RNTPC Paper No. A/YL-ST/517 For Consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee on 12.1.2018

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

APPLICATION NO. A/YL-ST/517 (for 1st Deferment)

Applicant : Mr. CHAN Wing Cheong

Site : Lot 1808 in D.D.96, San Tin, Yuen Long

Site Area : 170m^2

Lease : Block Government Lease (demised for agricultural use)

Plan : Approved San Tin Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/YL-ST/8

Zoning : "Conservation Area" ("CA")

Application: Proposed Filling of Pond for Permitted Agricultural Use (Fish Pond

Culture)

1. Background

On 15.11.2017, the applicant submitted an application to seek planning permission for proposed filling of pond for permitted agricultural use (fish pond culture) at the application site (**Plan A-1**). The application is scheduled for consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee (the Committee) on 12.1.2018.

2. Request for Deferment

On 6.1.2018, 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 to allow two months' time for the applicant to prepare further information to address departmental comments (**Appendix I**).

3. Planning Department's Views

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. Attachments

Appendix I Letter of 6.1.2018 from the applicant

Plan A-1 Location Plan

PLANNING DEPARTMENT JANUARY 2018