RNTPC Paper No. A/YL-ST/532A For Consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee on 1.2.2019

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

<u>APPLICATION NO. A/YL-ST/532</u> (for 2nd Deferment)

<u>Applicant</u>	:	Mr. MAN Cheuk Yin Ramsey represented by Top Bright Consultants Limited
<u>Site</u>	:	Lots 2 (Part), 3 (Part) and 4 (Part) in D.D. 99, Ha Wan Tsuen, San Tin, Yuen Long
<u>Site Area</u>	:	About 231m ²
Lease	:	Block Government Lease (demised for agricultural use)
<u>Plan</u>	:	Approved San Tin Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/YL-ST/8
<u>Zoning</u>	:	"Conservation Area" ("CA")
Application	:	Proposed Temporary Eco Bike Riding Depot for a Period of 3 Years

1. <u>Background</u>

- 1.1 On 27.9.2018, the applicant submitted an application to seek planning permission for proposed temporary eco bike riding depot for a period of 3 years at the application site (**Plan A-1**).
- 1.2 On 16.11.2018, the Rural and New Town Planning Committee (the Committee) agreed to defer a decision on the application for two months, as requested by the applicant, to allow time for the applicant to prepare further information (FI) to address the comments from the Environmental Protection Department (EPD).

2. <u>Request for Deferment</u>

On 18.1.2019, the applicant's agent wrote to the Secretary of the Town Planning Board (the Board) and requested the Board to defer making a decision on the application to allow two months' time for the applicant to prepare further information to address EPD's requirements and to prepare for technical assessment on the environmental aspect. (Appendix I).

3. <u>Planning Department's Views</u>

- 3.1 The application has been deferred once for two months at the request of the applicant to allow more time to address comments from EPD. According to the applicant, since the first deferment on 16.11.2018, they have sought comments from environmental consultants on the proposed development. Nevertheless, more time is required to prepare the technical assessment on the environmental aspect to meet EPD's requirements.
- 3.2 The Planning Department <u>has no objection</u> 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 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 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. <u>Attachments</u>

Appendix I Letter dated 18.1.2019 from the applicant's agent

Plan A-1Location Plan

PLANNING DEPARTMENT FEBRUARY 2019