

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION
UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

APPLICATION NO. A/SK-HC/284
(for 3rd Deferment)

- Applicant:** Drainage Services Department, the Government of HKSAR
- Site:** Government Land in D.D. 214 and D.D. 244, Ho Chung, Sai Kung, New Territories
- Site Area:** About 1,080m²
- Land Status:** Government Land
- Plan:** Approved Ho Chung Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/SK-HC/11
- Zoning** 'Road'
- Application:** Proposed Public Utility Installation (Sewerage Treatment Plant and Underground Sewers)

1. Background

- 1.1 On 23.2.2018, the applicant sought planning permission for proposed public utility installation (sewerage treatment plant and underground sewers) at the application site (**Plan A-1**).
- 1.2 On 20.4.2018 and 20.7.2018, the Rural and New Town Planning Committee (the Committee) of the Town Planning Board (the Board) agreed to defer making a decision on the application for one month and two months respectively as requested by the applicant, to allow time for the applicant to prepare further information (FI) to address the departmental comments. The applicant submitted FIs on 21.5.2018 and 27.8.2018. The application is scheduled for consideration by the Committee at this meeting.

2. Request for Deferment

On 28.9.2018, the applicant wrote to the Secretary of the Board and requested the Board to defer making a decision on the application for further two months so as to allow time for addressing departmental comments (**Appendix I**).

3. Planning Department's Views

- 3.1 The application has been deferred twice for a total of three months at the request of the applicant to allow time to address the departmental comments. Since the last deferment, the applicant has submitted FI including responses to comments and supplementary information on temporary reprovisioning carpark and parking survey. The applicant needs more time to resolve comments from the departments.
- 3.2 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 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.
- 3.3 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 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 a maximum period of two months for preparation of submission of FI. Since it is the third deferment of the application, the applicant should be advised that the Board has allowed a total of five 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 dated 28.9.2018 from the applicant
Plan A-1	Location Plan