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

### **APPLICATION NO. A/NE-KTS/522**

(for 1st Deferment)

**Applicant** : The Federation of Vegetable Marketing Co-operative Societies

Limited represented by Ratio Architecture & Planning Company

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Site : Lot 1060 RP (Part) in D.D. 100, Tong Kung Leng, Kwu Tung South,

Sheung Shui, New Territories

Site Area : 390m<sup>2</sup> (about)

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

Plan Approved Kwu Tung South Outline Zoning Plan No. S/NE-KTS/18

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

**Application** : Temporary Office and Ancillary Toilet for a Period of 3 Years

### 1. Background

On 8.2.2023, the applicant submitted the current application to seek planning permission for temporary office and ancillary toilet for a period of 3 years 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's representative wrote to the Secretary, Town Planning Board (the Board) and requested the Board to defer making a decision on the application for two months in order to prepare further information to address departmental comments (**Appendix I**).

### 3. Planning Department's Views

- 3.1 The Planning Department has <u>no objection</u> 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 departmental comments.
- 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 for the Committee's consideration at the next meeting.

## 5. Attachments

**Appendix I** Applicant's representative letter of 22.3.2023

Plan A-1 Location Plan

PLANNING DEPARTMENT MARCH 2023