

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION
UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

APPLICATION NO. A/TM/517
(for 1st Deferment)

- Applicant** : Lin Chi Ching Yuen represented by Toco Planning Consultants Limited
- Application Premises** : G/F, Lot 1197 (part) in D.D. 131, Tsing Shan Tsuen, Yeung Tsing Road, Tuen Mun, New Territories
- Floor Area** : 52.7m² (not exceeding)
- Lease** : Lot 1197 (part) in D.D. 131
(a) Shall be used for residential purposes only
(b) No structure erected or to be erected on the lot shall contain more than two storeys or exceed a height of 25 feet above mean formation level of the land on which it stands
(c) No grave shall be made on the lot, nor shall any human remains whether in earthenware jars or otherwise be interred therein or deposited thereon
- Plan** : Draft Tuen Mun Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/TM/34
- Zoning** : “Government, Institution or Community” (“G/IC”)
(maximum building height restriction of 3 storeys excluding basement floor(s))
- Application** : Proposed Columbarium

1. Background

On 21.12.2017, the applicant sought planning permission to use G/F of a building known as Tai Hak Tin Temple (大黑天殿) (the Premises) for proposed columbarium within an existing religious compound, namely Lin Chi Ching Yuen (LCCY) (蓮池淨苑) (**Plan A-1**). The application is scheduled for consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee (the Committee) of the Town Planning Board (the Board) at this meeting.

2. Request for Deferment

On 24.1.2018, 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 address departmental comments and public comments received (**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 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 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. 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 24.1.2018 from the applicant's representative
- Plan A-1** Location Plan

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT
FEBRUARY 2018**