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Town Planning Board
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Comments on the Section 16 Application No. A/YL-KTN/802

The Conservancy Association (CA) OBJECTS to the captioned application.

1. Not in line with the planning intention of Agriculture (AGR) zone

According to the approved Kam Tin North Outline Zoning Plan(OZP) No. S/YL-KTN/9, the planning intention of CA zone "is intended to protect and retain the existing natural landscape, ecological or topographical features of the area for conservation, educational and research purposes and to separate sensitive natural environment such as Site of Special Scientific Interest or Country Park from the adverse effects of development." However, 35.4% is proposed for "paved area" and is largely not for cultivation or farming-associated ancillary use. We do not think such plan is in line with the planning intention.

2. Undesirable precedent of "destroy first, build later"

This site has been subject to land formation and vegetation clearance (Figure 1-5). It is suspected that this is a case of "destroy first, build later".

Planning Department and members of Town Planning Board (TPB) should alert that TPB has announced approaches to deter "destroy first, build later" activities in 2011. It stated that "the Board is determined to conserve the rural and natural environment and will not tolerate any deliberate action to destroy the rural and natural environment in





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the hope that the Board would give sympathetic consideration to subsequent development on the site concerned". Therefore, this application should not be given any sympathetic consideration or it will set an undesirable precedent for similar cases in future.

Yours faithfully, Chow Oi Chuen Campaign Officer The Conservancy Association

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 $^{^1\ \} TPB\ Press\ Release.\ Available\ at:\ http://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201107/04/P201107040255.htm$

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Figure (1-5) According to aerial and street view photos (Source: Google Earth & Street view) this site (marked in red) has been subject to land formation and vegetation clearance. It is suspected that this is a case of "destroy first, build later"







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