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By email only

19 January 2016

Dear Sir/Madam,

Comments on the planning application for Proposed Public Utility Installation (Radio Base Station) at Deep Bay Road, Sheung Pak Nai, Yuen Long (A/YL-HT/1005)

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The Hong Kong Bird Watching Society (HKBWS) would like to comment on the planning application A/YL-HT/1005 under Section 16.

Within 100 metre of the subject site, there is the Ngau Hom Sha egret. It was first discovered in 2012 with a total of 6 nests, and was still active in 2013. Even though the egret was found abandoned in 2014 and 2015, probably due to the destruction of the bamboo cluster which the egrets previously nested on, the area still have the potential for the recolonization of breeding egrets.



The applicant should verify whether there are any active colony prior to the commencement of the work. Special attention should be paid for any signs of egret formation, especially during the breeding season (i.e. from around March to August). If a suspected breeding site is discovered, advice should be sought from Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) and/or HKBWS to confirm or dismiss the validity of the suspicion. No works should be conducted within the breeding season if an active egret is in close proximity to the subject site, and no trees or bamboos should be removed.

The HKBWS respectfully requests the Town Planning Board and the applicant to carefully consider our comments and recommendations. Thank you for your kind attention.

Yours faithfully,





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