RNTPC Paper No. Y/TP/31 For Consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee on 24.4.2020

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

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(for 1st Deferment)

Applicant : Hobman Company Limited represented by Llewelyn-Davies Hong Kong

Limited

Site : Various lots in D.D. 12 and D.D.14 and adjoining Government land,

Tung Tsz, Tai Po, New Territories

Site Area : About 83,226m² (including Government land of about 13,035m² or 16%

of the Site)

- Site A: about 67,190m² or 81% of the Site (including the

proposed public road of about 2,285m²)

- Site B: about 16,036m² or 19% of the Site

Lease : Block Government Lease (demised for agricultural use) (about 69,962m²

or 84% of the Site)

Plan : Approved Tai Po Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/TP/28

Zoning : "Green Belt" ("GB")

Proposed : Rezoning from "GB" to "Comprehensive Development Area (2)" ("CDA(2)") and "Comprehensive Development Area (3)" ("CDA(3)")

1. Background

On 30.9.2019, the applicant sought planning permission to rezone the application site (the Site) (**Plan Z-1**) from "GB" to "CDA(2)" (i.e. Site A) for private housing development with a maximum plot ratio (PR) of 1.12 and "CDA(3)" (i.e. Site B) for subsidized housing development with maximum domestic and non-domestic PR of 1.94 and 0.12 respectively. Both "CDA(2)" and "CDA(3)" zones will be subject to a maximum building height (BH) restriction of 13 storeys. The application is scheduled for consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee (the Committee) of the Town Planning Board (the Board) on 24.4.2020.

2. Request for Deferment

On 1.4.2020, 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 so as to allow more time for preparation of further information (FI) to address departmental comments (**Appendix I**).

3. Planning Department's Views

- 3.1 The Planning Department <u>has no objection</u> 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 FI in response to 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 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 to the Committee for consideration at the next meeting.

5. Attachments

Appendix I Letter dated 1.4.2020 from the applicant's representative Location Plan

PLANNING DEPARTMENT APRIL 2020