its boundary is shown on the draft map and follows recognizable features such as roadsides, the ridgelines, footpaths, etc. as far as possible. Existing villages have not been included in the draft map.

3. OBJECTIVES

3.1 Management of the Country Park (after replacement of the approved map by the draft map) will continue to aim primarily at the provision of facilities for barbecuing, picnicking and hiking activities for the public. Vegetation and wildlife are to be protected, and special attention will be paid to conserve the unspoiled landscape and scenic values of the area.

#### 4. ACCESS

4.1 The roads within the Country Park will not be affected by the replacement of the approved map by the draft map. The Clear Water Bay Road gives access to the main recreation areas of the Country Park at Tai Hang Tun. There is public transport to the Country Park to meet the needs of both visitors and villagers. Access to the heart of the Country Park is possible from the network of footpaths in the area.

#### 5. ZONING

5.1 The zoning of the Country Park will remain the same after replacement of the approved map by the draft map. It is sub-divided into zones appropriate to different uses.

- a) Recreation Zones are concentrated on the lower slopes and more accessible coastal areas at Tai Hang Tun and Lung Ha Wan. Barbecue facilities are provided in these zones in suitable locations where the fire risk can be contained. Barbecue sites are clearly identified with signs, and the lighting of fires elsewhere in the Country Park is prohibited by regulations. The barbecue sites are provided with picnic facilities, tables and benches, and shelters. The facilities are designed to cater for both large and small groups of visitors.
- b) Wilderness Zones are hilly and less accessible areas along the mountain ridge of High Junk Peak, Tin Ha Shan and Tai Leng Tung, which provide an essential scenic background to the recreation zones, giving opportunities for quiet walking along foot-paths. Landscape conservation is the primary management objective of these zones.

5.2 The zoning will be reviewed and adjusted from time to time to meet future requirements.

#### 6. VISITOR FACILITIES

6.1 The visitor facilities of the Country Park will not be affected by the replacement of the approved map by the draft map. Picnic tables, barbecue pits, benches, and litter bins are provided in addition to shelters, refreshment kiosks and toilets in Tai Hang Tun. Information boards, view compasses and displays indicating the location of facilities and describing features of the Country Park are also erected at entry points, look-outs and other strategic locations. The Clear Water Bay Visitor Centre is located at the

most popular recreational site at Tai Hang Tun introducing coastal features, scenic areas, recreational opportunities and vegetation around the Clear Water Bay Peninsula to the public.

6.2 High Junk Peak Country Trail, a 6.6 km long distance hiking trail, running in a north-south direction from Man Kung Uk to Tai Miu Au, provides scenic walk for hikers. The 2.3 km long Lung Ha Wan Country Trail connects the barbecue sites in Tai Hang Tun and Lung Ha Wan. Tree Walk has also been established at Tai Hang Tun barbecue site for introduction of different tree species and provision of opportunities for education about nature.

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