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**Comments on Representations in respect of Draft Sham Wat and San Shek Wan Outline
Zoning Plan
(Plan No. S/I-SW/1)**

Dear Chairman and Members,

Designing Hong Kong **supports** the representations R1, R2, R4 and R6

We agree with the above representations for the following reasons:

- The Sham Wat and San Shek Wan area is connected with and mostly surrounded by the country park. From the satellite image, it is clearly that the vegetation and landscape are well-connected with the country park area. Therefore, land use with conservation purposes should be zoned near the country park to ensure human activities would not encroach and harm the environment.
- There are rich variety of landscape and habitat in the area including mangroves, natural streams, woodlands, beaches, natural coastlines, etc. These natural sceneries should be protected and prevent destruction from human activities by zoning with land use with conservation purposes.
- It had been discussed numerous times at the Town Planning Board meeting that the relevant departments are unable to ensure the validity of the forecast on Small House Development. Due to the limited vehicular access and lack of public sewerage system, the area may not have enough capacity for a large population intake. V zone should be confined to the existing village settlement to control human development and to minimize human disturbance to the nature.
- It has been observed that vegetation was removed and slopes were cut in some areas before the implementation of Development Permission Area (DPA) Plan. The Town Planning Board should not tolerate these activities and any development-related zones should not be zoned in these areas.

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We support the general planning intention to conserve the landscape and ecological value in safeguarding the natural habitat of the Mui Wo North Area. Therefore, we urge to board to review the existing planning to ensure sufficient protection is provided to the natural environment on Lantau Island.

Here we submit our comments for your consideration.

Yours,
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