

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION
UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

APPLICATION NO. A/ST/969

(for 1st Deferment)

- Applicant** : The Hong Kong Jockey Club (HKJC) represented by Masterplan Limited
- Site** : Northwestern Part of Penfold Park, Sha Tin Racecourse, Sha Tin, New Territories
- Site Area** : About 4,540m²
- Lease** : (a) STTL No. 590 (New Grant No. 22387)
(b) restricted to (i) horse-racing, including a racecourse and racing-related facilities, together with the facilities provided to support the operations of betting; (ii) charity and nonprofit-making activities other than horse-racing and betting purposes; (iii) a members' club includes commercial, retail, catering, social functions and other recreational activities as are not directly related to horse-racing and betting purposes; (iv) quarters to be used for the residential accommodation of horse-racing related personnel; and (v) the Penfold Park.
- Plan** : Approved Sha Tin Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/ST/34
- Zoning** : "Other Specified Uses" annotated "Race Course" ("OU(Race Course)")
- Application** : Proposed Place of Recreation, Sports or Culture (Equine Experience Centre)

1. Background

The applicant sought planning permission to use the application site (the Site) (**Plan A-1**) for 'Proposed Place of Recreation, Sports or Culture (Equine Experience Centre)' use during non-race days. The proposed Equine Experience Centre is an education and experience facility offering pony care sessions, pony rides and photo opportunities. It comprises an administration block, a lecture space, a stable block, four pavilions for kids' activities, mounting/dismounting of ponies and pony photo shooting spot. The application is scheduled for consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee (the Committee) of the Town Planning Board (the Board) on 12.4.2019.

2. Request for Deferment

On 4.4.2019, 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 supplementary information in response to the comments from the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (**Appendix I**).

3. Planning Department's Views

3.1 The Planning Department has no objection 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 (FI) 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 two months for preparation of submission of FI, 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	Letter dated 4.4.2019 from the applicant
Plan A-1	Location Plan

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT
APRIL 2019**