RNTPC Paper No. A/NE-LT/678 For Consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee on 15.11.2019

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

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(for 1st Deferment)

Applicants : Hong Kong Telecommunications Limited,

SmarTone Mobile Communications Limited and China Mobile Hong Kong Company Limited

all represented by Prudential Surveyors International Limited

Site : Lot 428 S.C (Part) in D.D. 10, Lam Tsuen, Tai Po, New Territories

Site Area : About 60m²

Lease : Block Government Lease (demised for agricultural use)

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

Zoning : Area shown as 'Road'

Application: Proposed Public Utility Installation (Radio Base Station and Antennas)

1. Background

The applicants seek planning permission for the development of a proposed public utility installation (radio base station and antennas) on the application site (the Site) (**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) on 15.11.2019.

2. Request for Deferment

On 6.11.2019, the applicants' 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 more time for preparation of further information (FI) to support the application (**Appendix I**).

3. Planning Department's Views

3.1 The Planning Department <u>has no objection</u> 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 applicants need more time to prepare FI in response to 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 applicants. If the further information submitted by the applicants 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 applicants 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. <u>Decision Sought</u>

The Committee is invited to consider whether or not to accede to the applicants' 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. <u>Attachments</u>

Appendix I Letter dated 6.11.2019 from the applicants' representative **Plan A-1** Location Plan

PLANNING DEPARTMENT NOVEMBER 2019