

Teaching Topic
Urban planning in Hong Kong:
Development of country park enclaves in Tai Long Sai Wan

Relevant concepts / terms

- Sustainable development (Web-based Resource Platform for Liberal Studies → Resources → Relevant Concepts → NSS LS)
- Sustainable urbanisation (Web-based Resource Platform for Liberal Studies → Resources → Relevant Concepts → NSS LS)
- Quality of life (Web-based Resource Platform for Liberal Studies → Resources → Relevant Concepts → NSS LS)
- Land use planning (http://www.wordiq.com/definition/Land_use_planning)

Suggested questions for enquiry

- Why did the green groups lodge a complaint regarding proposed village development plans at the country park enclaves in Tai Long Sai Wan?
- What are the importance and values of Tai Long Sai Wan country parks?
- What factors should be considered in formulating land use strategies?
- Do you agree that the government should develop the country parks to solve the housing problems?
- In view of the growing need for housing, what options should the government explore besides developing the country parks?
- If the country park development is to be carried out, what can the government do to minimize the impacts on the environment?

Suggested examples for enquiry provided by *Resource Package*

(*Resource Package* P.34-35)

- **Priorities in measuring the quality of life and impact** : Teachers may consider using specific cases or examples (such as the “North East New Territories New Development Areas Planning” or the building of an artificial beach at Lung Mei, Tai Po proposed by the government) to allow students to explore the attitudes and opinions of different stakeholders in these cases so as to assess their priorities with respect to different aspects of quality of life.

- **Actions in the pursuit of quality of life:** Regarding the environment, environmental groups think that an overwhelming number of walled buildings in urban areas have blocked the sunlight and weakened air ventilation, thereby affecting the health of residents. Teachers may use this example to explore with students how buildings and urban development planning affect the quality of life of Hong Kong residents, and what actions residents can take to express their opinions and demands.

Relevant news/ cases/ data/ commentaries/ pictures (Directly relevant or closely relevant topics)

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Teaching packages (Directly relevant or closely relevant topics)

- Planning for a Sustainable City - Teaching Kit: Teacher's Handbook (Web-based Resource Platform for Liberal Studies → L & T Resources → Teaching Packages)

Learning and teaching materials published by the EDB (Directly relevant or closely relevant topics)

- *Issues of Science, Technology and the Environment in Perspective*, pp83-101.

Assessment items (Directly relevant or closely relevant topics)

- North East New Territories New Development Areas (ED37)
- The Environmental Impact Assessment Reports on the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Project (ED06)
- Housing problems facing young people (ED43)
- Lung Mei Man-made Bathing Beach (EE36)

Relevant or comparable examples for enquiry

- To ensure the native species can flourish in their natural habitat in, Hong Kong may learn from Africa's experience by adopting an adaptive management approach to protect the natural resources in the rural parts of Hong Kong. ["How do Hong Kong's Country Parks compare to world's best?" 2011, November 16) Retrieved from <http://www.cleanbiz.asia/blogs/how-do-hong-kong%E2%80%99s-country-parks-compare-world%E2%80%99s-best>]
- The Town Planning Board has announced the publication of the draft Hoi Ha Outline Zoning Plan and the environments also held opposing views towards the proposal. ["Hoi Ha Wan marine park is under direct threat".

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