MPC Paper No. A/K14/804B For Consideration by the Metro Planning Committee on 22.4.2022

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

APPLICATION NO. A/K14/804 (for 3rd deferment)

<u>Applicant</u>	:	Land Century (H.K.) Limited and New Ascent Development Limited represented by Fairmile Consultants Limited
<u>Site</u>	:	334-336 and 338 Kwun Tong Road, Kwun Tong, Kowloon
<u>Site Area</u>	:	About 1,612 m ²
Lease	:	(a) Kwun Tong Inland Lot (KTIL) Nos. 542, 543 and 544 (the Lots)
		(b) Restricted to industrial or godown purposes or both excluding offensive trades
		(c) Maximum gross floor area (GFA) of $7,525m^2$ for KTIL 542
		 (d) Height restriction of not exceeding 170 feet above Principal Datum for KTIL 543 and 544
<u>Plan</u>	:	Approved Kwun Tong (South) Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/K14S/24 (currently in force)
		Draft Kwun Tong (South) OZP No. S/K14S/23 (at the time of submission)
<u>Zoning</u>	:	"Other Specified Uses" annotated "Business" ("OU(B)")
		(a) Maximum plot ratio (PR) of 12.0, or the PR of the existing building, whichever is the greater
		(b) Maximum building height (BH) of 100 meters above Principal Datum (mPD), or the height of the existing building, whichever is the greater
		[Same zoning and development restrictions for the application site on the approved Kwun Tong (South) OZP No. S/K14S/24 and the draft Kwun Tong (South) OZP No. S/K14S/23]
<u>Application</u>	:	Proposed Minor Relaxation of PR and BH Restriction for Permitted Office, Shop and Services and Eating Place Uses

1. Background

1.1 On 27.7.2021, an application for redevelopment of two existing industrial buildings at the subject site into a proposed commercial/office building with minor relaxation of PR restriction from 12 to 14.4 (i.e. +2.4 or +20%) as well as relaxation of BH restriction from 100mPD to 115mPD^[1] (i.e. +15m or +15%) was received by the Town Planning Board (the Board) (**Plan A-1**).

^[1] The applicant has subsequently reduced the proposed BH from 125.9mPD to 115mPD.

- 1.2 On 24.9.2021, the Metro Planning Committee (the Committee) of the Board agreed to defer making a decision on the application for two months, as requested by the applicant, to allow more time to prepare further information (FI) to address departmental comments. On 10.11.2021, the applicant submitted FI including responses to departmental comments (RtoC), revised traffic impact assessment (TIA), revised sewerage impact assessment (SIA), revised drainage impact assessment (DIA), revised visual impact assessment (VIA), revised landscape master plan, replacement pages for Planning Statement and revised plans.
- 1.3 On 24.12.2021, the Committee agreed for the second time to defer making a decision for two months, as requested by the applicant, to allow more time for the applicant to prepare FI to address the further comments from the concerned departments. On 22.2.2022, the applicant submitted FI including RtoC, further revised TIA, SIA, DIA, VIA, landscape and architectural drawings.
- 1.4 The application is scheduled for consideration by the Committee at this meeting.

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

On 7.4.2022, the applicant's representative wrote to the Secretary of the Board requesting the Board to defer making a decision on the application for a period of one month to allow time revising the TIA report and provide responses to address departmental comments (**Appendix I**).

3. Planning Department's Views

- 3.1 The Planning Department has <u>no objection</u> to the request for deferment as the justification for deferment meet 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)^[2] in that the deferment would allow the applicant to prepare FI to address outstanding issues.
- 3.2 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 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 further one month for preparation of the submission of FI. Since it is the third deferment of the application, the applicant should be advised that the Committee has allowed a total of five months for preparation of submission of FI, and no further deferment would be granted unless under very special circumstances.

^[2] The number of deferments to be granted stipulated under TPB PG-No.33A is not applicable to this application which was received before the promulgation of the revised guidelines on 24.8.2021.

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. <u>Attachments</u>

Appendix I	Email from the applicant's representative dated 7.4.2022
Plan A-1	Location plan

PLANNING DEPARTMENT APRIL 2022