# APPLICATION TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE UNDER SECTION 8(2) OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME LIMIT FOR SUBMISSION OF THE DRAFT HUNG SHUI KIU AND HA TSUEN OUTLINE ZONING PLAN NO. S/HSK/1 TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE IN COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL

### 1. <u>Introduction</u>

The purpose of this paper is to seek Members' agreement to apply to the Chief Executive (CE), under section 8(2) of the Town Planning Ordinance (the Ordinance), for an extension of time limit for submission of the draft Hung Shui Kiu and Ha Tsuen Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/HSK/1 to the Chief Executive in Council (CE in C) for approval. The time limit for submission of the draft OZP is required to be extended for a period of six months from 26.4.2018 to 26.10.2018.

## 2. Background

- 2.1 On 26.5.2017, the draft OZP (**Annex I**) was exhibited for public inspection under section 5 of the Ordinance.
- 2.2 During the two-month plan exhibition period, a total of 117 valid representations were received. On 25.8.2017, the Town Planning Board (the Board) published the representations for three weeks for public comment. A total of 338 valid comments were received.
- 2.3 On 30.1.2018, 1.2.2018 and 7.2.2018, the Board conducted the hearings of the representations and comments and decided to schedule a separate session to deliberate on the representations and comments.
- 2.4 According to the statutory time limit, the draft OZP shall be submitted to CE in C for approval on or before 26.4.2018.

## 3. Need for Extension of the Statutory 9-month Time Limit

Due to the Board's tight meeting schedule, the session for deliberation of the representations and comments can only be arranged in April 2018 the earliest, and thus, it is unlikely that the whole plan-making process could be completed within the 9-month statutory time limit for submission of the draft OZP to the CE in C for approval (i.e. before 26.4.2018). As such, it is necessary to seek CE's agreement for an extension of the statutory time limit for six months to allow sufficient time to complete the plan-making process of the draft OZP prior to its submission to the CE in C for approval.

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# 4. <u>Decision Sought</u>

Members are invited to <u>agree</u> that the CE's agreement should be sought under section 8(2) of the Ordinance to extend the time limit for submission of the draft Hung Shui Kiu and Ha Tsuen OZP No. S/HSK/1 to CE in C for a period of six months from 26.4.2018 to 26.10.2018.

# 5. <u>Attachment</u>

Annex I Draft Hung Shui Kiu and Ha Tsuen Outline Zoning Plan No. S/HSK/1 (reduced size)

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