

1. The meeting was resumed at 9:00 a.m. on 2.12.2014.
2. The following Members and the Secretary were present at the resumed meeting:

Mr Thomas T.M. Chow

Chairman

Mr Stanley Y.F. Wong

Vice-chairman

Mr Roger K.H. Luk

Professor S.C. Wong

Professor Eddie C.M. Hui

Dr W.K. Yau

Ms Bonnie J.Y. Chan

Mr H.W. Cheung

Mr Ivan C.S. Fu

Mr Sunny L.K. Ho

Mr Lincoln L.H. Huang

Mr Dominic K.K. Lam

Mr F.C. Chan

Mr Francis T.K. Ip

Mr David Y.T. Lui

Assistant Director/Regional 3, Lands Department

Mr. Edwin W.K. Chan

Chief Engineer (Works), Home Affairs Department

Mr Frankie W.P. Chou

Principal Environmental Protection Officer (Metro Assessment),
Environmental Protection Department

Mr Ken Y.K. Wong

Director of Planning

Mr K.K. Ling

Presentation and Question Sessions

[Open Meeting]

3. The Chairman said that as no representer had turned up, the meeting would be adjourned until there were representers turning up.
4. The meeting was resumed at 9:50 a.m.
5. The following representatives of the Planning Department (PlanD) and representer's representative were invited to the meeting at this point:

Ms Maggie M. Y. Chin	–	District Planning Officer/Fanling, Sheung Shui and Yuen Long East (DPO/FS&YLE), PlanD
Mr Otto K.C. Chan	–	Senior Town Planner/Fanling, Sheung Sheung 1, PlanD
Mr Kelvin C.P. Ng	–	Senior Town Planner/Fanling, Sheung Shui 2, PlanD

FLN-R14105, KTN-R13654 – Lau Lok Tin

Ms Wong Lai Ming – Representer's representative

6. The Chairman extended a welcome and said that as Ms Wong Lai Ming had attended the previous session of the meeting before, he would not explain the detailed procedures of the hearing again. He then invited Ms Wong to elaborate on her representation.
7. With the aid of eight photographs, Ms Wong Lai Ming made the following main points:
 - (a) she represented Lau Lok Tin who was a 9 year old boy and he had no idea of the planning and development of the North East New Territories (NENT) New Development Areas (NDAs). However, he could provide more direct insights than adults as he had visited some of the

areas that would be affected by the NENT NDAs development. He wondered why those village houses and farmland had to be cleared and, if so, he asked why people would have no house to reside and no healthy food to eat. She told him to go to the public library to borrow some books to find out the answer;

- (b) a picture drawn by Lau Lok Tin showing his perception of the problems associated with the NENT NDAs development was shown at the meeting. She also read out several pages of a Chinese book entitled “如果垃圾越積越多....” (“What If Rubbish Kept Piling Up More and More.....”) borrowed by Lau Lok Tin which said that people nowadays had created a lot of rubbish such as plastic bags and aluminium cans which were not degradable by micro organisms and would pollute the rivers and land;
- (c) similarly, the development of NENT NDAs would create a lot of rubbish which could not be recycled. Even though the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report had been approved with conditions, she wondered why the environmental impacts of the development were considered acceptable and what those conditions exactly were;
- (d) another picture drawn by Lau Lok Tin showing some villagers protesting to the Legislative Council was shown. He considered that the NENT NDAs development should be withdrawn and the Government should listen to the views of the public seriously. The pursuance of development without respecting the environment should be avoided; and
- (e) she urged the Board to withdraw the planning of the NENT NDAs development that since many people had opposed to the development proposals for a long time.

[Actual speaking time: 15 minutes]

8. As Ms. Wong Lai Ming had finished her presentation, the Chairman invited questions from Members.

9. In response to a Member's enquiry on whether authorization of representative could be made by a child aged 9 only, the Chairman said that there was no restriction on the age of representers. Ms. Wong Lai Ming asked if Members and government representatives had considered the environmental impacts of the NENT NDAs development on Hong Kong and the world as a whole. She further said that the approval of the EIA Report was just like a rubber stamp and she would like to know more about the conditions of approval. In response, the Chairman clarified that the meeting session was mainly to hear the views of the representers and for Members to direct enquiries to any attendee(s) of the meeting. Member had yet to deliberate on the representations and that would be done after the hearing of all the representations had been completed. As for the details of the EIA Report, the Report was available for public access at the relevant website.

10. As Members had no further questions to raise, the Chairman thanked PlanD's representatives and the representer's representative for attending the meeting. They all left the meeting at this point.

11. The meeting was adjourned at 10:08 a.m.