

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION
UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

APPLICATION NO. A/NE-TK/680
(for 2nd Deferment)

<u>Applicant</u>	Mr. NGAI Hok Ming
<u>Site</u>	Lot 637 S.A in D.D. 23, Po Sam Pai Village, Tai Po, New Territories
<u>Site Area</u>	About 400 m ²
<u>Land Status</u>	Block Government Lease (demised for agricultural use)
<u>Plan</u>	Approved Ting Kok Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/NE-TK/19
<u>Zoning</u>	“Agriculture” (“AGR”)
<u>Application</u>	Proposed Public Utility Installation (Solar Energy System)

1. Background

- 1.1 The applicant seeks planning permission for proposed installation of solar energy system on the application site (the Site) (**Plan A-1**).
- 1.2 On 26.5.2020, the Rural and New Town Planning Committee (the Committee) of the Town Planning Board (the Board) agreed to defer a decision on the application for two months, as requested by the applicant, to allow time for preparation of further information in response to departmental comments. After the deferral, no further information was received from the applicant. In light of the special work arrangement for Government departments due to the novel coronavirus infection, the meeting originally scheduled for 7.8.2020 for consideration of the application has been rescheduled, and Board has agreed to defer consideration of the application. The application is now scheduled for consideration by the Committee at this meeting.

2. Request for Deferment

On 26.7.2020, the applicant wrote to the Secretary of the Board and requested the Board to further defer making a decision on the application for another two months so as to allow more time to prepare further information to address the departmental comments and to liaise with CLP Power Hong Kong Limited under the ‘Renewal Energy Feed-in Tariff Scheme’ (**Appendix I**).

3. **Planning Department's Views**

- 3.1 The application has been deferred once for two months at the request of the applicant. The applicant indicates that more time is required for the preparation of further information to address the departmental comments.
- 3.2 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 prepare further information in response to departmental comments, the deferment period is not indefinite, and the deferment would not affect the interests of other relevant parties.
- 3.3 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 for preparation of submission of further information. Since it is the second deferment of the application, the applicant should be advised that the Board has allowed a total of four months for preparation of 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 for the Committee's consideration at the next meeting.

5. **Attachments**

Appendix I	Email dated 26.7.2020 from the applicant
Plan A-1	Location Plan

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT
SEPTEMBER 2020**