

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION
UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

APPLICATION NO. A/H8/437
(for 1st Deferment)

<u>Applicant</u>	System Management Division of Drainage Services Department (DSD)
<u>Site</u>	Victoria Park adjacent to Gloucester Road, Causeway Bay
<u>Site Area</u>	About 1,013m ²
<u>Land Status</u>	Government land
<u>Plan</u>	Approved North Point Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/H8/26 and Approved Causeway Bay OZP No. S/H6/17
<u>Zoning</u>	“Open Space” (“O”) (about 640m ² or 63%) and area shown as ‘Road’ (about 311m ² or 31%) on the Approved North Point OZP No. S/H8/26 The remaining portion falls within area shown as ‘Road’ on the Approved Causeway Bay OZP No. S/H6/17 (about 62m ² or 6%)
<u>Application</u>	Proposed Public Utility Installation (Dry Weather Flow Interceptor)

1. Background

On 11.1.2023, the Town Planning Board (the Board) received the subject planning application for a proposed dry weather flow interceptor (DWFI) at Victoria Park adjacent to Gloucester Road which falls within an area zoned “O” and shown as ‘Road’ on the approved North Point OZP, with a tiny portion falls within an area shown as ‘Road’ on the approved Causeway Bay OZP (**Plan A-1**). According to the Notes of the OZPs, the proposed DWFI, which is considered as a ‘public utility installation’, requires planning permission from the Board within “O” zone and area shown as ‘Road’ on the OZPs. The application is scheduled for consideration by the Metro Planning Committee (the Committee) of the Board at this meeting.

2. Request for Deferment

On 16.2.2023, the applicant 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 additional time for the applicant to prepare further information (FI) to address the departmental and public comments (**Appendix I**).

3. Planning Department's Views

- 3.1 The Planning Department has no objection 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 applicant needs more time to prepare FI in response to departmental and public comments, the deferment period is not indefinite and the deferment would not affect the interest of other relevant parties.
- 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 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 from the applicant dated on 16.2.2023
Plan A-1	Location plan

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT
MARCH 2023**