

Country Parks Ordinance, Cap 208
Buildings Ordinance section 16(1)(d)

Since the first publication of this practice note the Country Parks Authority has considerably increased the number of designated or proposed country parks and special areas to which section 10 (1) of the Ordinance applies.

2. Authorized persons (APs) and registered structural engineers (RSEs) are also reminded that section 10(1) provides that :

"After the publication of a notice by the Authority under section 9(1), no new development shall be carried out within the area of the proposed country park shown in the draft map without the prior approval of the Authority."

3. Notwithstanding any action which the Country Parks Authority may take in respect of proposals for new development of land that falls within a designated or proposed country park or special area, Buildings Ordinance section 16 (1)(d) may be invoked to reject any such proposals unless and until the prior approval of the Country Parks Authority has been obtained. Failure to comply with any conditions attached to the Country Parks Authority's approval may likewise result in the proposals being so rejected. It is therefore in the interest of all concerned that, upon application in respect of the development of a site to which the Country Parks Ordinance applies, that the Country Park Authority be consulted as soon as possible.

4. APs and RSEs should therefore familiarize the locations of all country parks and in this respect copies of plans, showing the locations and boundaries of such, may be purchased from the Agriculture and Fisheries Department.

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