RNTPC Paper No. A/SK-CWBS/26 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

<u>APPLICATION NO. A/SK-CWBS/26</u> (for 1st Deferment)

Applicant : Drainage Services Department

Site : Government Land in D.D. 241, Po Toi O, Sai Kung, New Territories

Site Area : About 916.3m²

<u>Land Status</u> : Government land

<u>Plan</u>: Approved Clear Water Bay Peninsula South Outline Zoning Plan (OZP)

No.S/SK-CWBS/2

Zoning : "Conservation Area"

Application : Proposed Public Utility Installation (Sewage Treatment Plant and

Underground Sewers) and Excavation of Land

1. Background

On 23.11.2017, the applicant sought planning permission for the development of a public sewage treatment plant (STP) and excavation of land for the STP and its associated underground sewers at the application site (the 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 20.12.2017, 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 for two months so as to allow time to resolve comments from relevant government departments (**Appendix I**).

3. Planning Department's Views

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 address the comments from relevant government departments, 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 Information (FI) 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. The applicant should be advised that the Committee has allowed two months for preparation of submission of FI, 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 to the Committee for consideration at the next meeting.

5. Attachments

Appendix I Letter of 20.12.2017 from the applicant

Plan A-1 Location plan

PLANNING DEPARTMENT JANUARY 2018