

Draft Ha Tsuen Fringe Outline Zoning Plan approved

The Chief Executive in Council has approved the draft Ha Tsuen Fringe Outline Zoning Plan (OZP).

"The approved OZP provides a statutory land use planning framework to guide the development and redevelopment within the Ha Tsuen Fringe area," a spokesman for the Town Planning Board said today (October 26).

The planning scheme area covers about 341.15 hectares of land in the western part of the North West New Territories. It is bounded by the Hung Shui Kiu New Development Area and the Kong Sham Western Highway in the east, Lau Fau Shan and the coast of Deep Bay in the north, Tsing Shan Firing Range in the west and Yuen Tau Shan in the south and southwest.

About 17.35 hectares of land are zoned "Residential (Group D)" for improvement and upgrading of existing temporary structures in the rural area to permanent buildings.

To serve the needs of the local residents and/or a wider district, region or the territory, about 1.56 hectares of land are zoned "Government, Institution or Community" for provision of government, institution or community facilities.

About 50.35 hectares of land are zoned "Agriculture" to retain and safeguard good quality agricultural land/farms/fish ponds for agricultural purposes.

About 116.34 hectares of land are zoned "Green Belt" to define the limits of urban and suburban development areas and to provide passive recreational outlets. About 123.22 hectares of land are zoned "Conservation Area" to protect and retain the existing natural landscape, ecological or topographical features of the area.

About 30.27 hectares of land along the Deep Bay coast stretching from Sha Kong Tsuen to Ngau Hom Sha are zoned "Coastal Protection Area" to conserve, protect and retain the natural coastlines and the sensitive coastal natural environment.

The approved Ha Tsuen Fringe OZP No. S/YL-HTF/12 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 Tuen Mun and Yuen Long West District Planning Office, the Yuen Long District Office and the Ha Tsuen and Ping Shan Rural Committees.

Copies of the approved OZP are available for sale at 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).