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

APPLICATION NO. A/ST/947

(for 1st Deferment)

Applicant : Sin Tin Toa Home For the Aged represented by Lanbase Surveyors

Limited

Premises : No. 169 Sheung Wo Che Village, Sha Tin, New Territories

Floor Area : About 181.986 m²

<u>Lease</u> (a) Lot No. 475 RP in D.D. 185

(b) granted in 1950 for the purpose of "home for the aged"

(c) subject to a building height restriction of not more than two

storeys and 25 feet in height

Plan : Draft Sha Tin Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/ST/33

Zoning : "Government, Institution or Community" ("G/IC")

Application : Columbarium with Ancillary Facility

1. The Proposal

On 14.3.2018, the applicant sought planning permission to regularize the existing columbarium use with ancillary facility under the name of "Sin Tin Toa Home For the Aged" (先天道安老院) at the application premises (**Plan A-1**). The application is scheduled for consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee (the Committee) on 4.5.2018.

2. Request for Deferment

On 18.4.2018, the applicant's representative 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 to address the comments of relevant Government departments (**Appendix I**).

3. Planning Department's View

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 prepare further information 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 for preparation of submission of further information, 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 to the Committee for consideration at the next meeting.

5. Attachments

Appendix I Letter dated 18.4.2018 from the applicant's representative

Plan A-1 Location plan

PLANNING DEPARTMENT MAY 2018