

6 December 2021 Chairman and Members Town Planning Board 15/F, North Point Government Offices 333 Java Road, North Point Hong Kong Fax: 2877 0245; Email: tpbpd@pland.gov.hk

Comments on Representations in respect of Draft Tsing Yi Outline Zoning Plan (Plan No. S/TY/31)

Dear Chairman and Members,

Designing Hong Kong **supports** the representations TPB/R/S/TY/31-89, TPB/R/S/TY/31-90, TPB/R/S/TY/31-91 and TPB/R/S/TY/31-93.

We agree with the above representations for the following reasons:

- The site does not in line with the government's "Green Belt" rezoning principle while the existing site acts greatly as a buffer to provide physical barriers to separate the oil depots and the residential area in Tsing Yi. The rezoning will cause the loss of the Green Belt and affects its existing function of the zoning.
- Departments have underestimated the ecological impacts of the rezoning. With large-scale vegetation clearance and channelisation, it will harm the existing ecosystem and habitat of Tsing Yi. The Liu To Valley is currently one of the most natural habitats on the island, we believe the adverse ecological impacts of the proposed rezoning will go beyond the site and extend to the area outside the proposed rezoning site boundary.

We have to make our point clear that there is a public consensus that the government should give priority to developing brownfield sites in the New Territories rather than overriding the public consensus on halting the development of the countryside.

We urge the Board to consider the cumulative impacts of approval of these rezoning plans. The approval of the rezoning would set an undesirable precedent for other rezonings of Green Belts.

Here we submit our comments for your consideration.

Yours, Designing Hong Kong Limited