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

#### **APPLICATION NO. A/K1/267**

(for 1<sup>st</sup> Deferment)

<u>Applicant</u>: The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (Cultural

Services Branch, Science Museums Section) represented by

**KJL Limited** 

Site : 2 Science Museum Road and 100 Chatham Road South, Tsim

Sha Tsui, Kowloon

Site Area : About 28,354m<sup>2</sup>

<u>Land Status</u>: Government Land (GLA-K 265)

<u>Plan</u>: Approved Tsim Sha Tsui Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No.

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**Zonings** : "Other Specified Uses" annotated "Museums"

("OU(Museums)") (about 98%)

[(i) maximum building height (BH) of 30 metres above Principal Datum (mPD); (ii) maximum site coverage (SC) of 60%; and (iii) minimum building setback of 7m from site

boundary abutting Chatham Road South]

Area shown as 'Road' (about 2%)

**Application**: Proposed Minor Relaxation of BH and SC Restrictions for the

Expansion of Hong Kong Science Museum (HMScM) and

Hong Kong Museum of History (HKMH)

## 1. Background

On 11.8.2022, the applicant submitted the current application to seek planning permission for proposed minor relaxation of BH and SC restrictions for the expansion of HMScM and HKMH at the 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 8.9.2022, the applicant's representative wrote to the Secretary, Town Planning Board (the Board) and requested the Board to defer making a decision on the application for a period of two months to allow the applicant to resolve technical issues arising from departmental comments (**Appendix I**).

## 3. Planning Department's Views

- 3.1 The Planning Department <u>has no objection</u> to the request for the first deferment as the justifications 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) in that the deferment would allow the applicant to prepare further information 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 further information 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 further information, 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. Attachments

**Appendix I** Letter from applicant's representative dated 8.9.2022

Plan A-1 Location Plan

PLANNING DEPARTMENT SEPTEMBER 2022