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Dear Director,

**Comments on Drainage Works at Mai Po – Project Profile (Direct Application for Environmental Permit)**

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



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**Cumulative impacts to fishponds**

Cumulative impacts of the captioned project along with Wo Shang Wai Residential Development, Express Rail Link and Lin Barn Tsuen Residential Development should be properly assessed. The Project Profile has failed to identify the Lin Barn Tsuen Residential Development<sup>1</sup> as a concurrent project during the construction of Mai Po drainage works and no cumulative impact assessment on the ecological resources of the surrounding was provided. Given that all these projects are located along the edges of the integrated fishpond habitats at the Mai Po area (Figure 1), disturbance impacts (especially construction noise impacts) would displace birds from foraging at the nearby fishponds. The edge effect caused would reduce the area of suitable habitat for waterbirds and wetland-dependent species of the Deep Bay area. Cumulative impacts of these three projects should be properly assessed and areas of fishponds should be considered as sensitive noise receivers in this assessment.

The HKBWS respectfully requests the Environmental Protection Department to consider our comment above.

Yours faithfully,  
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General Manager  
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<sup>1</sup> According to section 2.1 of the Project Profile for Proposed Comprehensive Development at Lin Barn Tsuen, Yuen Long, N.T., construction works are to be undertaken from 2015 to 2020

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Figure 1 – Concurrent Projects

