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The Chief Engineer - Development Plan

5th Floor, Municipal Head Office, Annex Building

Mahapalika Marg, Fort,

Mumbai-400 001

Subject: Suggestion /Objections and Request for Hearing for the Proposed Draft Development Plan for Mumbai 2014-34.

No. ChE/32596/DP/GEN/dtd 25.2.2015

Dear Sir,

We have scrutinised the proposed Draft Development Plan and we list our Suggestions Objections as stated below. We have also attached the required Documents/ Images/Photographs to complement our observations/comments/objections

1. We strongly object to the proposal of Aarey milk colony becoming a future growth node accommodating new commerce, cultural and institutional activities. (page 316 of the draft DP)
2. Even though the current land use shows Aarey to be primary activity zone a visit to the site proves that it has areas of dense forest interspersed with grasslands. Though it is a No Development Zone the Municipal corporation has been negligent in allowing state and private infrastructure, industries and slums to come up on this land. This can not be used as an excuse to promote planned growth.
3. We oppose any plans for large scale institutes, zoo, venue for sporting events or exhibitions and any other activity involving concreting of natural spaces within Aarey. Transit oriented nodes inside Aarey and express bus transit route with high density housing clusters are also not suitable for this ecologically sensitive zone.
4. Your proposals for Aarey contradict your statements regarding an Environmentally Sustainable City (page 281)
5. You have included areas like mangroves, mud flats, hills, rivers, lakes and other water bodies, private open spaces and swimming pools in your calculation of open spaces in the city. These areas are not accessible to the public and should therefore be omitted. You have also included Sanjay Gandhi National

Park which is a protected area and only a miniscule part of it is open for public use. If these areas are excluded then the per capita open space would decline steeply. In a city starved for open spaces, Aarey provide this much needed amenity.

6 As regards your concerns in Chapter 9 related to the environment of Mumbai, Aarey will go a long way in mitigating air pollution, noise pollution, flooding and extreme temperatures. To quote your draft report(page 237)

Many residents especially children in the city are adversely impacted due to poor air quality. increased morbidity due to poor environmental conditions results in decreased productivity and poor quality of life. ...Enhancing biodiversity and mitigating pollution will have a direct impact on the quality of life of all residents of the city regardless of income.

Preserving Aarey as a natural forest, with its abundance of trees and biodiversity, will go a long way in addressing most of the environmental concerns of the city

We will further supplement our issue with data at the hearing. We request you to consider our Suggestions/Objections and grant us a hearing at the earliest.

With Regards

Sincerely

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Enclosed: As above.

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