RNTPC Paper No. A/KTN/76C For Consideration by The Rural and New Town Planning Committee on 22.4.2022

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

APPLICATION NO. A/KTN/76 (4th Deferment)

<u>Applicant</u>	:	Sky Greatest Limited represented by Kenneth To & Associates Limited
<u>Site</u>	:	Lot 6 (Part), 7, 8 (Part), 9 (Part), 10 S.A., 10 RP (Part) and 12 (Part) in D.D.95 and Adjoining Government Land, Kwu Tung North, New Territories
Site Area	:	About 25,258.98m ²
Lease	:	Block Government Lease (demised for agricultural use)
<u>Plan</u>	:	Approved Kwu Tung North Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/KTN/2
Zonings	:	"Residential (Group B)" ("R(B)")
<u>Application</u>	:	Proposed Minor Relaxation of Plot Ratio Restriction for Permitted Residential Development

1. Background

- 1.1 On 19.3.2021, the applicant submitted a planning application to seek permission for minor relaxation of plot ratio restriction for permitted residential development at the application site (**Plan A-1**).
- 1.2 On 14.5.2021, 27.8.2021 and 24.12.2021, the Rural and New Town Planning Committee (the Committee) agreed to defer a decision on the application, as requested by the applicant, to allow time to prepare further information (FI). Upon receipt of the FI from the applicant on 24.2.2022, the application is scheduled for consideration by the Committee at this meeting.

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

On 7.4.2022, the applicant's representative wrote to Secretary of the Town Planning Board (the Board) and requested the Board to defer the consideration of the application for two months for additional time for updating the Sewerage Impact Assessment and preparing a new assessment to assess potential construction traffic impact in response to the comments from government departments. (Appendix I).

3. Planning Department's View

- 3.1 The application has been deferred thrice for a total of six months at the request of the applicant to allow more time to address the departmental comments. Since the last deferment on 24.12.2021, the applicant has submitted FI on 24.2.2022, including revised traffic impact assessment and revised sewerage impact assessment, to address departmental comments. Nevertheless, the applicant needs more time to address the comments from government departments.
- 3.2 The Planning Department <u>has no objection</u> to the request for deferment as the justification for deferment meets the criteria for deferment as set out in the Town Planning Board Guideline on Deferment of Decision on Representations, Comments, Further Representations and Applications made under the Town Planning Ordinance (TPB PG-No. 33A¹) in that more time is required for the applicant to prepare FI to response to departmental comments, the deferment period is not indefinite and the deferment would not affect the interests of other relevant parties.
- 3.3 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 can be processed within a shorter time, the application could be submitted to an earlier meeting for the Committee's consideration. Since it is the fourth deferment of the application, the applicant should be advised that the Board has allowed a total of eight months for preparation of submission of further information, and no further deferment would be granted.

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. <u>Attachments</u>

Appendix ILetter from applicant dated 7.4.2022 requesting for defermentPlan A-1Location Plan

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¹ The number of deferments to be granted stipulated under TPB PG-No.33A is not applicable to this application which was received before the promulgation of the revised guidelines on 24.8.2021.