RNTPC Paper No. A/STT/26 For Consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee on 1.8.2025

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

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(for 1st Deferment)

Applicant : Kenwell Limited represented by Lawson David & Sung Surveyors Limited

Site : Lot 764 RP (Part) in D.D. 99, San Tin, Yuen Long, New Territories

Site Area : About 163,181m²

<u>Lease</u> : Block Government Lease (demised for agricultural use)

Plan : Approved San Tin Technopole Outline Zoning Plan No. S/STT/2

Zoning : "Other Specified Uses" annotated "Innovation and Technology"

Application: Proposed Filling of Ponds for Permitted Innovation and Technology Hub

(including Permitted Cargo Handling and Forwarding Facilities, Creative Industries, Eating Place, Flat (Staff Quarters only), Industrial Use, Information Technology and Telecommunications Industries, Office, Public Utility Installation, Research, Design and Development Centre, Shop and Services and Warehouse (excluding Dangerous Goods

Godown))

1. <u>Background</u>

On 3.6.2025, the applicant sought planning permission for proposed filling of ponds for permitted innovation and technology hub (including permitted cargo handling and forwarding facilities, creative industries, eating place, flat (staff quarters only), industrial use, information technology and telecommunications industries, office, public utility installation, research, design and development centre, shop and services and warehouse (excluding dangerous goods godown)) 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 21.7.2025, 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 in order to allow time for preparation of further information (FI) to address departmental comments (**Appendix I**).

3. Planning Department's Views

- 3.1 The Planning Department <u>has no objection</u> to the request for the first 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, Further Representations and Applications made under the Town Planning Ordinance (TPB PG-No. 33B) in that the deferment would allow the applicant to prepare FI to address outstanding issue(s).
- 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 could 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 the submission of FI, and no further deferment would be granted unless under very special circumstances.

4. <u>Decision Sought</u>

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 from the applicant's representative dated 21.7.2025

Plan A-1 Location Plan

PLANNING DEPARTMENT AUGUST 2025