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

# APPLICATION NO. A/YL-KTS/778 (1<sup>st</sup> Deferment)

**Applicant** : Amsua Trading Company Limited represented by Spence Robinson

Limited

<u>Site</u>: Lot 1542RP (part) in D.D. 106, Yuen Kong San Tsuen, Pat Heung,

Yuen Long, New Territories

Site Area : 1,823 m<sup>2</sup> (about)

Lease : Block Government Lease (demised for agricultural use)

<u>Plan</u>: Draft Kam Tin South Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/YL-KTS/14

**Zoning** : "Agriculture" ("AGR")

**Application**: Proposed Religious Institution (Mosque with Ancillary Facilities and

Community Hall) and School

#### 1. Background

On 5.2.2018, the applicant sought planning permission to use the application site (the Site) (**Plan A-1**) for proposed religious institution (mosque with ancillary facilities and community hall) and school. The application was scheduled for consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee (the Committee) on 16.3.2018.

### 2. Request for Deferment

On 1.3.2018, the Secretary of the Town Planning Board (the Board) received a letter from the applicant's representative requesting the Board to defer making a decision on the application so as to allow two months' time for preparation of further information to address Government departments' 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 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.

3.2 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 Committee's consideration. The applicant should be advised that the Committee has allowed two months for preparation of submission of further information as requested by the applicant, 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 for the Committee's consideration at the next meeting.

### 5. Attachments

Appendix I Letter from the applicant's representative requesting for

deferment received on 1.3.2018

Plan A-1 Location Plan

PLANNING DEPARTMENT MARCH 2018