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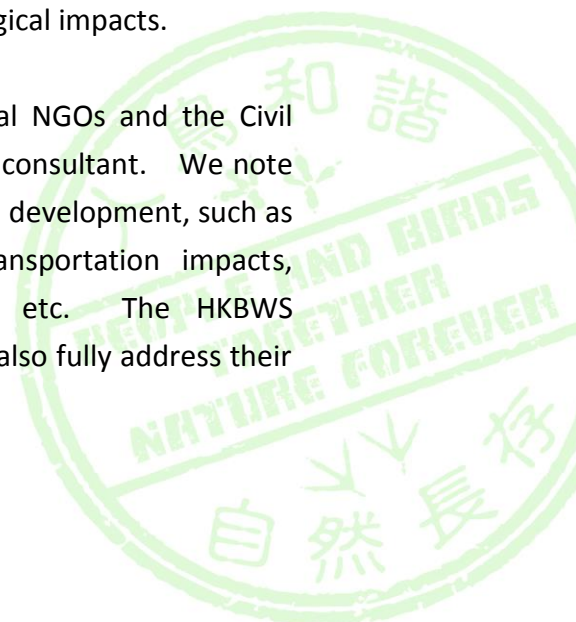
Dear Professor Cheung,

**PWP Item No. 7417RO-1A Improvement Works at Tai O – Phase 2, Stage 1**  
**Construction of a Public Transport Terminus, Public Car Parks and an Entrance Plaza**  
**at the Western End of Tai O Road, Tai O, Lantau Island**

The Hong Kong Bird Watching Society (HKBWS) would like to raise our concerns on the captioned project.

Even though the proposed development is mainly constructed on formed and paved land, there are still some ecologically sensitive habitats such as mangroves, intertidal wetlands and woodland immediately adjacent to/ close to the subject site. We are concerned the construction of the proposed development would cause some ecological impacts on the surroundings, such as increase in human disturbance to the wildlife inhabiting these habitats and the loose soil/dirt would be washed into the adjacent wetlands by surface runoff or rain events, degrading the quality of these natural habitats. We consider that the works area should NOT intrude into wetlands and natural habitats, and proper management of the construction site and the surface runoff should be in place to prevent pollution and adverse ecological impacts.

On 19 May 2015, a meeting was held between environmental NGOs and the Civil Engineering and Development Department, together with their consultant. We note that other NGOs have expressed their concerns on the proposed development, such as the need of the entrance plaza, the terminus layout, transportation impacts, environmental impacts, transparency of the consultation, etc. The HKBWS respectfully requests the Transport and Housing Bureau should also fully address their concerns as well as ours as stated above



Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Woo Ming Chuan', with a large, sweeping flourish above the name.

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