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

# <u>APPLICATION NO. A/NE-KTS/457</u> (2<sup>nd</sup> Deferment)

**Applicant** : Perfect Fellowship Limited

<u>Site</u> : 48 Ki Lun Village, Kwu Tung South, Sheung Shui, New Territories

**Site Area** :  $755 \text{ m}^2$ 

Land Status: Government Land

<u>Plan</u>: Approved Kwu Tung South Outline Zoning Plan No. S/NE-KTS/16

**Zoning** : "Green Belt" ("GB")

**Application** : Social Welfare Facility (Drug Rehabilitation Centre)

#### 1. Background

- 1.1 On 28.5.2018, the applicant submitted the application to seek planning permission for social welfare facility (drug rehabilitation centre) at the application site (**Plan A-1**).
- 1.2 On 20.7.2018, the Rural and New Town Planning Committee (the Committee) agreed to defer a decision on the application, as requested by the applicant, to allow two months' time for the applicant to prepare further information (FI) to address comments from Government departments. Upon receipt of the FI submitted by the application on 24.7.2018, the application is scheduled for consideration by the Committee on 21.9.2018.

### 2. Request for Deferment

On 14.9.2018, the applicant wrote to the Secretary of the Town Planning Board (the Board) and requested the Board to defer the consideration of the application in order to allow two months' time for the applicant to prepare further information to address comments from Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) (Appendix I).

#### 3. Planning Department's Views

- 3.1 The application has been deferred once for two months at the request of the applicant to allow more time to address departmental comments. Since the first deferment on 20.7.2018, the applicant has submitted FI on 24.7.2018 to respond to comments from CEDD. However, the applicant need more time to prepare FI to address CEDD's further comments.
- 3.2 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 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.
- 3.3 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. Since it is the second deferment of the application, the applicant should be advised that the Committee has allowed a total of four months for preparation of submission of FI, 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 of 14.9.2018 from the applicant

Plan A-1 Location Plan

PLANNING DEPARTMENT SEPTEMBER 2018