

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION
UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

APPLICATION NO. A/TM/530
(for 1st Deferment)

<u>Applicant</u>	Gig Lok Monastery represented by Toco Planning Consultants Limited
<u>Site</u>	Lot 2011 (Part) in D.D.132, Tuen On Lane, Tuen Fu Road, Fu Tei, Tuen Mun, New Territories
<u>Site Area</u>	About 1,665m ²
<u>Lease</u>	(a) private residential purposes only (b) no structure shall be erected within 15ft (i.e. about 4.57m) of any boundary of the lot or building curtilage (c) no part of any structure shall exceed a height of 25ft (i.e. about 7.62m) above the mean formation level of the land on which it stands and the maximum area that may be built over shall not exceed 4,000ft ² (i.e. about 371.61m ²) (d) 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
<u>Plan</u>	Draft Tuen Mun Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/TM/34
<u>Zoning</u>	“Government, Institution or Community” (“G/IC”) <i>(maximum building height restriction of three storeys excluding basement floor(s))</i>
<u>Application</u>	Columbarium Use

1. The Proposal

On 3.8.2018, the applicant submitted an application seeking planning permission from the Town Planning Board for columbarium use in Gig Lok Monastery at the application site (the Site) (**Plan A-1**). The application was originally scheduled for consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee (the Committee) at this meeting.

2. Request for Deferment

On 31.8.2018, the applicant wrote to the Secretary of the Town Planning Board (the Board) and requested the Board to defer making a decision on the application for two

months so as to allow time to prepare supplementary information to address Government departmental and public comments (**Appendix I**).

3. Planning Department's Views

- 3.1 The Planning Department has no objection 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 address departmental comments, the deferment period is not indefinite and the deferment would not affect the interest 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 a period of 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 31.8.2018 from the applicant's representative requesting for deferment
Plan A-1	Location Plan