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### **"Hong Kong 2030+: Towards a Planning Vision and Strategy Transcending 2030"**

Hong Kong is home to many wild animals and development outside the traditional urban areas is putting pressure on their natural habitats. In addition more people in Hong Kong wish to keep an animal as a companion and pet ownership in Hong Kong is increasing however much of Hong Kong's housing and infrastructure is out of step with such aspirations.

In light of the above the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Hong Kong) would like to make the following recommendations with regards to developing a planning vision and strategy for Hong Kong.

#### **Recommendations:**

**Environmental protection and wild life conservation (biodiversity) should be a core consideration.**

**Hong Kong's Country Parks and Special Areas and Sites of Scientific Interest need to be protected as do other green areas that provide natural open space and are important habitats for wild animals.**

**Animal welfare needs to be considered - animal friendliness should be included in planning, design and implementation.**

For instance:

- Wild animal habitats should not be fragmented
- Barriers to natural wild animal movements should be avoided



- Fencing and drainage channels etc. that could be hazardous for animals should be designed to minimise risks to animals
- Public open space should be increased, well-designed, conveniently located and be accessible to pet owners
- Public (and other) housing should be designed and managed to be animal owner and animal friendly
- Walkability and pedestrian connectivity is to be encouraged and pet owners should also be able to freely access all pedestrian routes
- Public transport should also cater for the needs of pet owners
- Sufficient land needs to be provided to support conservation, bio-diversity and animal welfare activities (including dedicated facilities) to meet the needs of both the NGOs and the Government working in these fields.

**Legislative barriers or policy positions that could hinder implementing the above recommendations should be reviewed and removed.**

We would be delighted to meet with representatives from the Planning Department and the Development Bureau to discuss and expand on the above recommendations. Should you have any enquiries in relation to this submission or to arrange a follow-up meeting please do not hesitate to contact us on 2232563 or by email c/o: [fiona.woodhouse@spca.org.hk](mailto:fiona.woodhouse@spca.org.hk).

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