

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION
UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

APPLICATION NO. A/HSK/448

(for 2nd Deferment)

- Applicant** : Easy Growth Development (HK) Company Limited represented by Metro Planning & Development Company Limited
- Site** : Lots 597 RP (Part), 599 RP, 601 RP, 602 (Part), 637 RP (Part), 638 RP, 639 RP, 648 RP, 649 RP, 650, 651, 652 (Part) and 653 RP in D.D.124 and Adjoining Government Land (GL), Ha Tsuen, Yuen Long
- Site Area** : About 6,000m² (including GL of about 140m² or 2.3%)
- Lease** : Block Government Lease (demised for agricultural use)
- Plan** : Approved Hung Shui Kiu and Ha Tsuen Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/HSK/2
- Zonings** : “Commercial (3)” (“C(3)”) (about 51%);
[Restricted to a maximum plot ratio (PR) of 5 and a maximum building height (BH) of 140 mPD]
- “Residential (Group A)2” (“R(A)2”) (about 24%); and
[Restricted to a maximum PR of 6 and a maximum BH of 120 mPD]
- Area shown as ‘Road’ (about 25%)
- Application** : Temporary Warehouse for Storage of Exhibition Materials for a Period of 3 Years

1. Background

- 1.1 On 18.4.2023, the applicant sought planning permission for temporary warehouse for storage of exhibition materials for a period of three years at the application site (**Plan A-1**).
- 1.2 On 14.7.2023, the Rural and New Town Planning Committee (the Committee) of the Town Planning Board (the Board) agreed to defer making a decision on the application for two months, as requested by the applicant, to allow time to prepare further information (FI) to address departmental comments.

- 1.3 On 31.8.2023, the applicant submitted FI to address departmental comments. The application is scheduled for consideration by the Committee at this meeting.

2. Request for Deferment

On 13.10.2023, 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 time to address departmental comments (**Appendix I**).

3. Planning Department's Views

- 3.1 The Planning Department has no objection to the request for the second 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, 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 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 a total period of four months for preparation of submission of FI. The second deferment should be the last deferment and no further deferment would be granted unless under very special circumstances and supported with strong justifications.

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 and letter received on 13.10.2023 from the applicant's representative
Plan A-1	Location Plan

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT
OCTOBER 2023**