MPC Paper No. A/H20/198 For Consideration by the Metro Planning Committee on 11.11.2022

# APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

### <u>APPLICATION NO. A/H20/198</u> (for 1<sup>st</sup> Deferment)

<u>Applicant</u>	:	Transport Department, Transport Projects Branch, Parking Project Task Force
<u>Site</u>	:	At the Junction of Shing Tai Road and Sheung Mau Street, Chai Wan
<u>Site Area</u>	:	4,990m <sup>2</sup> (about)
Lease	:	Government land
<u>Plan</u>	:	Approved Chai Wan Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/H20/25
<u>Zoning</u>	:	"Government, Institution or Community (2)" ("G/IC(2)")
		Maximum building height (BH) of 70mPD (including roof-top structures), or the height of the existing building, whichever is the greater
Application	:	Proposed Driving School with Permitted Government Use (not elsewhere specified) (Driving Test Centre & Government Offices) and Public Vehicle Park (excluding container vehicle)

# 1. <u>Background</u>

On 14.9.2022, the applicant submitted the current application to seek planning permission for proposed driving school with permitted government use (not elsewhere specified) (driving test centre & government offices) and public vehicle park (excluding container vehicle) at the application site (**Plan A-1**). The application is scheduled for consideration by the Metro Planning Committee (the Committee) of the Town Planning Board (the Board) at this meeting.

# 2. <u>Request for Deferment</u>

On 24.10.2022, the applicant's representative wrote to the Secretary of the Board and requested the Board to defer making a decision on the application for a period of two months in order to allow more time for preparing further information (FI) to address comments of relevant Government departments (**Appendix I**).

#### 3. <u>Planning Department's Views</u>

- 3.1 The Planning Department <u>has no objection</u> to the request for deferment as the justification for deferment meets 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. 33A) in that the deferment would allow more time for the applicant to prepare 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 further submission 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 for the Committee's consideration at the next meeting.

#### 5. <u>Attachments</u>

Appendix I	Letter from the applicant's representative dated 24.10.2022
Plan A-1	Location Plan

PLANNING DEPARTMENT NOVEMBER 2022