

The Food and Health Bureau

29th September 2010

Dear Sirs,

Proposed Columbarium at Mong Tung Wan South Lantau

I am writing to register my objection to the proposed building of a columbarium at Mong Tung Wan on South Lantau.

The site, which has already been cleared (and encroached on government land), is completely unsuitable for a columbarium for these reasons:

- The site is contained within a country park and the private land is not designated for human remains.
- There is no land access to the site except by footpath through the country park, almost an hour's walk.
- A columbarium would attract many visitors at appropriate times of the year and there is no infrastructure, nor capacity to handle them. Even half full, there would be well in excess of 100,000 visitors on special days. The South Lantau infrastructure and specifically that of Ham Tin and the Chi Ma Wan Road would be overwhelmed. The country park area is for wildlife and recreation for living and not for disposal of the dead.
- The country park which we value enormously would be severely degraded by high volumes of pedestrian traffic.

I urge you to deny consent for this proposed development.

Yours truly,

Godfrey Rooke