RNTPC Paper No. A/NE-KTS/498 For Consideration by The Rural and New Town Planning Committee on 23.7.2021

<u>APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION</u> <u>UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE</u>

APPLICATION NO. A/NE-KTS/498 (1st Deferment)

<u>Applicant</u>	:	Innolife HK Limited represented by R-riches Property Consultants Limited
<u>Site</u>	:	Lot 1372 RP (Part) in D.D. 100, Tsiu Keng, Kwu Tung South, New Territories
<u>Site Area</u>	:	631m ² (about)
Lease	:	Block Government Lease (demised for agricultural use)
<u>Plan</u>	:	Draft Kwu Tung South Outline Zoning Plan No. S/NE-KTS/17
Zonings	:	"Agriculture" ("AGR")
<u>Application</u>	:	Temporary Place of Recreation, Sports or Culture (Horticultural Learning Centre) for a Period of 3 Years and Filling of Land

1. <u>Background</u>

On 3.6.2021, the applicant submitted the planning application to seek permission to use the application site (**Plan A-1**) for temporary place of recreation, sports or culture (horticultural learning centre) for a period of 3 years and filling of land. The application is scheduled for consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee (the Committee) on 23.7.2021.

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

On 19.7.2021, the applicant wrote to the Secretary of the Town Planning Board (the Board) and requested the Board to defer the consideration of the application in order to allow two months' time for the applicant to prepare further information to address the departmental comments (**Appendix I**).

3. **Planning Department's View**

3.1 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. 33) in that the applicant needs more time to prepare further information 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 further information from the applicant. If the further information 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 two months for preparation of 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 applicant will be submitted to the Committee for consideration at the next meeting.

5. <u>Attachments</u>

Appendix I Plan A-1 Letter dated 19.7.2021 from the applicant Location Plan

PLANNING DEPARTMENT JULY 2021