MPC Paper No. A/K1/268 for Consideration by the Metro Planning Committee on 25.8.2023

#### <u>APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION</u> UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORIDNANCE

# <u>APPLICATION NO. A/K1/268</u> (for 1<sup>st</sup> Deferment)

<u>Applicant</u>	: The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU) represented by Townland Consultants Limited
<u>Site</u>	: Blocks U and W of PolyU Main Campus, Hung Hom, Kowloon
Site Area	: About $5,568m^2$
<u>Lease</u>	<ul> <li>Kowloon Inland Lot (KIL) No. 9853 RP and Ext. (Part)</li> <li>(a) held under Conditions of Grant No. 11361 together with Conditions of Extension Nos. 11441 and 11822 as varied or modified by four Modification Letters</li> <li>(b) no restriction on gross floor area (GFA), site coverage or building height (BH)</li> </ul>
<u>Plan</u>	: Approved Tsim Sha Tsui (TST) Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/K1/28
<u>Zoning</u>	: "Government, Institution or Community" ("G/IC") [Restricted to a maximum BH of 45 metres above Principal Datum (mPD)]
Application	Proposed minor relaxation of BH restriction from 45mPD to 59.62mPD for permitted 'Educational Institution' use

## 1. <u>Background</u>

On 7.7.2023, the applicant submitted the current application to seek planning permission for proposed minor relaxation of BH restriction for permitted 'Educational Institution' use at the application site (**Plan A-1**). The application is scheduled for consideration by the Metro Planning Committee (the Committee) at this meeting.

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

On 11.8.2023, the applicant's representative wrote to the Secretary of the Town Planning

Board (the Board) and requested the Board to defer making a decision on the application for a period of two months in order to allow sufficient time to prepare further information to address departmental comments (**Appendix I**).

## 3. <u>Planning Department's Views</u>

- 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. <u>Attachments</u>

Appendix I	Letter from the applicant's representative dated 11.8.2023
Plan A-1	Location Plan

PLANNING DEPARTMENT AUGUST 2023