

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

**APPLICATION NO. A/FSS/290**  
***(for 1<sup>st</sup> Deferment)***

<b><u>Applicant</u></b>	:	Tak Wo To Tong (德和道堂)
<b><u>Site</u></b>	:	Government Land (GL) in D.D.51, Wong Kong Shan, Fanling, New Territories
<b><u>Site Area</u></b>	:	About 1,408.6 m <sup>2</sup>
<b><u>Lease</u></b>	:	Government land
<b><u>Plan</u></b>	:	Approved Fanling/Sheung Shui Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/FSS/26
<b><u>Zoning</u></b>	:	“Green Belt” (“GB”)
<b><u>Application</u></b>	:	Religious Institution and Columbarium (within a Religious Institution)

**1. The Proposal**

On 8.2.2023, the applicant submitted the application to seek planning permission for religious institution and columbarium (within a religious institution) at the application site (**Plan A-1**). The application is scheduled for consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee (the Committee) at this meeting.

**2. Request for Deferment**

On 22.3.2023, the applicant wrote to the Secretary of the Town Planning Board (the Board) and requested the Board to defer making a decision on the application for two months so as to allow time for preparation of further information in response to 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 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 to the Committee for consideration at the next meeting.

#### **5. Attachments**

<b>Appendix I</b>	Email from the applicant dated 22.3.2023
<b>Plan A-1</b>	Location Plan

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT  
MARCH 2023**