

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION
UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

APPLICATION NO. A/SK-PK/257
(for 1st Deferment)

- Applicant:** : Fat Kwong Buddhist Monastery Limited represented by Tracesplus Limited
- Premises:** : Fat Kwong Buddhist Monastery (portion only), Tai Chung Hau, Mang Kung Wo Road, Pak Sha Wan, Sai Kung, New Territories Lot 1145(part) in D.D. 217
- Floor Area:** : About 279.7m²
- Lease Status:** : Lot No. 1145 in D.D. 217 held under New Grant No. 9560
- Plan** : Approved Pak Kong and Sha Kok Mei Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/SK-PK/11
- Zoning** : “Green Belt” (“GB”)
- Application** : Columbarium (within a religious institution or extension of existing columbarium only)

1. Background

On 4.11.2019, the applicant sought planning permission for columbarium use at the application premises (the Premises) (**Plan A-1**). The application is scheduled for consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee (the Committee) of the Town Planning Board (the Board) at this meeting.

2. Request for Deferment

On 16.12.2019, the applicant’s representative wrote to the Secretary of the Board and requested the Board to defer making a decision on the application for two months so as to allow time to prepare further information (FI) to address government department’s comments (**Appendix I**).

3. Planning Department’s Views

3.1 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 prepare FI to address government department's 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 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 16.12.2019 from the applicant's representative
Plan A-1	Location plan

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT
JANUARY 2020**