RNTPC Paper No. A/FLN/21 For Consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee on 3.1.2020

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

APPLICATION NO. A/FLN/21 (for 1st Deferment)

<u>Applicant</u>	Best Galaxy Limited represented by PlanPlus Consultancy
<u>Premises</u>	Basement Level 2 (B2 Level) (-2.4mPD) of Lots 2083 (Part), 2085 (Part), 2086 (Part), 2087 (Part), 2088 (Part), 2089 (Part) and 2130 (Part) in D.D. 51, Fanling North, New Territories
<u>Total Floor Area</u> of the Premises	About 1,834 m ²
Lease	Block Government Lease (demised for agricultural use)
<u>Plan</u>	Approved Fanling North Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/FLN/2
Zoning	"Open Space" ("O")
Application	Proposed Underground Public Vehicle Park (excluding container vehicle)

1. <u>Background</u>

On 6.11.2019, the applicant submitted an application to seek planning permission for proposed underground public vehicle park (excluding container vehicle) at the application site (**Plan A-1**). The application is scheduled for consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee (the Committee) on 3.1.2020.

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

On 11.12.2019, the applicant 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 departmental comments (**Appendix I**).

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

- 3.1 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 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 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. The applicant should be advised that the Committee has allowed two months for preparation of submission of further information, 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 11.12.2019 from the applicant

Plan A-1 Location Plan

PLANNING DEPARTMENT JANUARY 2020