RNTPC Paper No. A/SLC/157 For Consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee on 12.6.2020

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

# <u>APPLICATION NO. A/SLC/157</u> (for 1<sup>st</sup> Deferment)

<u>Applicant</u>	:	Priscilla Investment Limited
<u>Site</u>	:	Lots 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65 and 66 in D.D. 316, Pui O, Lantau Island
<u>Site Area</u>	:	About 2,057m <sup>2</sup>
Lease	:	Block Government Lease (demised for agricultural use)
<u>Plan</u>	:	Approved South Lantau Coast Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/SLC/21
Zoning	:	"Green Belt" ("GB") – about 97% "Village Type Development ("V") – about 3%
<b>Application</b>	:	Proposed Public Utility Installation (Solar Energy System)

# 1. <u>Background</u>

- 1.1 On 16.4.2020, the applicant sought planning permission for proposed public utility installation (solar energy system) at the application sites (the Sites) (**Plan A-1**). According to the applicant, 9 sets of solar panel system (3.5m high) and a meter box (2m high) with a total floor area of about 804m<sup>2</sup> will be installed at the Sites. The proposed solar energy will be used to serve the greenhouses at the Sites and the applicant indicates he will participate in the 'Renewable Energy Feed-in Tariff Scheme' by the CLP Power Hong Kong Limited.
- 1.2 On 29.11.2019, the Rural and New Town Planning Committee (the Committee) decided to defer decisions on three similar applications (No. A/NE-KLH/578, A/YL-KTS/832 and A/TM-SKW/105) for proposed public utility installation (solar energy system/panels) in "Agriculture", "V" and "GB" zones of different OZPs respectively, pending the formulation of assessment criteria to facilitate consideration of applications for solar energy system.

#### 2. <u>Planning Department's Views</u>

2.1 In view of the recent decision by the Committee as stated in paragraph 1.2 above, it is considered appropriate to defer consideration of the subject application until the assessment criteria on applications for solar energy system are endorsed for use.

- 2.2 Should the Committee decide to defer consideration of the application, the application will be submitted to the Committee for consideration after the formulation of assessment criteria on applications for solar energy system.
- 2.3 Alternatively, should the Committee decide not to defer consideration of the application, the application will be submitted to the Committee for consideration at the next meeting.

## 3. <u>Decision Sought</u>

The Committee is invited to consider whether or not to defer a decision on the application as requested by Planning Department.

# 4. <u>Attachment</u>

Plan A-1 Location Plan

PLANNING DEPARTMENT JUNE 2020