MPC Paper No. A/KC/506 For Consideration by the Metro Planning Committee on 2.8.2024

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

<u>APPLICATION NO. A/KC/506</u> (for 1st Deferment)

<u>Applicant</u>	:	The Salvation Army represented by KTA Planning Limited	
<u>Site</u>	:	200-210 Lai King Hill Road, Kwai Chung	
<u>Site Area</u>	:	About 3,830m ²	
<u>Lease</u>	:	 Kwai Chung Town Lot No. 354 (the Lot) (a) held under New Grant No. 5542 dated 3.10.1977 as modified by a modification letter dated 24.7.1978 (b) expires on 30.6.2047 (c) for a non-profiting-making home for mentally retarded and physically handicapped children and young adults together with such domestic accommodation therefor as the Director of Social Welfare may consider reasonable for housing staff and workmen employed on the premises (d) a non-building area of width 4.57m of the northeastern boundary of the Lot 	
<u>Plan</u>	:	Approved Kwai Chung Outline Zoning Plan No. S/KC/32	
<u>Zoning</u>	:	"Government, Institution or Community"(a) maximum building height (BH) of 4 storeys, or the height of the existing building, whichever is the greater(b) in determining the relevant maximum number of storeys, any basement floor(s) may be disregarded	
Application	:	Proposed Minor Relaxation of BH Restriction for Permitted Social Welfare Facility	

1. <u>Background</u>

On 22.4.2024, the applicant submitted the current application to seek planning permission for proposed minor relaxation of BH restriction for permitted social welfare facility at the application site (**Plan A-1**). The application is scheduled for consideration by the Metro Planning Committee (the Committee) of the Town Planning Board (the Board) at this meeting.

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

On 22.7.2024, 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 for the applicant to prepare further information (FI) to address departmental comments (**Appendix I**).

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

- 3.1 The Planning Department has <u>no objection</u> 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. <u>Attachments</u>

Appendix I	Letter from the applicant's representative dated 22.7.2024
Plan A-1	Location Plan

PLANNING DEPARTMENT AUGUST 2024