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Dear Dr. CHIU,

HKIA's Comments on the First Phase Development of the New Territories North - San Tin /Lok Ma **Chau Development Node Environmental Impact Assessment Report**

The Hong Kong Institute of Architects (HKIA) has carefully reviewed the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report of the First Phase Development of the New Territories North – San Tin /Lok Ma Chau Development Node and would like to share our observations and recommendations.

HKIA would like to commend the Development Bureau for the comprehensive and detailed planning effort put into the project. The proposed development presents exciting opportunities for the sustainable growth and enhancement of the New Territories North region. We appreciate the emphasis on creating a well-connected, vibrant, and environmentally responsible node that will contribute to the overall development of Hong Kong.

Overall, HKIA is supportive of the First Phase Development of the New Territories North - San Tin / Lok Ma Chau Development Node and recognizes its potential to contribute to the sustainable growth of Hong Kong. We hope that our views and recommendations will be taken into consideration for further refinement of the project.

HKIA would greatly appreciate the opportunity to discuss these matters further with you and your team. Our suggestions are attached in the Appendix below for your consideration. Due to the short timeframe of the consultation period, our Institute requires more time to conduct a more in-depth study, our supplementary response shall be provided shortly.

We look forward to the opportunity to contribute further to the development process and offer our expertise in creating a successful and sustainable future for Hong Kong. Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact HKIA Secretariat Mr. Nick KONG at 3155 0407 and nickkong@hkia.org.hk.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours Sincerely,

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