<u>Draft So Kwun Wat Outline Zoning Plan</u> <u>approved</u>

The Chief Executive in Council has approved the draft So Kwun Wat Outline Zoning Plan (OZP).

"The approved OZP provides a statutory land use planning framework to guide the development and redevelopment within the So Kwun Wat area", a spokesperson for the Town Planning Board said today (October 13).

The planning scheme area, covering about 474 hectares, is located to the southeast of Tuen Mun New Town. It is bounded to the north and the east by the dam of the Tai Lam Chung Reservoir and Tai Lam Country Park respectively, to the south by Castle Peak Road and the coast, and to the west and southwest by Tuen Mun New Town.

The approved OZP has incorporated an amendment shown on the draft So Kwun Wat OZP No. S/TM-SKW/14, which involves the rezoning of a site at Hong Fai Road from "Government, Institution or Community" and "Green Belt" to "Government, Institution or Community(1)" with stipulation of a maximum building height of 90 metres above Principal Datum for redevelopment of the existing low-rise Junior Staff Married Quarters of the Correctional Services Department.

Opportunity is also taken to amend the Notes and Explanatory Statement of the OZP to reflect the above amendment and to update the general information of various land use zonings and the planning circumstances, where appropriate. Technical amendments are also made to the Notes, as appropriate.

The approved So Kwun Wat OZP No. S/TM-SKW/15 is available for public inspection during office hours at (i) the Secretariat of the Town Planning Board, (ii) the Planning Enquiry Counters, (iii) the Tuen Mun and Yuen Long West District Planning Office, (iv) the Tuen Mun District Office and (v) the Tuen Mun Rural Committee.

Copies of the approved OZP are available for sale at the Map Publications Centres in North Point and Yau Ma Tei. The electronic version of the OZP can be viewed on the Town Planning Board's website (www.tpb.gov.hk).