

Appendix II - N

North District
Summaries of Written/Oral Representations

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1	All DCCAs	1	-	Has no adverse comments on the provisional recommendations on all DCCAs of the North District.	The view is noted.
2	All DCCAs	1	-	(a) Supports the provisional recommendations on N03 (Cheung Wah), N04 (Wah Do), N05 (Wah Ming), N06 (Yan Shing), N07 (Fanling South), N08 (Shing Fuk), N09 (Ching Ho), N16 (Sha Ta) and N18 (Queen's Hill) as they have taken into account the community integrity and population distribution, which are more feasible.	<u>Item (a)</u> The supporting view is noted.
				(b) Holds reservation on the provisional recommendations on N01 (Luen Wo Hui), N02 (Fanling Town), N14 (Tin Ping West) and N17 (Tin Ping East). Although the provisional recommendations are in line with the statutory criteria on population, they do not reduce the population difference among the DCCAs. To even out the populations of the DCCAs concerned, it proposes to	<u>Item (b)</u> The view is noted. In drawing up the provisional recommendations, the EAC has strictly adhered to the statutory criteria under the EACO and its working principles. The recommendations were 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.

* W: Number of written representations.

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				form a separate DCCA in 2023 only comprising Tin Ping Estate, while the remaining parts of N14 (Tin Ping West) and N17 (Tin Ping East) together with the housing estates in N01 (Luen Wo Hui) to form another DCCA and be renamed as “Fanling North”.	
				<p>(c) Objects to the provisional recommendations on N10 (Yu Tai), N11 (Sheung Shui Rural), N12 (Choi Yuen), N13 (Shek Wu Hui) and N15 (Fung Tsui). Although they are in line with the statutory criteria on population, the undesirable situation of having DCCAs spanning the north and south of the East Rail Line persists. The following adjustments are proposed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • transfers the area in the east of Fan Kam Road from N11 (Sheung Shui Rural) to N10 (Yu Tai) because the areas around Ying Pun and Lin Tong Mei rely on Fan Kam Road as the access; and • transfers Tsung Pak Long (and Tai Tau Leng) from N11 (Sheung Shui Rural) to N12 (Choi Yuen), and maintains the 2015 original DCCA boundaries of N13 (Shek 	<p><u>Item (c)</u> This proposal is not accepted. The EAC agrees that the proposal made in the representation will make the population of N11 (Sheung Shui Rural) fall within the statutory permissible range. However, after balancing the relevant factors, the EAC considers that the provisional recommendations are more desirable than the proposal made in the representation because:</p> <p>(i) the proposal made in the representation will split Ying Pun, an Existing Village, into N10 (Yu Tai) and N11 (Sheung Shui Rural), which will break the traditional community ties of the village;</p> <p>(ii) based on the 2015 original DCCA boundaries, the population of N15 (Fung Tsui) (15 997) will be below the population quota (-3.63%) and that of</p>

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				Wu Hui) and N15 (Fung Tsui) so as to reflect the fact that the residents of Tsung Pak Long use the community facilities of Choi Yuen Estate and to reduce the population difference between N12 (Choi Yuen) and other DCCAs.	<p>N12 (Choi Yuen) (17 222) will exceed the population quota (+3.75%). Therefore, it is more desirable to transfer Tsung Pak Long and Tai Tau Leng to N15 (Fung Tsui) to reduce the population deviation of N11 (Sheung Shui Rural) from the population quota; and</p> <p>(iii) there is no sufficient objective information and justification to prove that the proposal made in the representation is obviously better than the provisional recommendations in terms of preserving local ties, geographical factors and transport.</p>
3	<p>N01 – Luen Wo Hui</p> <p>N02 – Fanling Town</p> <p>N03 – Cheung Wah</p> <p>N07 – Fanling South</p> <p>N10 – Yu Tai</p> <p>N11 –</p>	1	-	<p>Considers that the provisional recommendations only make minor changes, which would affect community integrity and make the boundaries of the DCCAs even more criss-crossing. They are also of little help in narrowing down the population difference among the DCCAs. It proposes to make adjustments to the DCCAs concerned on a holistic basis. Details are as follows:</p> <p><u>N01 (Luen Wo Hui)</u> transfers Wing Fok Centre, Wing Fai Centre, Regentville and Grand Regentville to N17 (Tin Ping East), and absorbs</p>	<p>This proposal is not accepted because the number of affected DCCAs under such proposal will be five more than that in the provisional recommendations. The affected population under the proposal will be larger, too.</p>

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	Sheung Shui Rural			Fanling Wai and other villages in N02 (Fanling Town).	
	N13 – Shek Wu Hui			<u>N02 (Fanling Town)</u> comprises Fanling Town Centre, Fanling Centre, Avon Park and Dawning Views.	
	N14 – Tin Ping West			<u>N07 (Fanling South)</u> comprises the Residential (Group B) development at Kat Cheung Crescent, government quarters at Po Wing Road, Tai Ping Estate and Yuk Po Court. The name of the DCCA is to be discussed.	
	N15 – Fung Tsui				
	N17 – Tin Ping East			<u>N10 (Yu Tai)</u> transfers Tai Ping Estate to N07 (Fanling South), and absorbs the land for Residential (Group C) development and village-type development at Kai Leng in the south of Pak Wo Road in N07 (Fanling South), as well as the villages in Kwu Tung South located in the southern part of N11 (Sheung Shui Rural) where the residents use Fan Kam Road as their main access instead of by way of the centre of Kwu Tung in the north.	
	N18 – Queen's Hill			<u>N14 (Tin Ping West)</u> comprises Tin Ping Estate and On Shing Court as the total population of these two housing estates has fallen to the level of a DCCA, and be renamed as "Tin Ping".	

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				<p><u>N15 (Fung Tsui)</u> absorbs the areas in the south of River Indus, and the north of Ma Sik Road and Tin Ping Road located in N14 (Tin Ping West) and N17 (Tin Ping East) because these areas and Tin Ping Shan Tsuen in N15 (Fung Tsui) are in the Fanling North Development Area. If N15 (Fung Tsui) cannot completely absorb the above areas due to excessive population, the EAC may consider letting part of the areas be absorbed by N01 (Luen Wo Hui) or N18 (Queen's Hill).</p> <p><u>N17 (Tin Ping East)</u> comprises Wing Fok Centre, Wing Fai Centre, Regentville, Grand Regentville, Belair Monte and Green Code and be renamed as "Luen Wo North".</p>	
4	N05 – Wah Ming N06 – Yan Shing	-	1	Proposes to transfer Fai Ming Estate, which will be ready for occupation in 2019, from N06 (Yan Shing) to N05 (Wah Ming).	This proposal is not accepted because the populations of N05 (Wah Ming) and N06 (Yan Shing) will fall within the statutory permissible range. According to the established working principles, adjustments to their existing boundaries are not required.
5	N06 – Yan Shing N10 – Yu Tai N11 – Sheung	1	-	Agrees with the provisional recommendations on N10 (Yu Tai), N11 (Sheung Shui Rural), N13 (Shek Wu Hui) and N15 (Fung Tsui). However, in the long run, as the populations of the above DCCAs and N06 (Yan Shing) are expected to exceed 18 500, the EAC should	The supporting view is noted. 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,

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	Shui Rural N13 – Shek Wu Hui N15 – Fung Tsui			consider re-delineating the DCCAs concerned or creating an additional DCCA.	existing DCCA boundaries and relevant local factors. The EAC will continue to adhere to the above in future delineation exercises.
6	N10 – Yu Tai N15 – Fung Tsui	1	-	Proposes to transfer Golf Parkview from N10 (Yu Tai) to N15 (Fung Tsui) because it is farther away from Cheung Lung Wai Estate in N10 (Yu Tai) than from Tsung Pak Long in N15 (Fung Tsui).	This proposal is not accepted because the populations of N10 (Yu Tai) and N15 (Fung Tsui) will fall within the statutory permissible range. According to the established working principles, adjustments to their existing boundaries are not required. Based on the 2015 original DCCA boundary, the population of N11 (Sheung Shui Rural) (24 075) will substantially exceed the statutory permissible upper limit (+45.04%), adjustments to the boundaries of N10 (Yu Tai) and N15 (Fung Tsui) are therefore proposed under the provisional recommendations so as to absorb part of the population of N11 (Sheung Shui Rural).
7	N11 – Sheung Shui Rural N15 – Fung Tsui	2	-	Object to the provisional recommendations on N11 (Sheung Shui Rural). Reasons are summarised as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tai Tau Leng and Tsung Pak Long have close ties with other villages in N11 (Sheung Shui Rural). The 	These representations are not accepted because if the DCCA boundary of N11 (Sheung Shui Rural) remains unchanged, the population of the DCCA (24 075) will substantially exceed the statutory permissible upper limit (+45.04%).

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				<p>proposed transfer of these two villages to N15 (Fung Tsui) will break the ties among the villages; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the proposed adjustment to the DCCA boundary of N11 (Sheung Shui Rural) will undermine the integrity and cohesion of the Sheung Shui rural community. 	
8	<p>N11 – Sheung Shui Rural</p> <p>N14 – Tin Ping West</p> <p>N15 – Fung Tsui</p> <p>N17 – Tin Ping East</p>	2	-	<p>(a) Propose to transfer Tsui Lai Garden from N15 (Fung Tsui) to N14 (Tin Ping West). Reasons are summarised as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> since the 1999 DC Election, Tsui Lai Garden has been grouped with a number of villages to form the DCCA “Fung Tsui”. Being a high-density development and a government-subsidised sale property, there are quite a lot of incompatibilities in terms of community characteristics, community nature, lifestyle, and culture and customs between Tsui Lai Garden and the villages in the DCCA. Residents of Tsui Lai Garden and those living in the villages in the DCCA do not rely on the community and transport facilities of the other, 	<p><u>Items (a) and (b)</u></p> <p>These proposals are not accepted because:</p> <p>(i) the populations of N14 (Tin Ping West) and N15 (Fung Tsui) will fall within the statutory permissible range. According to the established working principles, adjustments to their existing boundaries are not required. Based on the 2015 original DCCA boundary, the population of N11 (Sheung Shui Rural) (24 075) will substantially exceed the statutory permissible upper limit (+45.04%), adjustment to the boundary of N15 (Fung Tsui) is therefore proposed under the provisional recommendations so as to absorb part of the population of N11 (Sheung Shui Rural);</p>

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				<p>therefore, each side has its own requests and issues of concern. The provisional recommendations on transferring Tai Tau Leng and Tsung Pak Long to N15 (Fung Tsui) will worsen the situation;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • since N15 (Fung Tsui) is mainly composed of residents from villages and its elected DC member is also from the villages, the DC member only focuses on local affairs pertaining to the rural areas and the requests of residents of Tsui Lai Garden are overlooked; • Tsui Lai Garden and Tin Ping Estate in N14 (Tin Ping West) are both public housing projects. The two communities are of the same nature and the residents have similar interests and concerns in community issues. Moreover, the community ties between Tsui Lai Garden and N14 (Tin Ping West) are close as residents of the former frequently use the community facilities in N14 (Tin Ping West) while residents of Woodland Crest in N14 (Tin Ping West) often go 	<p>(ii) the delineation recommendations must be based on the population distribution and relevant local factors. It is inevitable that a DCCA is composed of more than one community; and</p> <p>(iii) arrangements on district administration matters or community services provided by DC members are not the factors of consideration in delineating DCCAs.</p>

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				<p>shopping in the nearby Tsui Lai Garden Shopping Arcade. Also, with regard to transport planning, residents of Tsui Lai Garden and Tin Ping Estate use the same group of bus routes when travelling within and out of the North District; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the populations of the two DCCAs will still fall within the statutory permissible range after transferring Tsui Lai Garden from N15 (Fung Tsui) to N14 (Tin Ping West). 	
				<p>(b) In order to reflect the composition of the DCCAs concerned after the above adjustments, one of the representations proposes to rename N15 (Fung Tsui) and N11 (Sheung Shui Rural) as “Sheung Shui Rural East” and “Sheung Shui Rural West” respectively. It also proposes to rename N14 (Tin Ping West) and N17 (Tin Ping East) as “Ping Tsui” and “Luen Ping” of which the former represents Tin Ping Estate and Tsui Lai Garden within the DCCA and the latter represents Tin Ping Estate as well as Belair Monte and Green Code situated in Luen Wo Hui.</p>	

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9	N11 – Sheung Shui Rural N16 – Sha Ta	1	-	<p>(a) Proposes to amend the boundaries of the DCCAs concerned in accordance with the jurisdiction of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (“HKSAR”) after the 2019 DC Ordinary Election. As a result of the training of the Shenzhen River, some pieces of the land in the DCCAs concerned are no longer under the jurisdiction of the HKSAR, and a few pieces of the land under the HKSAR’s jurisdiction have not yet been included within the boundaries of the DCCAs concerned.</p> <p>(b) Proposes to include Lok Ma Chau Loop in N11 (Sheung Shui Rural) or M36 (San Tin) of the Yuen Long District because it is under the jurisdiction of HKSAR but not yet included in any DCCA or geographical constituency of the LegCo. This area will be developed into a high-tech and innovation hub, which is highly related to surrounding communities and districts.</p>	<p><u>Items (a) and (b)</u> The proposal made in the representation involves modification of the boundary of the HKSAR and alteration of administrative district boundaries, which do not fall under the purview of the EAC. The EAC has referred these views to the Government for consideration.</p>

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10	N16 – Sha Ta	1	-	Proposes to split Sha Tau Kok and Ta Kwu Ling into two DCCAs because the North District is composed of four districts, namely, Sheung Shui, Fanling, Sha Tau Kok and Ta Kwu Ling. It is unfair to the residents by placing Sha Tau Kok and Ta Kwu Ling under one DCCA and it is unreasonable to delineate DCCAs based on population.	In accordance with the EACO, the EAC must follow the number of elected seats stipulated for each DC under the DCO and the population distribution in delineating the DCCA boundaries. The population of N16 (Sha Ta) is only 17 305, which is insufficient to form two separate DCCAs having populations within the statutory permissible range. Moreover, under the proposal made in the representation, splitting Sha Tau Kok and Ta Kwu Ling into two DCCAs will result in the number of DCCAs in the North District exceeding its total number of elected seats, which does not comply with the requirement under the above Ordinance. As this proposal made in the representation is related to the enactment of the primary legislation, which does not fall under the purview of the EAC, the EAC has referred the relevant view to the CMAB for consideration.