MPC Paper No. A/K18/348 For Consideration by the Metro Planning Committee on 24.5.2024

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

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(for 1st deferment)

Applicant : Hong Kong Baptist Hospital represented by Arup Hong Kong Limited

<u>Site</u>: Blocks A, B and C of Hong Kong Baptist Hospital, 222 Waterloo Road,

Kowloon Tong, Kowloon

Site Area : About 5,648.5m²

<u>Lease</u>: (a) New Kowloon Inland Lot (NKIL) 5906 subject to lease term to be

expired on 30.6.2047; and

(b) Subject to the following main restrictions:

(i) A non-profit-making hospital together with such staff quarters as may be approved by the then Director of Medical and Health Services;

(ii) a height restriction of 51.82 metres above Principal Datum (mPD); and

(iii) a non-building area of 6.1m abutting on Waterloo Road.

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

Zoning : "Government, Institution or Community (7)" ("G/IC(7)") and area shown as

'Road'

(a) maximum building height restriction (BHR) of 10 storeys (excluding basement floor(s)), or the height of the existing building, whichever is the greater; and

(b) based on the individual merits of a development or redevelopment proposal, minor relaxation of the BHR may be considered by the Board on application.

Application: Proposed Minor Relaxation of BHR (from 10 Storeys to 14 Storeys) for

Hospital Redevelopment

1. Background

On 13.3.2024, the applicant submitted the current application to seek planning permission for Proposed Minor Relaxation of BHR for Hospital Redevelopment at the subject site (**Plan A-1**). The application is scheduled for consideration by the Metro Planning Committee (the Committee) at this meeting.

2. Request for Deferment

On 17.5.2024, the applicant's representative 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 sufficient time to address comments raised by relevant government departments and prepare submission of further information (FI) (**Appendix I**).

3. Planning Department's Views

- 3.1 The Planning Department has no objection to the request for the first 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, 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.
- 3.2 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 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 two months for preparation of the submission of FI, and no further deferment would be granted unless under very special circumstances.

4. <u>Decision Sought</u>

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. Attachments

Appendix I Letter from the applicant's representative dated 17.5.2024

Plan A-1 Location plan

PLANNING DEPARTMENT MAY 2024