

MPC Paper No. A/K18/343
For Consideration by
the Metro Planning Committee
on 10.12.2021

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION
UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

APPLICATION NO. A/K18/343
(for 1st deferment)

Applicant : Hong Kong Baptist University (HKBU) represented by KTA Planning Limited

Site : 15 Baptist University Road, Kowloon Tong, Kowloon

Site Area : About 6,522.5 m²

Land Status : Government Land

Plan : Approved Kowloon Tong Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/K18/21

Zoning : “Government, Institution or Community (9)” (“G/IC(9)”)

[maximum 13 storeys (excluding basement floor(s)) or height of the existing building, whichever is the greater]

Application : Proposed Minor Relaxation of Building Height (BH) Restriction (from 13 storeys to 14 storeys) for Permitted Education Institution (Academic and Administration Building)

1. Background

On 20.10.2021, the applicant submitted an application to seek planning permission under s.16 of the Ordinance for proposed minor relaxation of BH restriction from 13 storeys to 14 storeys for an existing Educational Institution (Academic and Administration Building) (**Plan A-1**). The application is scheduled for consideration by the Metro Planning Committee (the Committee) of the Board at this meeting.

2. Request for Deferment

On 2.12.2021, the applicant’s representative wrote to the Secretary of the Board requesting the Board to defer making a decision on the application for one month in order to allow adequate time for preparing further information (FI) to address departmental 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 comments, the deferment period is not indefinite and the deferment would not affect the interest of relevant parties.

- 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 one month 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's representative dated 2.12.2021
Plan A-1	Location plan

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT
DECEMBER 2021**