APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

<u>APPLICATION NO. A/TM-LTYY/392</u> (for 2nd Deferment)

<u>Applicant</u>	: New Trend Management Limited represented by R-riches Property Consultants Limited
<u>Site</u>	: Lot 2339 (Part) in D.D. 130, Tuen Mun, New Territories
Site Area	: About 819 m ²
Lease	: Block Government Lease (demised for agricultural use)
<u>Plans</u>	: Approved Lam Tei and Yick Yuen Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/TM-LTYY/10
<u>Zoning</u>	: "Residential (Group D)" ("R(D)")
	[restricted to a maximum plot ratio of 0.2 and a maximum building height of 2 storeys (6m)]
<u>Application</u>	: Proposed Temporary Shop and Services with Ancillary Storage of Goods for a Period of 3 Years

1. <u>Background</u>

- 1.1 On 9.1.2020, the applicant sought planning permission to use the application site (the Site) for proposed temporary shop and services with ancillary storage of goods for a period of 3 years (**Plan A-1**).
- 1.2 On 6.3.2020, the Rural and New Town Planning Committee (the Committee) of the Town Planning Board (the Board) decided to defer a decision on the application for two months as requested by the applicant, so as to allow time for preparation of further information (FI) to address departmental comments. The applicant submitted FI on 22.4.2020. The application was originally scheduled for consideration by the Committee of the Board at this meeting.

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

On 2.6.2020, 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 time for preparation of further information (FI) to address the further departmental comments (**Appendix I**).

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

- 3.1 The application has been deferred once for two months at the request of the applicant to allow more time to address departmental comments and public comments. Since the last deferment, the applicant has submitted FI including responses to comments of the Director of Environmental Protection and Commissioner for Transport. The current request for deferment for an additional two months is to allow time to resolve the further comments from government departments.
- 3.2 The Planning Department has <u>no objection</u> to the request for deferment as the justification 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 address departmental comments, the deferment period is not indefinite and the deferment would not affect the interests of other relevant parties.
- 3.3 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 FI 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. Since it is the second deferment of the application, the applicant should be advised that the Committee has allowed a total of four months including the previous deferment 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. <u>Attachments</u>

Appendix I	Letter of 2.6.2020 from the applicant's representative
Plan A-1	Location Plan

PLANNING DEPARTMENT JUNE 2020