

Draft So Lo Pun Outline Zoning Plan approved

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

"The approved OZP provides a statutory land use planning framework to guide the nature and rural conservation and village type development within the So Lo Pun area," a spokesman for the Town Planning Board said today (March 26).

The planning scheme area (the Area), covering about 27.68 hectares, is encircled by Plover Cove Country Park on three sides and fronts the scenic coastline of Crooked Harbour (Kat O Hoi) to the north-east. There is no existing road network serving the Area, and it is accessible by walking trails or by boat. The Area not only offers a unique geographical setting but is also an integral part of the landscaped terrain, and comprises a diversity of natural habitats and an Ecologically Important Stream.

So Lo Pun is a rural area of rich landscape and ecological value. So Lo Pun Village is the only recognised village in the Area, which is currently largely uninhabited.

The approved OZP has incorporated amendments shown on the draft So Lo Pun OZP No. S/NE-SLP/3, which mainly involved the rezoning of two areas to the north-east and south of the village clusters at So Lo Pun from "Village Type Development" to "Agriculture". Opportunity is also taken to amend the Notes and Explanatory Statement of the OZP to reflect the above amendments and to update the general information of various land use zonings and the planning circumstances, where appropriate.

Other zonings shown on the OZP include "Green Belt" and "Conservation Area".

The approved So Lo Pun OZP No. S/NE-SLP/4 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 Sha Tin, Tai Po and North District Planning Office; the North District Office; and the Sha Tau Kok District 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 plan can be viewed at the Board's website (www.info.gov.hk/tpb).