MPC Paper No. A/K18/332 For Consideration by the Metro Planning Committee on 5.7.2019

# <u>APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION</u> UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

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(for 1<sup>st</sup> deferment)

<u>Applicant</u>: Shang Shin Chun Tong represented by PlanPlus Consultancy

<u>Site</u> : 5 Rutland Quadrant, Kowloon Tong, Kowloon

Site Area : About 951.3m<sup>2</sup>

Lease : (a) New Kowloon Inland Lot (NKIL) No. 811 with a lease up to

30.6.2047

(b) Subject to the following salient conditions:

(i) a messuage or dwelling house;

(ii) front and range clause; and

(iii) non-offensive trades clause.

<u>Plan</u> : Approved Kowloon Tong Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/K18/21

**Zoning** : "Residential (Group C) 1" ("R(C)1")

[maximum plot ratio (PR) of 0.6 and maximum building height (BH) of 3 storeys, or the PR and BH of the existing building, whichever is

the greater]

<u>Application</u>: Proposed Religious Institution (Taoist Temple)

### 1. Background

On 10.5.2019, the applicant submitted an application to seek planning permission for 'Religious Institution (Taoist Temple)' use at the application site (the Site) (**Plan A-1**). The application is scheduled for consideration by the Metro Planning Committee (the Committee) of the Town Planning Board (the Board) on 5.7.2019.

#### 2. Request for Deferment

On 24.6.2019, the applicant's representative wrote to the Secretary of the Board and requested the Board to defer making a decision on the application for two months to allow adequate time for the preparation of further information in response to departmental comments (**Appendix I**).

## 3. Planning Department's Views

- 3.1 The Planning Department <u>has no objection</u> 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 departmental comments, the deferment period is not indefinite and the deferment would not affect the interest 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 from the applicant. If the further information 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 two months for preparation of submission of further information, and no further deferment would be granted unless under very special circumstances.

#### 4. <u>Decision Sought</u>

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 to the Committee for consideration at the next meeting.

## 5. Attachments

**Appendix I** Letter received on 24.6.2019 from the applicant's representative

Plan A-1 Location Plan

PLANNING DEPARTMENT JULY 2019