RNTPC Paper No. Y/NE-LYT/12 For Consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning <u>Committee on 6.4.2018</u>

APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT OF PLAN UNDER SECTION 12A OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

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(for 1st Deferment)

<u>Applicant</u>	Tsung Tsin Mission of Hong Kong Fanling Tsung Kyam Church (基 督教香港崇真會粉嶺崇謙堂) represented by PlanArch Consultants Ltd
<u>Plans</u>	Approved Lung Yeuk Tau and Kwan Tei South Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/NE-LYT/17 and approved Hok Tau OZP No. S/NE-HT/5
Application Site	Sung Him Tong Sung Chan Wui Kei Tuk Kau Fan Cheung (崇謙堂崇 真會基督教墳場), Lot 2213 in D.D. 83, Kwan Tei, Fanling, New Territories.
<u>Site Area</u>	About 3,470 m ²
<u>Lease</u>	Sung Him Tong Sung Chan Wui Kei Tuk Kau Fan Cheung was gazetted under S.6A(2)(a) of the then New Territories Regulation Ordinance, 1910 vide GN 511 of 1931 issued on 6.8.1931 for setting apart as a Cemetery for Chinese Christians
<u>Zonings</u>	 "Agriculture" ("AGR") (1,787 m² or 51.5% of the Site) on the approved Lung Yeuk Tau and Kwan Tei OZP "Green Belt" ("GB") (1,683 m² or 48.5% of the Site) on the approved Hok Tau OZP
<u>Proposed Amendment</u>	To rezone the application site from "AGR" and "GB" to "Other Specified Uses" annotated "Cemetery" ("OU(Cemetery)")

1. Background

The applicant seeks planning permission to rezone the application site (the Site) (**Plan A-1**) from "AGR" and "GB" to "Other Specified Uses" annotated "Cemetery" ("OU(Cemetery)") to regularize the existing cemetery use on the Site and a columbarium use. The application is scheduled for consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee (the Committee) of the Town Planning Board (the Board) on 6.4.2018.

2. <u>Request for Deferment</u>

On 19.3.2018, 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 departmental comments (**Appendix I**).

3. <u>Planning Department's Views</u>

- 3.1 The Planning Department has no objection to the request for deferment as the justifications 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 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 three 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. 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 19.3.2018 from the applicant's representative
Plan A-1	Location Plan

PLANNING DEPARTMENT APRIL 2018