RNTPC Paper No. A/YL/261 For Consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee on 3.1.2020

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

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(for 1st Deferment)

Applicant : Wealthy Path Development Limited represented by Vision

Planning Consultants Limited

Site : Lot 1846 RP (Part) in D.D. 120 and adjoining Government Land,

Ma Tin Pok, Yuen Long, New Territories

Site Area : 1,010m² (including government land of about 280m²)

<u>Lease</u> : Block Government Lease

Plan : Approved Yuen Long Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/YL/23

Zoning : "Government, Institution or Community(1)" ("G/IC(1)") (91.8%),

[restricted to a maximum building height (BH) of 3 storeys excluding

basement(s)]

and

"Government, Institution or Community(5)" ("G/IC(5)") (8.2%)

[restricted to a maximum BH of 95mPD]

<u>Application</u>: Proposed Minor Relaxation of Building Height Restriction

1. Background

On 7.11.2019, the applicant sought planning permission for minor relaxation of building height restriction from 3 storeys to 5 storeys for a proposed social welfare facility (Residential Care Home for the Elderly) 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) of the Town Planning Board (the Board) at this meeting.

2. Request for Deferment

On 12.12.2019, 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) in response to departmental comments (**Appendix I**).

3. Planning Department's Views

- 3.1 The Planning Department has <u>no objection</u> 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 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. 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 12.12.2019 from the applicant's representative

Plan A-1 Location plan

PLANNING DEPARTMENT JANUARY 2020