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**Proposed Public Utility Installation (Fresh Water Pumping Station) and Government Use  
(Application No. A/H5/416)**

Dear Chairman and Members,

Designing Hong Kong Limited **objects** the captioned for the following reasons:

- The proposed area is zoned as “**Open Space**”. The planning intention of this zone is 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.
- In the Chapter 4 of the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines, it is stated that the building site coverage should not exceed 5% in local open space. However, the applicant claims the site coverage could up to 37.5% in this application which does not match with the planning intention of the public open space.
- The general design for children’s playground should be confined for easier supervision by parents according to the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines. The relocation of children playground to the rooftop of the built structure causing more blind spots of the children playing area, which is averse to the safety of children.
- The existing Lockhart Road Playground is an integrated open space that different users share the same space. It is also an important basketball venue for many. The redesign of the site segregated different uses of the parks and against the ideas of creating sense of community in the public space and facilitating parental/mutual care among different age groups. Moreover, basketball players will lose an important venue for a long period of time without compensation.
- The approval of the application would set an undesirable precedent for other applications and lead to a general degradation of the quality of public open space in Hong Kong which already has a shortfall in open space facilities.

Here we submit our concerns for your consideration.

Yours,

**Designing Hong Kong Limited**