

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION
UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

APPLICATION NO. A/YL-HTF/1191
(for 1st Deferment)

- Applicant** : Tree Climbing Hong Kong Limited represented by Metro Planning and Development Company Limited
- Site** : Lots 230 and 581 (Part) in D.D. 128, Lau Fau Shan, Yuen Long, New Territories
- Site Area** : About 2,070m²
- Lease** : Block Government Lease (demised for agricultural use)
- Plan** : Approved Ha Tsuen Fringe Outline Zoning Plan No. S/YL-HTF/12
- Zoning** : “Coastal Protection Area”
- Application** : Temporary Training Centre (Tree Care Training Centre) for a Period of 3 Years

1. Background

On 13.5.2025, the applicant sought planning permission for temporary training centre (tree care training centre) for a period of three years at the application site (**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 17.6.2025, 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 to address departmental comments (**Appendix I**).

3. Planning Department’s Views

- 3.1 The Planning Department has no objection to the request for the first deferment as the justification for deferment meets the criteria as set out in the Town Planning Board Guidelines on Deferment of Decision on Representations, Further Representations and Applications made under the Town Planning Ordinance (TPB PG-No. 33B) in that the deferment would allow the applicant to prepare further

information (FI) to address outstanding issues.

- 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 a period of 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 17.6.2025 from the applicant's representative
Plan A-1	Location Plan

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT
JULY 2025**