

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION
UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

APPLICATION NO. A/FSS/275

(1st Deferment)

<u>Applicant</u>	: The Emperor Hall Services Company Limited represented by Vision Planning Consultants Limited
<u>Site</u>	: G/F, 1/F, 2/F, 3/F, 5/F and 6/F, The Emperor Hall, 18 Sha Tau Kok Road – Lung Yeuk Tau, Fanling, New Territories
<u>Site Area</u>	: 2,592 m ² (about)
<u>Lease</u>	: Lot No. 4433 s.17 in D.D. 51 with no specific lease restriction against the use of the lot for columbarium purpose
<u>Plan</u>	: Draft Fanling/Sheung Shui Outline Zoning Plan No. S/FSS/23
<u>Zoning</u>	: “Government, Institution or Community” (“G/IC”)
<u>Application</u>	: Columbarium

1. Background

On 29.8.2019, the applicant submitted the application to seek planning permission to use the application premises for columbarium use (**Plan A-1**). The application is scheduled for consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee (the Committee) on 18.10.2019.

2. Request for Deferment

On 11.10.2019, 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 for two months in order to allow time to prepare further information to address departmental comments (**Appendix I**).

3. Planning Department’s View

3.1 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.

- 3.2 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 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. 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 received on 11.10.2019 from the applicant's representative requesting for deferment

Plan A-1 Location Plan

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT
OCTOBER 2019**