

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION
UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

APPLICATION NO. A/SLC/166
(for 1st Deferment)

- Applicant** : Water Supplies Department (WSD), the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
- Site** : Government Land near Lo Uk Tsuen, Pui O, Lantau Island
- Site Area** : About 2,900m²
- Land Status** : Government Land
- Plan** : Approved South Lantau Coast Outline Zoning Plan No. S/SLC/21
- Zoning** : “Coastal Protection Area” (“CPA”)
- Application** : Proposed Excavation and Filling of Land for Permitted Waterworks Implemented by Government

1. Background

On 16.10.2020, the applicant seeks planning permission for proposed excavation and filling of land for permitted waterworks implemented by Government 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 4.12.2020.

2. Request for Deferment

On 23.11.2020, 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 for preparation of further information (FI) to resolve the comments recently raised by government departments (**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 more time is required for the applicant to resolve the comments raised by 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 making a decision on the application, the application will be submitted to the Committee for consideration within two months upon receipt of further submission 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 and submission of further information, 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 23.11.2020 from the applicant
Plan A-1	Location Plan

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT
DECEMBER 2020**