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

## **APPLICATION NO. A/NE-KLH/618**

# (for 2<sup>nd</sup> Deferment)

**Applicant**: Home for Homeless Dog Company Limited represented by LCH

Planning & Development Consultants Limited

Site : Lot Nos. 917 (Part) and 942 (Part) in D.D. 7, Tai Po, New Territories

Site Area : About 1,207 m<sup>2</sup>

<u>Lease</u>: Block Government Lease (demised for agricultural use)

<u>Plan</u>: Approved Kau Lung Hang Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/NE-KLH/11

**Zoning** : "Agriculture" ("AGR")

**Application**: Proposed Temporary Animal Boarding Establishment for a Period of 5

Years and Filling of Land

#### 1. Background

- 1.1 On 19.10.2022, the applicant submitted the current application to seek planning permission for temporary animal boarding establishment for a period of 5 years and filling of land on the application site (the Site) (**Plan A-1**).
- 1.2 On 9.12.2022, the Rural and New 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.
- 1.3 On 8.2.2023, the applicant submitted FI to address departmental comments.

#### 2. Request for Deferment

On 17.3.2023, the applicant wrote to the Secretary of the Town Planning Board to request for deferred consideration of the application for two month in order to allow time to prepare FI to address further comments of departmental comments (**Appendix I**)

# 3. Planning Department's Views

- 3.1 Planning Department <u>has no objection</u> 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 (TPG PG No. 33A) in that the deferment would allow the applicant more time to prepare FI in response to departmental comments, the deferment period is not indefinite, and the deferment would not affect the interests of other relevant parties.
- 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 can 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 of four months for preparation of FI submission. 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. <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** Email dated 17.3.2023 from the Applicant's representative **Plan A-1** Location plan

PLANNING DEPARTMENT MARCH 2023