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Dear Sir/ Madam,

Ecological Vandalism in Yuen Tun Ha, Tai Po

Green Power would like to report a recent vandalism case found in Yuen Tun Ha, Tai Po, which involved about 500 square metres of vegetation clearance. We are concerned that such a vandalism may be an unauthorized development that greatly degrades the ecological conditions and pollutes the source of drinking water in Yuen Tung Ha.

The case was spotted by Green Power's regular site visit at Yuen Tung Ha in late May, 2019. We found a piece of shrubland about 500 m² in area adjoining the footpath leading to the village had been cleared. All trees and shrubs within the area were removed. As Yuen Tun Ha is one of the recognized butterfly hotspots in Hong Kong, such vandalism has reduced the food plants for adult butterflies and their larvae and threatens their biodiversity as well as other wildlife there. In addition, the vandalized area is located within Water Services Department's water gathering ground, any unauthorized development may pollute the drinking water source.

Please refer to Appendix 1 for photos showing the vandalism at Yuen Tun Ha, and Appendix 2 for a map indicating the location of the vandalized area.



In fact, Yuen Tuen Ha was vandalised repeatedly in recent years and it is worrisome such destructive activities have already impacted the biodiversity, ecology and river water quality in that area. We urge your department to investigate the vandalism at Yuen Tun Ya and advise us whether any an unauthorized development/activity is involved. If so, please inform us what enforcement actions your department will take to stop the unauthorized development/activity and whether the site is required to be reinstated.

Should you have any inquiries or need any further information, please contact **Mr. SIN Kar Wah** at 3961 0202 or via email matthews@greenpower.org.hk .

Thank you very much for your kind attention and we look forward to your prompt reply.

Yours faithfully,

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Attachment – Appendices

Appendix 1 – Photos showing vandalism at Yuen Tun Ha, Tai Po

Appendix 2 – Location map of the vandalised site in Yuen Tun Ha

Appendix 1. Photos showing vandalism at Yuen Tun Ha, Tai Po (photos taken on 26 May 2019)



Appendix 2. Location map of the vandalized site in Yuen Tun Ha.

