

Draft Aberdeen & Ap Lei Chau Outline Zoning Plan approved

The Chief Executive in Council has approved the draft Aberdeen & Ap Lei Chau Outline Zoning Plan (OZP).

"The approved OZP provides a statutory land use planning framework to guide development and redevelopment in the Aberdeen and Ap Lei Chau area," a spokesman for the Town Planning Board (the Board) said today (August 31).

The planning scheme area, covering an area of about 783 hectares, includes Tin Wan in the west and part of Aberdeen Country Park in the north. To the east, it is bounded by the approach road to Aberdeen Tunnel, Wong Chuk Hang Road and Island Road. To the southwest, the area covers the islands of Ap Lei Chau and Ap Lei Pai.

About 1.49 hectares of land covering two shopping centres as part of South Horizons on Ap Lei Chau are zoned "Commercial". This zone is intended primarily for commercial developments, which may include supermarkets, shops and services, and eating places, functioning mainly as local or district shopping centres serving the immediate neighbourhood of South Horizons and the Southern District.

About 7.17 hectares of land bounded by Heung Yip Road, Police School Road and Nam Long Shan Road are zoned "Comprehensive Development Area". This zone is intended for comprehensive development/redevelopment of the site for residential and commercial uses together with a rail depot and station with the provision of public transport and other supporting facilities.

About 60.84 hectares of land are zoned "Residential (Group A)" or its sub-areas for high-density residential developments while about 0.40 hectare of land is zoned "Residential (Group C)" for low-rise, low-density residential developments. About 3.48 hectares of land are zoned "Residential (Group E)" or its sub-area for phasing out of the existing industrial uses in Tin Wan, Aberdeen and Ap Lei Chau areas through redevelopment or conversion for residential use.

To ensure an adequate supply of industrial floor space, about 5.91 hectares of land are zoned "Industrial" for general industrial uses.

About 15.51 hectares of land are zoned "Open Space" for the provision of outdoor open-air public space for active and/or passive recreational uses.

In addition, about 101.99 hectares of land are zoned "Government, Institution or Community" for the provision of a wide range of government, institution and community (GIC) facilities to serve the needs of local residents and/or a wider district, region or the territory. Existing major GIC developments include Grantham Hospital, Hong Kong Police College and Rehabilitation Centre for the Aged, Blind and Mentally Handicapped at Welfare

Road. Major recreational facilities include the Aberdeen Sports Ground, Aberdeen Sports Centre, Pao Yue Kong Swimming Pool, municipal services complexes at Aberdeen Main Road and Ap Lei Chau, and the market at Tin Wan.

About 106.19 hectares of land are zoned "Other Specified Uses" to provide/reserve sites for specified purposes and uses. For instance, the Wong Chuk Hang Business Area and Ap Lei Chau Business Area have been designated as a business zone.

About 213.09 hectares of land are zoned "Green Belt", which is intended primarily for defining the limits of urban and sub-urban development areas by natural features, to protect the natural landscape and environment, as well as to provide a countryside recreational outlet for the local population and visitors.

An area of about 28.35 hectares is zoned "Coastal Protection Area" to conserve, protect and retain the natural coastlines and the sensitive coastal natural environment. Falling within this area are coastal areas mainly below 20-metre to 40-metre contours that cover many coastal features such as cliffs, rocks and some sandy/rocky beaches. These areas of high scenic quality should be protected from development.

About 1.98 hectares of land covering the western part of the Nam Fung Road Woodland are zoned "Site of Special Scientific Interest" (SSSI). The Nam Fung Road Woodland SSSI is densely covered by native broad-leaved trees and rare flora and is considered as a piece of fung shui woodland in a natural environment.

About 101.73 hectares of land covering the southern part of Aberdeen Country Park are zoned "Country Park".

The approved Aberdeen & Ap Lei Chau OZP No. S/H15/33 is now available for public inspection during office hours at the Secretariat of the Board, the Planning Enquiry Counters of the Planning Department in North Point and Sha Tin, the Hong Kong District Planning Office and the Southern District Office.

Copies of the approved plan are available for sale at the Map Publications Centres in North Point and Yau Ma Tei. The electronic version of the plan can be viewed at the Board's website (www.info.gov.hk/tpb).

Draft Tai Po Outline Zoning Plan **approved**

The Chief Executive in Council has approved the draft Tai Po Outline Zoning Plan (OZP).

"The approved OZP provides a statutory land use planning framework to guide development and redevelopment within the Tai Po area," a spokesman for the Town Planning Board (the Board) said today (August 31).

The planning scheme area, covering about 2 438 hectares of land, is encircled on three sides by the mountain ranges of Pat Sin Leng, Cloudy Hill, Tai Mo Shan and Grassy Hill. To the east, the coastline of Tolo Harbour forms its natural boundary. The Area can be broadly divided into three physical areas, namely Tai Po Hui and its adjacent reclamation; the valley floors and lower hillslopes to the north and south; and the steep upper hillslopes in the peripheral areas.

About 108.48 hectares, 35.52 hectares, 141.04 hectares and 0.73 hectare of land are zoned "Residential (Group A)", "Residential (Group B)", "Residential (Group C)" and "Residential (Group D)" respectively for private and public housing developments at various development densities.

A site of about 18.37 hectares at Fung Yuen is zoned "Comprehensive Development Area (1)" for comprehensive development/redevelopment for low-density residential and agricultural uses with the provision of open spaces and other supporting facilities.

To reflect existing recognised and other villages, and to provide land considered suitable for village expansion and reprovisioning of village houses affected by government projects, some 150.35 hectares of land are zoned "Village Type Development".

About 172.12 hectares of land are zoned "Government, Institution or Community" primarily for the provision of government, institution or community facilities serving the needs of the local residents and/or a wider district, region or the territory. Some 65.77 hectares of land are zoned "Open Space" primarily for the provision of outdoor open-air public space for active and/or passive recreational uses serving the needs of local residents as well as the general public, and some 3.75 hectares of land at Tai Po Kau are zoned "Recreation Priority Area" for eco-tourism related recreational developments for the use of general public.

About 188.74 hectares of land are zoned "Other Specified Uses" for specific uses which mainly include railway stations and railway track, business, golf course, industrial estate, and historical building and site, etc.

About 43.50 hectares of land covering Fung Yuen Valley and the Tai Po Egrettry are zoned "Site of Special Scientific Interest" to conserve and protect the features of special scientific interest. Another 75.49 hectares of land including the Tolo Pond Mangrove, the Pai Mun Shan Area, the Tai Po Kau Headland and its adjacent inter tidal ponds are zoned "Conservation Area" to protect and retain the existing natural landscape, ecological or topographic features. About 5.73 hectares of land within Tai Mo Shan Country Park are zoned "Country Park" and development control is carried out under

the Country Parks Ordinance.

About 1 262.54 hectares of land covering mainly steep hillsides in the peripheral areas are zoned "Green Belt" primarily for defining the limits of urban and sub-urban development areas by natural features and to contain urban sprawl as well as to provide passive recreational outlets.

The approved Tai Po OZP No. S/TP/28 is now available for public inspection during office hours at the Secretariat of the Board; the Planning Enquiry Counters of the Planning Department in North Point and Sha Tin; the Sha Tin, Tai Po and North District Planning Office; the Tai Po District Office; and the Tai Po Rural Committee.

Copies of the approved OZP are available for sale at the Map Publications Centres in North Point and Yau Ma Tei. The electronic version of the plan can be viewed at the Board's website (www.info.gov.hk/tpb).

Effective Exchange Rate Index

The effective exchange rate index for the Hong Kong dollar on Friday, August 31, 2018 is 104 (same as yesterday's index).

Temporary closure of Tai Po Waterfront Park's Insect House

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (August 31) that the Insect House in Tai Po Waterfront Park will be temporarily closed from September 1 to 14 for repair works.

InvestHK encourages Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region enterprises to "go

global" via Hong Kong and the Belt and Road Initiative (with photo)

Invest Hong Kong (InvestHK) today (August 31) hosted a seminar at the sixth China-Eurasia Expo in Urumqi, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, to update the local business community on Hong Kong's unique business advantages in the context of the national Belt and Road Initiative and Hong Kong's ability to expand their business globally.

The seminar, entitled "Belt and Road, Together We Grow", was the first such organised by InvestHK in the Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region and was supported by the Office of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the People's Republic of China in Beijing (Beijing Office).

The Director-General of Investment Promotion, Mr Stephen Phillips, and the Vice-Governor of Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, Mr Hadeerbieke Hamuzha, delivered welcome remarks at the event.

Mr Phillips said, "Hong Kong has long played an active role in facilitating trade and investment between Mainland China and the rest of the world and in recent years, Mainland enterprises' ambition to 'go global'. Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region is strategically located at the heartland of Eurasia and has been designated as a core area of the Belt and Road Initiative. It is a key transport and logistics hub, centre of commerce and regional financial centre for servicing trading with central Asia and beyond. I see many opportunities for collaboration. Xinjiang companies can leverage the dynamic business environment provided by Hong Kong, which will help Xinjiang companies better embrace new opportunities aligned with the Belt and Road Initiative.

"Xinjiang enterprises can leverage Hong Kong's world-class financial and professional services to structure and finance projects and merger and acquisition deals, and access the very best accounting and tax, legal, construction engineering design, management and project planning services, as well as manpower training and much more. All these are underpinned by Hong Kong's world-class common law system, which also makes Hong Kong a very suitable location for dispute resolution. What is more, the international outlook of Hong Kong, as the melting pot of the region, can also help Xinjiang enterprises and business communities from Belt and Road countries forge successful partnerships. In the meantime, The Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area will also serve as a powerful connection point for the Belt and Road. Mainland companies should utilise the strong research and development capacity of Hong Kong and the Bay Area's advanced manufacturing. I believe this powerful combination would definitely help any Xinjiang company to upgrade its innovation capability, and in the long perspective, the result would enhance the overall development of industries in Xinjiang."

The Head of the Beijing Investment Promotion Unit of InvestHK, Mr Matt Hu, further elaborated on Hong Kong's business advantages and ways to assist Mainland enterprises to expand overseas at the seminar. Other speakers included the Vice Chairman of Professional Committee on Cultural Industries, Belt and Road General Chamber of Commerce, Mr Chan King-Cheung; the Senior Manager, M&A Tax, KPMG Advisory (China) Limited, Ms Lily Zhang; the Managing Director and Head of Northern China, Global Coverage Centre, BOCI Asia Limited, Mr Wang Yaohui; and the Manager of Issuer Services, Market Development, Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited, Mr Raymond Yang. They spoke on how to tap into Belt and Road opportunities via Hong Kong, the city's tax incentives and financing advantages, comprehensive professional financial services for Mainland enterprises to "go global", and the latest developments of Hong Kong's listing and securities market.

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