

Appendix II - B

Wan Chai District
Summaries of Written/Oral Representations

<i>Item No.</i>	<i>DCCAs</i>	<i>No.*</i>		<i>Representations</i>	<i>EAC's Views</i>
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1	All DCCAs	1	-	Holds reservation on the provisional recommendations on all DCCAs of the Wan Chai District.	The view is noted.
2	All DCCAs	5	1	<p>In view of the ageing and decreasing population, propose to reduce the number of seats in the Wan Chai District so as to avoid repeated re-delineation of the DCCAs resulting from the situation of having population below the statutory permissible lower limit. The representations also consider that the Government should review whether it is appropriate to maintain the existing number of elected seats in the Wan Chai DC at 13.</p> <p>One representation proposes to combine the three DCCAs: B01 (Hennessy), B02 (Oi Kwan) and B03 (Canal Road) and make them into two DCCAs. The proposed adjustments can ensure the preservation of community integrity and enhance the level of connectivity among the DCCAs.</p> <p>One representation proposes to reduce the number of elected seats in the Wan Chai DC in</p>	<p>These proposals are not accepted because in accordance with the EACO, the EAC must follow the number of elected seats stipulated for each DC under the DCO in delineating the DCCA boundaries. As these proposals made in the representations are related to the enactment of the primary legislation, which does not fall under the purview of the EAC, the EAC has referred the relevant views to the CMAB for consideration.</p> <p>In addition, in drawing up the delineation recommendations, the EAC must strictly adhere to the statutory criteria under the EACO and its working principles. The delineation should be made on the basis of the projected populations, existing DCCA boundaries and relevant local factors. The EAC will continue to adhere to the above in future delineation exercises.</p>

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				2023 and use Queen's Road East, Wan Chai Road, Johnston Road, Hennessy Road and Gloucester Road as the respective boundaries of B01 (Hennessy), B02 (Oi Kwan), B12 (Southorn) and B13 (Tai Fat Hau) so as to cater for their different developments.	
3	B01 – Hennessy B02 – Oi Kwan B03 – Canal Road B04 – Causeway Bay B07 – Tai Hang B09 – Broadwood B10 – Happy Valley B11 – Stubbs Road	206 [^]	9	<p>Object to the provisional recommendations. Reasons are summarised as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Haven Street and Caroline Hill Road are different from the commercial area in Causeway Bay. They belong to two different communities each with their own characteristics and problems. For instance, the problems faced by B07 (Tai Hang) are acquisition of old buildings and building management, whereas those faced by B04 (Causeway Bay) are light pollution and noise pollution in the commercial area. Hence, the provisional recommendations would break the community integrity of the areas concerned; with regard to the land use designated by the Town Planning Board, B04 (Causeway Bay) is a 	<p><u>Items (a) to (h)</u> Proposals of items (a), (e) and (h) are partly accepted.</p> <p>It is a statutory requirement that the EAC has to examine the existing boundaries of all DCCAs on the basis of the projected populations of individual DCCAs in the year in which the relevant election would be held, and appropriately adjust the boundaries of those DCCAs with projected populations exceeding the statutory permissible upper or lower limits with a view to ensuring that their projected populations will fall within the statutory permissible range.</p> <p>Based on the 2015 original DCCA boundary, the populations of B02 (Oi Kwan), B03 (Canal Road) and B04 (Causeway Bay) will be below the statutory permissible lower limit. Therefore, adjustments are considered necessary. As</p>

[^] Of which, 134 are template letters for B07 (Tai Hang) and 51 template letters for B04 (Causeway Bay). Besides, one representation contains 126 signatures from the public.

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				<p>commercial district, while the surrounding area of Haven Street is zoned as a “Government, Institution or Community” site, which is different from B04 (Causeway Bay);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • re-delineation will have an impact on DC members’ follow-up actions on community cases since most of these cases involve privacy and require long-term follow-up actions. The provisional recommendations would upset community ties; • despite the projected fall in the population of the Wan Chai District, the Government has already decided to keep the number of seats in the Wan Chai District at 13. Consequently, there is no excuse for a change to the DCCA boundaries on grounds of population; • Haven Street and Caroline Hill Road have all along been part of B07 (Tai Hang) and are inseparably dependent on the “St. Paul sub-area” in terms of transport, local setting and medical services; • B04 (Causeway Bay) and B07 (Tai Hang) are delineated by Leighton 	<p>in the past, in drawing up the delineation recommendations, the EAC has adopted the approach which would affect the least number of existing DCCAs or less population so as to minimise any possible inconvenience to electors due to boundary adjustments.</p> <p>The EAC notes that the representors have put forward many views on preserving the community integrity and local ties of the DCCAs concerned from different perspectives such as the daily lives of the public, provision of services by DC members and community development. However, the EAC is of the view that the arguments raised in the representations are rather parochial, subjective and not convincing. Besides, the alternatives proposed in the individual representations are impracticable in the sense that some proposals can only solve the problem of having population below the statutory lower limit in some DCCAs, and some proposals are deemed infeasible having regard to geographical factors.</p> <p>However, after prudent consideration and consolidation of the proposals made in various alternative options, the EAC accepts parts of the proposals of items (a), (e) and (h) and revises the provisional</p>

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				<p>Road. Given that the residential and community land uses for the latter, the original delineation is relatively more reasonable as it has created a more homogenous living area;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the section of Jaffe Road between Percival Street and Cannon Street forms part of the core of the hustling and bustling Causeway Bay. The buildings there share certain common features with those in the surrounding area stretching from Cannon Street to East Point Road. The provisional recommendations would upset community integrity and create greater difficulty for making plans for small communities and addressing community problems; the performance of individual DC members is appraised once every four years by the vote of the electors. Frequent re-delineation would deprive electors of the opportunity to appraise the performance of DC members; the incumbent DC members are familiar with the local affairs and residents are used to visit the offices of the existing DC members for assistance and expression of 	<p>recommendations on the following DCCAs. Details are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to transfer some of the buildings near Haven Street located within the original boundary of B07 (Tai Hang) to the adjacent B04 (Causeway Bay); (ii) to transfer some of the buildings near Leighton Road located within the original boundary of B09 (Broadwood) to the adjacent B03 (Canal Road); and (iii) to transfer some of the buildings in the west of Bowrington Road located within the original boundary of B03 (Canal Road) to the adjacent B02 (Oi Kwan). <p>After the above adjustments, the respective populations of the DCCAs concerned are:</p> <p>B02: 12 509, -24.64% B03: 12 512, -24.62% B04: 12 972, -21.85% B07: 13 701, -17.46% B09: 13 755, -17.13%</p> <p>Compared with the previous provisional recommendations, the total number of DCCAs to be affected under the above revised recommendations will increase by one, i.e. B09</p>

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				<p>views; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> under the provisional recommendations, the boundaries of the DCCAs concerned are not tidy. 	<p>(Broadwood). However, as for the number of people to be affected, it will decrease by 1 299 from 4 326 to 3 027. The change is in line with the established working principles of the EAC.</p>
				(a) One representation suggests that the buildings in the west of Cannon Street and in the north of Jaffe Road in B04 (Causeway Bay) should be retained, and only the buildings in the surrounding area of Haven Street (excluding the surrounding area of Caroline Hill Road) be transferred to B04 (Causeway Bay).	
				(b) One representation suggests that part of the population in B09 (Broadwood) or B10 (Happy Valley) be transferred to B02 (Oi Kwan), B03 (Canal Road) and B04 (Causeway Bay).	
				(c) One representation suggests that part of the population in B09 (Broadwood) be transferred to B02 (Oi Kwan) and B03 (Canal Road).	
				(d) One representation proposes to transfer part of the population from the more populated B09 (Broadwood) and B11 (Stubbs Road) to B04 (Causeway Bay).	

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				<p>(e) One representation agrees with the provisional recommendations to transfer the population in the west of Bowrington Road to B02 (Oi Kwan) because the population of B01 (Hennessy), an adjacent DCCA of B02 (Oi Kwan), is also insufficient. As for B11 (Stubbs Road), it would be even more difficult to change its boundary. On the other hand, the representation considers that the EAC should not change the DCCA boundaries of B04 (Causeway Bay) and B07 (Tai Hang). Regarding the problem of shortfall of population in B03 (Canal Road), it should be addressed by transferring part of the population from B09 (Broadwood) as it has a larger population figure. As such, the representation proposes that the buildings in the surrounding area stretching from the south of Leighton Road to the east of Wong Nai Chung Road in B09 (Broadwood) i.e. the surrounding area from Po Leung Kuk to the tramway at the Leighton Hill Community Hall, including Leigyinn Building, Lai Chi Building, Leishun Court, Starlight House and Lunar Building, etc., be transferred to B03 (Canal</p>	

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				<p>Road). Compared with those in B09 (Broadwood), these buildings have a closer connection with the community in the surrounding area of Leighton Centre and other facilities in B03 (Canal Road). The EAC may decide how many people should be transferred from B09 (Broadwood) to B03 (Canal Road) after taking into account the population figures.</p>	
				<p>(f) One representation does not object to the re-delineation of B02 (Oi Kwan). However, it proposes to transfer The Leighton Hill of B09 (Broadwood) to B04 (Causeway Bay) so as to avoid making changes to B07 (Tai Hang).</p>	
				<p>(g) One representation proposes to decrease the population of B09 (Broadwood) and to increase that of B02 (Oi Kwan).</p>	
				<p>(h) One representation proposes to make the following proposals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> to retain the buildings in the west of Cannon Street and the north of Jaffe Road in B04 (Causeway Bay); 	

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to transfer the buildings in the east of Percival Street and Leighton Road from B03 (Canal Road) to B04 (Causeway Bay); • to transfer the buildings in the east of Fleming Road and the south of Lockhart Road from B01 (Hennessy) to B02 (Oi Kwan); and • to allow the population of B03 (Canal Road) to be below the statutory permissible lower limit. Based on the fact that the population of the Wan Chai District is very low but the number of elected seats in the Wan Chai DC has remained unchanged, it is difficult to have reasonable re-delineation of the boundaries. If the above proposal is not accepted, proposes to transfer some buildings at the northern foothills of Leighton Hill or the entire Leighton Hill from B09 (Broadwood) to B03 (Canal Road). If the resultant population of B09 (Broadwood) will be below the statutory permissible lower limit, then proposes to transfer some buildings along Blue Pool Road in B11 	

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				(Stubbs Road) to B09 (Broadwood).	
4	B01 – Hennessy B11 – Stubbs Road B12 - Southorn	1	-	Considers that the boundaries of B01 (Hennessy) and B12 (Southorn) are very unreasonable because they are long and thin in shape. They also cut across different landscapes and communities and put different communities together. Proposes to re-delineate the boundaries of B01 (Hennessy) and B12 (Southorn) and divide them into southern and northern parts instead of the current eastern and western parts. In addition, proposes that part of the Peak Road in B12 (Southorn) be transferred to B11 (Stubbs Road).	This proposal is not accepted because the populations of B01 (Hennessy), B11 (Stubbs Road) and B12 (Southorn) will fall within the statutory permissible range. According to the established working principles, adjustments to their existing boundaries are not required.
5	B02 – Oi Kwan B03 – Canal Road B04 – Causeway Bay B07 – Tai Hang	-	1	Supports the provisional recommendations.	The supporting view is noted.
6	B02 – Oi Kwan B03 – Canal Road	1	3	Query the accuracy of the current population projections compiled by the Working Group on Population Distribution Projections.	<u>Items (a) and (b)</u> The projected population figures as at 30 June 2019 are used for the delineation exercise for the 2019 DC Ordinary Election. As in the

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	B04 – Causeway Bay B07 – Tai Hang			<p>(a) One representation suggests that the EAC should make public the population projection figures to facilitate the making of comments by the public.</p> <p>(b) One representation proposes to use the results of the 2021 Population Census for the delineation exercise for the 2023 DC Ordinary Election.</p>	<p>past, the projected population figures are provided by the AHSG, set up specially for the purpose of the delineation exercise under the Working Group on Population Distribution Projection in the PlanD. The current population distribution projections are derived by using scientific and systematic methodology based on the results of the 2016 population by-census carried out by the C&SD as well as the up-to-date official data kept by the relevant government departments. Members of the AHSG are all professional departments which all along have been responsible for territory-wide population census and projections on population distribution. They possess the most up-to-date information on the population and land and housing development, and the data are highly-accepted generally. The EAC has all along relied on the statistical figures provided by the AHSG, which are the only data available for the delineation exercise.</p> <p>As regards the relevant population figures, the EAC will examine whether it is appropriate to show the projected populations of individual DCCAs before adjustments to their boundaries in the consultation document</p>

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					of the provisional recommendations for public information in the next DC delineation exercise.
				(c) One representation suggests that the population quota should be calculated as the basis of the actual situation of each individual administrative district. For example, the population quota of the Wan Chai District should be calculated by dividing the total population of the Wan Chai District by 13 DCCAs, instead of dividing the total population of Hong Kong by 18 administrative districts.	<u>Item (c)</u> The EAC must follow the statutory criteria under the EACO in drawing up the delineation recommendations. As stipulated in the legislation, population quota means the total population of Hong Kong divided by the total number of elected members to be returned in the DC ordinary election, but not in an individual administrative district.