

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION
UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

APPLICATION NO. A/YL-PH/1061
(for 2nd Deferment)

- Applicant** : The Association of Stem Agriculture Limited (科技農業協會有限公司)
- Site** : Lots 153 (Part), 158 (Part) and 159 (Part) in D.D. 108 and Adjoining Government Land, Pat Heung, Yuen Long
- Site Area** : About 6,138m² (including Government Land of about 28m² (0.5%))
- Lease** : Block Government Lease (demised for agricultural use)
- Plan** : Approved Pat Heung Outline Zoning Plan No. S/YL-PH/11
- Zoning** : “Conservation Area”
- Application** : Proposed Temporary Education/Visitor Centre and Place of Recreation, Sports or Culture (Hobby Farm) with Ancillary Facilities and Associated Filling of Land for a Period of Three Years

1. The Proposal

- 1.1 On 15.4.2025, the applicant sought planning permission for proposed temporary education/visitor centre and place of recreation, sports or culture (hobby farm) with ancillary facilities and associated filling of land for a period of three years at the application site (**Plan A-1**).
- 1.2 On 6.6.2025, the Rural and New Town Planning Committee of the Town Planning Board (the Board) agreed to defer making a decision on the application for two months as requested by the applicant, in order to allow time for preparation of further information (FI) to address departmental comments.

2. Request for Deferment

On 19.8.2025, the applicant 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 FI including inspection on the existing trees at the Site and a tree survey to address the departmental comments (**Appendix I**).

3. Planning Department's Views

- 3.1 The application has been deferred once for two months at the request of the applicant. Since the last deferment on 6.6.2025, the applicant has not submitted FI in response to the relevant comments. The applicant has been liaising with relevant departments on the information required to support the application. It is noted that the applicant needs more time to prepare FI including the inspection on the existing trees at the Site and a tree survey to address departmental comments.
- 3.2 The Planning Department has no objection to the request for the second 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 issues.
- 3.3 Should the Committee agree to defer making 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 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 a total of four months for preparation of the submission of FI. The second deferment should be the last deferment and no further deferment would be granted unless under very special circumstances and supported with strong justifications.

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	Email from the applicant dated 19.8.2025
Plan A-1	Location Plan

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT
SEPTEMBER 2025**