

CHAPTER 4

CONSIDERATION OF REPRESENTATIONS

Section 1 : Deliberations and Observations

4.1 After the public consultation period, the EAC has thoroughly looked into each of the written and oral representations received, and considered whether to accept the proposals concerned according to the statutory provisions it based on and the working principles adopted (see Chapter 2 for details) when formulating the provisional recommendations.

4.2 During the public consultation period, the EAC received many representations, some of which supported the EAC's provisional recommendations, that is to include the Loop in the NT North (LC7) GC, and to maintain the existing boundaries of the remaining nine GCs status quo. The representations mentioned that the inclusion of the Loop in the NT North (LC7) GC would take into account that the Loop had already been included in the administrative area of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region ("HKSAR"). The recommendation could not only tie in with the development of the Loop which is being taken forward by the Government at full speed, but also conduce to coordinate and plan the community facilities such as transportation or other public services at an early stage. Also, there were views that the electors have already been familiar with the existing GCs, substantial adjustment to the boundaries may, however, easily confuse

electors on the GCs they belong to.

4.3 Besides, there were views that the provisional recommendations not only have fulfilled the statutory requirement related to population figures in each GC, but also avoid affecting the follow-up work on district's affairs being carried out by the members, and facilitate the members to raise targeted policies. There were views generally opined that the provisional recommendations would not affect the planning, development and local ties of the districts, and could maintain the stability of the community and strengthen the cohesion of residents.

4.4 The EAC also received other views. These representations alongside its observations are set out below, so that the members of the public could fully understand the considerations that the EAC have taken into account when making the final recommendations.

(A) Boundaries of GCs

4.5 Other views in the representations regarding the boundaries of the GCs are set out in the table below:

<u>GCs involved</u>	<u>Summary of representations</u>
HKI East (LC1) HKI West (LC2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Delineating as “Lantau” GC and “Islands” GC● Including Wong Chuk Hang, Bays Area, and Stanley & Shek O constituency areas of the

<u>GCs involved</u>	<u>Summary of representations</u>
	2019 DC in HKI East (LC1), and including Southorn and Tai Fat Hau constituency areas of the 2019 DC in HKI West (LC2)
HKI West (LC2) NT North West (LC8) NT South West (LC9)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Including the entire Chek Lap Kok in the same GC ● In future's delineation exercises, considering splitting Islands District, by including northern part of Lantau Island (i.e. Tung Chung New Town) in NT North West (LC8) or NT South West (LC9), and including the rest of Islands District in HKI West (LC2)
KLN East (LC3) KLN West (LC4) KLN Central (LC5)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Delineating south of the Boundary Street as "KLN" GC, and delineating two new GCs, namely "New KLN Central and West" and "New KLN East and South East"
NT South East (LC6) NT North East (LC10)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Including the vicinity of Shek Mun Station in NT South East (LC6), and including the vicinity of City One Station and Sha Tin Wai Station in NT North East (LC10) ● Including Sai Kung North constituency area of the 2019 DC in NT South East (LC6), and including Yu Yan, Kwong Hong and Kwong Yuen constituency areas of the 2019 DC in NT

<u>GCs involved</u>	<u>Summary of representations</u>
	<p>North East (LC10)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● In future's delineation exercises, considering delineating Sai Kung District and Sha Tin District as individual GCs, if there are sufficient population in the districts
<p>NT North (LC7) NT North West (LC8)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Including the south-eastern part of Yuen Long District in NT North (LC7) ● Including north-western part of Yuen Long District (including Tin Shui Wai and west of Tin Shui Wai) in NT North West (LC8) ● Including Shenzhen Bay Control Point in NT North (LC7) or NT North West (LC8) ● Including Kam Tin, Pat Heung North and Pat Heung South constituency areas of the 2019 DC in NT North (LC7) ● Having regard to the future development of the Loop, suitably adjusting the boundaries of GCs in a timely manner ● The boundary of NT North (LC7) shall match with the Northern Metropolis
<p>KLN West (LC4) NT South West (LC9)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Including Ching Lai Court in NT South West (LC9)

4.6 The EAC noted the above views which have taken into account the activity areas of the residents, transportation connectivity, infrastructure development, population distribution and regional integrity. According to the PlanD's population projection as at mid-2025, the population projection of the existing 10 GCs are all within the statutory requirement regarding "the resulting number" (see paragraph 2.8 above). Therefore, according to the EAC's working principles, the existing boundaries of GCs shall as far as possible be adopted to form the boundaries of new GCs. In fact, the EAC all along will not on its own initiative adjust the boundaries for those GCs with the projected population fallen within the statutory permissible range. At the same time, according to the EAC's past experiences in delineation exercises, members of the public have also prevalently advocated to maintain the GC boundaries status quo as far as possible.

4.7 Moreover, the LegCo GC boundaries had already been substantially re-delineated in the last LegCo general election, any further adjustment to the boundaries may easily confuse electors. The electors also need to adapt to the new changes again, which is undesirable. The EAC opined that maintaining the existing boundaries has already had regard to the community identities and local ties established in the existing GCs, and noted that there were quite a number of representations supporting the provisional recommendations. Having considered and balanced the above factors, the EAC decided to maintain the GC boundaries proposed in the provisional recommendations.

4.8 Besides, regarding the view suggesting to re-delineate Ching Lai Court, which originally belongs to KLN West (LC4) GC, to NT South West (LC9) GC, it violates the EAC's working principle of "HKI, KLN and the NT are to be treated separately as far as possible having regard to the statutory criteria under the EACO".

4.9 As regards the views related to the delineation of GC boundaries in the LegCo general election in future, the EAC will take into consideration when conducting the delineation exercise in future.

(B) Names of GCs

4.10 Other views in the representations regarding the names of the GCs are set out in the table below:

<u>GCs</u>	<u>Other views</u>
HKI East (LC1)	"HKI North East"/ "Island East"
HKI West (LC2)	"Hong Kong West and Islands"/ "HKI West and Islands"/ "HKI West and NT South"/ "Island West and Islands"/ "HKI South West and NT South"

<u>GCs</u>	<u>Other views</u>
NT South East (LC6)	“Ma On Shan and Sai Kung”
NT North (LC7)	“The Loop NT North”/ “North Town”/ “Northern Metropolis”
NT North West (LC8)	“Tuen Mun and Yuen Long Town”
NT South West (LC9)	“Tsuen Kwai Tsing”
NT North East (LC10)	“Tai Po and Sha Tin Town”

4.11 Since the first LegCo general election in 1998, the name of a GC has comprised two easily distinguishable components, i.e. the name of the area in which the GC is situated and a directional reference. The EAC is of the view that the names of GCs should first be composed of HKI, KLN and NT, and should not emphasise a particular place within the area. Also, the names should neither be clumsy nor complicated. Hence, the EAC recommended retaining the existing names of 10 GCs to avoid any changes which may confuse electors.

(C) Other Representations

4.12 The EAC also received some views which were outside the

scope of the consultation, including the criteria for delineation, the number of GCs, the boundaries of HKSAR, the voting system, and the arrangements at the polling stations, etc. Summary of the views and the EAC's responses are set out below:

Criteria for delineation

4.13 There was a representation suggesting the EAC to take the projected population figures in the GCs as the “sole” criterion in the delineation exercise. The EAC has all along followed the statutory provisions in paragraphs 2.1 to 2.4 and the working principles in paragraph 2.5 above in conducting the delineation exercise. The relevant legislations are the statutory pre-conditions for the EAC to conduct the delineation exercise, which the EAC has no authority to amend. The EAC has already referred the above view to the Government for consideration. Nevertheless, the EAC is of the view that if only one criterion or factor is taken into consideration in the delineation exercise, it may not be able to reflect the actual circumstances of relevant GCs.

Number of GCs

4.14 There was a representation suggesting substantial change of the existing number of GCs. Nevertheless, according to Annex II to the Basic Law of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China (“Basic Law”) and section 18 of the LCO, the number of

LegCo GCs is 10. As the number of GCs falls outside the EAC's purview, the relevant view has been referred to the Government for consideration.

The boundary of HKSAR

4.15 There were views suggesting that the boundary of HKSAR should be reviewed, which falls outside the EAC's purview. The relevant view has been referred to the Government for consideration.

Voting system

4.16 There was a representation suggesting to consider introducing the instant runoff system as the voting system. According to Annex II to the Basic Law and section 49 of the LCO, the "double seats and single vote" voting system is adopted in GC elections, and the voting system falls outside the EAC's purview. The relevant view has been referred to the Government for consideration.

Arrangements at the polling stations

4.17 There were representations suggesting enhancement of the arrangements at polling stations, such as setting up polling stations at more convenient locations to facilitate the elderly and people with mobility difficulties. Moreover, some views opined that more polling stations at control points where pre-registration was not required should be set up to

facilitate the electors who were in the Mainland or who had to travel to and from the Mainland on the polling day to cast their votes. The proposals above are not related to the delineation exercise, the EAC will take them into consideration when formulating the electoral arrangements with the Government later.

(D) Conclusion

4.18 In sum, the EAC must strictly adhere to the number of GCs and seats stipulated in Annex II to the Basic Law and the LCO as the statutory pre-conditions for the delineation exercise. The EAC opined that the population projection of the existing 10 GCs are all within the statutory permissible range. To avoid any unnecessary changes to the existing boundaries, the EAC considered that, except for including the Loop in NT North (LC7) GC, the existing boundaries of the remaining nine GCs should remain unchanged. Besides, the EAC also recommended retaining the existing names of 10 GCs.

Section 2 : The Final Recommendations

4.19 Having considered all the representations, the EAC examined and made the final recommendations at its meeting on 13 June 2025.

4.20 As mentioned in Section 4 of Chapter 2 above, the EAC's provisional recommendations have complied with all the statutory provisions

and the EAC's working principles. Having considered all the public representations and balanced all the relevant considerations, the EAC has decided to adopt the provisional recommendations as the final recommendations, i.e. –

- (a) include the Loop in the NT North (LC7) GC while keeping the existing boundaries of the remaining nine GCs unchanged, and
- (b) retain the existing names of the 10 GCs, i.e. HKI East, HKI West, KLN East, KLN West, KLN Central, NT South East, NT North, NT North West, NT South West and NT North East.

4.21 The final recommendations in respect of the 10 GCs, including the names, codes and projected population of the recommended GCs, and the maps showing the recommended boundaries and names of the GCs, are set out in **Volume 2** of this Report.