

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION
UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

APPLICATION NO. A/YL-KTN/678
(4th Deferment)

<u>Applicant</u>	: Harvest Hill (Hong Kong) Limited represented by Metro Planning and Development Company Limited
<u>Site</u>	: Lots 484 (Part), 486 (Part), 487 (Part), 488, 489 (Part), 490 and 1643 (Part) in D.D. 107, Fung Kat Heung, Yuen Long
<u>Site Area</u>	: About 3,060 m ²
<u>Lease</u>	: Block Government Lease (demised for agricultural use)
<u>Plan</u>	: Approved Kam Tin North Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/YL-KTN/9
<u>Zoning</u>	: “Agriculture” (“AGR”)
<u>Application</u>	: Proposed Temporary Shop and Services (Retail of Forklift) for a Period of 3 Years

1. Background

- 1.1 On 20.9.2019, the applicant submitted the subject application to seek planning permission to use the application site (the Site) (**Plan A-1**) for proposed temporary shop and services (retail of forklift) for a period of 3 years.
- 1.2 On 15.11.2019, 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 to address departmental comments. Subsequently, on 13.1.2020, the applicant submitted further information including parking arrangement of the proposed development to address departmental comments.
- 1.3 On 6.3.2020, the Committee agreed to defer a decision on the application, as requested by the applicant, to allow two months’ time for the applicant to address further comments from concerned departments. Subsequently, on 19.3.2020, 27.4.2020 and 4.5.2020, the applicant submitted further information including revised drainage proposal to address departmental comments.
- 1.4 On 15.5.2020, the Committee agreed to defer a decision on the application, as requested by the applicant, to allow two months’ time for the applicant to address further comments from concerned departments. Subsequently, on 16.6.2020 and

22.7.2020, the applicant submitted further information including additional information on the revised drainage proposal to address departmental comments.

- 1.5 In light of the special work arrangement for government departments due to the novel coronavirus infection, the meeting originally scheduled for 7.8.2020 for consideration of the application has been rescheduled, and the Board has agreed to defer consideration of the application. The application is now scheduled for consideration by the Committee at this meeting.

2. Request for Deferment

On 18.8.2020, the applicant's representative wrote to the Secretary of the Town Planning Board (the Board) and requested the Board to defer making a decision on the application so as to allow two months' time for preparation of further information in response to further comments of the Drainage Services Department (**Appendix I**).

3. Planning Department's Views

- 3.1 The application has been deferred three times for a total of six months at the request of the applicant to allow more time to address departmental comments. Since the last deferment on 15.5.2020, the applicant submitted additional information on the drainage proposal on 16.6.2020 and 22.7.2020 to address departmental comments. The applicant explains that more time is needed to address further departmental comments.
- 3.2 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 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 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. Since it is the fourth deferment of the application, the applicant should be advised that the Committee has allowed a total of 8 months for preparation of submission of further information as requested by the applicant, this is the last deferment and no further deferment would be granted.

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	Letter dated 18.8.2020 from the applicant's representative requesting for deferment
Plan A-1	Location Plan

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT
SEPTEMBER 2020**