MPC Paper No. A/K9/281 For Consideration by the Metro Planning Committee on 31.3.2023

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

<u>APPLICATION NO. A/K9/281</u> (for 1st Deferment)

Applicant : Drainage Services Department

Site : Open Space at Kin Wan Street, Hung Hom, Kowloon

Site Area : About 160m²

Land Status : Government Land

Plan : Approved Hung Hom Outline Zoning Plan No. S/K9/28

Zoning : "Open Space"

Application: Proposed Public Utility Installation (Dry Weather Flow Interceptor)

1. Background

On 16.2.2023, the applicant submitted the subject planning application for a proposed dry weather flow interceptor 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 17.3.2023, the applicant 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 in order to allow more time to prepare Further Information (FI) to address the departmental and public 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 FI to address outstanding issue(s).

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 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. 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 the applicant dated 17.3.2023

Plan A-1 Location Plan

PLANNING DEPARTMENT MARCH 2023