

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION
UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

APPLICATION NO. A/YL-NSW/265
(for 2nd Deferment)

- Applicant** : Buddhist Charity Education Fund Limited
- Site** : Former Small Traders New Village Public School, Small Traders New Village, Nam Sang Wai, Yuen Long
- Site Area** : 932.5m²
- Land Status** : Government Land (GL)
- Plan** : Approved Nam Sang Wai Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/YL-NSW/8
- Zoning** : “Undetermined” (“U”)
- Application** : Proposed Temporary Place of Recreation, Sports or Culture (Chinese Culture) of a Period of 3 Years

1. Background

- 1.1 On 29.5.2018, the applicant submitted an application for proposed temporary place of recreation, sports or culture (civic centre) for a period of 3 years at the application site (**Plan A-1**). On 20.7.2018, the Rural and New Town Planning Committee (the Committee) of the Town Planning Board (the Board) agreed to defer a decision on the application, as requested by the applicant, to allow two months’ time for preparation of further information (FI) to address the comment of relevant departments.
- 1.2 On 18.9.2018, the applicant submitted FI revising the applied use from proposed temporary place of recreation, sports and culture (civic centre) to proposed temporary place of recreation, sports and culture (Chinese culture). The application is scheduled for consideration by the Committee on 16.11.2018.

2. Request for Deferment

On 12.11.2018, the applicant wrote to the Secretary of the Board and requested the Board to defer making a decision on the application in order to allow two months’ time for the

applicant to prepare FI to address comments from Transport Department (TD) (**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 submitted FIs on 4.10.2018, 9.10.2018 and 7.11.2018 to address the departmental comments. Nevertheless, the applicant needs more time to prepare FI to address TD's 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 FI 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 submission from the applicant. If the FI 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 this is the second deferment, 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. 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 dated 12.11.2018 from the applicant
Plan A-1	Location Plan