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New shopping centre is unnecessary

Dear Editor,

I am a student studying in Causeway Bay, and I live in Wan Chai on Hong Kong Island. I wish to express my deep concern about a new plan for economic development and convenience of citizens. Students will have no place to relax if the plan is implemented.

Near my school, there is a park that our students go to for relaxation. Unfortunately, the government is planning to close the park and let a property developer build a new shopping centre there. The officials involved think it will have economic benefits and more tourists will come and visit this spot. However, I oppose the government's proposal as citizens will lose a green space in the neighbourhood. Do the government really for our living environment?

If the plan goes ahead, it will have a giant negative impact. Light, noise and air pollution will become more serious gradually. It will influence the sleep quality and working efficiency of the citizens in the neighbourhood. Also, the habitat of some animals will be destroyed as many trees need to be cut down. I cannot imagine what will happen if we lose the park. The air will be polluted and there will be a lot more noises, thus adversely affecting everyone in the area. We are the new generation in the society, and we need a healthy environment to grow up.

Try to think from another angle: do we really need a new shopping centre there? What we really need is a green area that people can enjoy. There are already many shopping centres in Causeway Bay. Improving the existing shopping centres is better than building a new one.

Definitely, the government's plan is ridiculous, and green development should not be ignored. In fact, green plants can give out vigour and positive energy, therefore we should advocate a green life. As responsible citizens, we need to urge the government to listen to our voice and stop the plan as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,

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