RNTPC Paper No. A/NE-LT/652 For Consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee on 5.10.2018

<u>APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION</u> UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

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(for 1st Deferment)

Applicant City University of Hong Kong represented by PKNG & Associates (HK)

Limited

Site Lots 335 S.B (Part), 336 S.A, 336 S.B, 336 S.C, 337 S.B, 339, 340, 341, 345

S.A and 346 in D.D. 16, Wo Tong Pui, Tai Po, New Territories

Site Area 9,208 m²

<u>Lease</u> Block Government Lease (demised for agricultural use)

Plan Approved Lam Tsuen Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/NE-LT/11

Zonings "Recreation" ("REC") (9,162 m² or about 99.5%)

"Green Belt" ("GB") (46 m² or about 0.5%)

Application Proposed Excavation of Land for Permitted Agricultural Use (Demonstration

Farm)

1. Background

The applicant seeks planning permission for proposed excavation of land for permitted agricultural use (demonstration farm) on the application site (the Site) (**Plan** 1). The application is scheduled for consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee (the Committee) of the Town Planning Board (the Board) on 5.10.2018.

2. Request for Deferment

On 24.9.2018, the representative of the applicant 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 more time to address departmental comments (**Appendix I**).

3. Planning Department's Views

- 3.1 The Planning Department has no objection to the request for deferment as the justification for deferment meets 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 departmental 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 further submission from the applicant. If the further information 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 to address departmental comments, 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 24.9.2018 from the applicant's representative **Plan 1** Location plan

PLANNING DEPARTMENT OCTOBER 2018