

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION
UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

APPLICATION NO. A/TW/544
(for 1st Deferment)

<u>Applicant</u>	: Buddhism Cultivation Association Limited
<u>Site</u>	: Lot 1204 (Part) in D.D. 453, Tsuen Wan
<u>Site Area</u>	: About 60m ²
<u>Lease</u>	: Lot 1204 in D.D. 453 (a) held under New Grant No. 3003 (b) for agricultural use
<u>Plan</u>	: Draft Tsuen Wan Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/TW/38
<u>Zoning</u>	: “Green Belt”
<u>Application</u>	: Proposed Religious Institution (Buddhist Bodhimanda)

1. Background

On 26.2.2025, the applicant submitted the current application to seek planning permission for a proposed religious institution (buddhist bodhimanda) 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. Request for Deferment

On 1.4.2025, the applicant 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 time to further address departmental comments (**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 further information (FI) to address outstanding issues.

- 3.2 Should the Committee agree to defer making 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. 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	Email from the applicant dated 1.4.2025
Plan A-1	Location plan

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT
APRIL 2025**