RNTPC Paper No. A/YL-PH/780 For Consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee on 1.6.2018

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

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<u>Applicant</u>	:	Parkwell Properties Ltd.
<u>Site</u>	:	Lot 98 in D.D. 108, Pat Heung, Yuen Long
<u>Site Area</u>	:	1,507m <sup>2</sup>
Lease	:	Block Government Lease (demised for agricultural use)
<u>Plan</u>	:	Approved Pat Heung Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/YL-PH/11
<u>Zoning</u>	:	"Residential (Group D)" ("R(D)") [maximum plot ratio of 0.2 and building height of 2 storeys (6m)]
Application	:	Proposed Temporary Place of Recreation, Sports or Culture (Hobby Farm) for a Period of 3 Years

# 1. <u>Background</u>

On 3.4.2018, the applicant sought planning permission to use the application site (the Site) (**Plan A-1**) for proposed temporary place of recreation, sports or culture (hobby farm) for a period of 3 years. The application was scheduled for consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee (the Committee) on 1.6.2018.

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

On 25.5.2018, 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 so as 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 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. <u>Attachments</u>

Appendix I Letter dated 25.5.2018 from the applicant requesting for deferment

Plan A-1 Location Plan

PLANNING DEPARTMENT JUNE 2018