RNTPC Paper No. A/NE-TKLN/14 For Consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee on 21.12.2018

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

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(For 1st Deferment)

Applicant: Mr. LI Kin Hoi represented by Metro Planning and Development Company

Limited

Site : Lots 777 (Part) and 969 (Part) in D.D. 78, Ta Kwu Ling North, New Territories

Site Area : 2,640 m² (about)

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

<u>Plan</u> : Approved Ta Kwu Ling North Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/NE-TKLN/2

Zoning : "Agriculture" ("AGR")

Application: Proposed Filling of Ponds for Permitted Agricultural Use

1. Background

The applicant seeks planning permission for proposed filling of ponds for permitted agricultural use at the application 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 21.12.2018.

2. Request for Deferment

On 4.12.2018, 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 in order to allow time to prepare further information (FI) to address the comments of Government departments (**Appendix I**).

3. Planning Department's Views

3.1 The Planning Department <u>has no objection</u> 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 address the 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 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 a period of 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 applicant's request for deferment. If the request is not acceded to, the application will be submitted for the Committee's consideration at the next meeting.

5. Attachments

Appendix I Letter received on 4.12.2018 from the applicant's representative

Plan A-1 Location Plan

PLANNING DEPARTMENT DECEMBER 2018