

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION
UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

APPLICATION NO. A/K5/830
(for 1st Deferment)

- Applicant** : The Association of Evangelical Free Churches of Hong Kong represented by Raymond Chan Surveyors Limited
- Site** : G/F (Portion) and 1/F, 232 Fuk Wing Street, Kowloon
- Area of Premises** : About 667.07m²
- Lease** : New Kowloon Inland Lot (NKIL) No. 435 s.E RP, s.E ss.1 RP, s.E ss.1 s.C and s.F ss.1 RP
- (a) Governed by Government Lease dated 27.10.1937
- (b) Virtually unrestricted except with “non-offensive trades” clause
- Plan** : Approved Cheung Sha Wan Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/K5/37
- Zoning** : “Residential (Group A)7” (“R(A)7”)
- [Restricted to a maximum plot ratio (PR) of 7.5 for a domestic building or 9.0 for a building that is partly domestic and partly non-domestic, and a maximum building height (BH) of 90mPD (110mPD for sites with an area of 400m² or more), or the PR/BH of the existing building, whichever is the greater.]
- Application** : Proposed Religious Institution (Church)

1. Background

On 31.12.2020, an application for proposed religious institution (church) at the application site was received by the Town Planning Board (the Board) (**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 16.2.2021, the applicant's representative wrote to the Secretary of the Board requesting the Board to defer making a decision on the application for a period of two months so as to allow time for preparation of further information to address departmental comments (**Appendix I**).

3. Planning Department's Views

3.1 The Planning Department has no objection to the request for deferment as the justifications for deferment meet 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 more time is required for the applicant to prepare further information in response to departmental 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 submission 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. 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 to the Committee for consideration at the next meeting.

5. Attachments

Appendix I	Letter of 16.2.2021 from the applicant's representative
Plan A-1	Location plan

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT
FEBRUARY 2021**