

**APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION**  
**UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE**

**APPLICATION NO. A/H18/84**  
***(1<sup>st</sup> Deferment)***

<b><u>Applicant</u></b>	The University of Hong Kong (HKU) represented by Percy Thomas Partnership (HK) Ltd.
<b><u>Site</u></b>	The Swire Institute of Marine Science (SWIMS), Faculty of Science, HKU, and Government Land along Cape d'Aguilar Road, Shek O
<b><u>Site Area</u></b>	About 8,300m <sup>2</sup> which includes the followings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Site A: about 2,506.088m<sup>2</sup></li><li>- Site F: about 917.325m<sup>2</sup></li><li>- Utility Installation Area: about 4,875m<sup>2</sup></li></ul>
<b><u>Lease</u></b>	Government Land under a Short Term Tenancy No. SHX-1383
<b><u>Plan</u></b>	Approved Tai Tam and Shek O Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/H18/10
<b><u>Zoning</u></b>	Site A: "Site of Special Scientific Interest" ("SSSI")  Site F: "Green Belt" ("GB")  Utility Installation Area: "SSSI", "GB" and "Other Specified Uses" annotated "Radio Communication Station" ("OU(Radio Communication Station)")
<b><u>Application</u></b>	Proposed 'Field Study/Education/Visitor Center' (Extension of Academic Block) for Site A, Proposed 'Residential Institution' (Extension of Residential Block) for Site F, Ancillary Utility Installation for Private Project and Associated Excavation of Land

**1. Background**

On 27.12.2018, the Town Planning Board (the Board) received an application seeking planning permission for proposed extension of Academic Block at Site A within the "SSSI" zone, proposed extension of Residential Block at Site F within the "GB" zone, ancillary utility installations within areas zoned "SSSI", "GB" and "OU(Radio Communication Station)" zones and proposed excavation of land within the "SSSI" zone, at SWIMS, Cape D'Aguilar Road, Shek O on the OZP (**Plan A-1**). The application is scheduled for consideration by the Metro Planning Committee (the Committee) of the Board at this meeting.

**2. Request for Deferment**

On 4.2.2019, the applicant's representative wrote to the Secretary of the Board requesting the Committee to defer making a decision on the application for two months in order to allow time for the applicant to get the consents from relevant telecommunication operators (**Appendix I**).

**3. Planning Department's Views**

3.1 The Planning Department has no objection to the request for deferment as the justification for deferment meets the criteria for deferment as set out in the Town Planning Board Guidelines on Deferment of Decision on Representations, Comments, Further Representations and Applications made under the Town Planning Ordinance (TPB PG-No. 33) in that the applicant needs more time to address relevant government department's comments, the deferment period is not indefinite, and the deferment would not affect the interests of other relevant parties.

3.2 Should the Committee agree to defer making a decision on the application, the application will be submitted to the Committee for consideration within two months upon receipt of further information (FI) from the applicant. If FI submitted by the applicant is not substantial and can be processed within a shorter time, the application could be submitted to an earlier meeting for the Committee's consideration. The applicant should be advised that the Committee has allowed a period of two months for preparation of FI, and no further deferment would be granted unless under very special circumstances.

**4. Decision Sought**

The Committee is invited to consider whether or not to accede to the applicant's request for deferment. If the request is not acceded to, the application will be submitted for the Committee's consideration at the next meeting.

**5. Attachments**

**Appendix I**  
**Plan A-1**

Letter of 4.2.2019 from the applicant's representative  
Location Plan

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT**  
**FEBRUARY 2019**