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

## APPLICATION NO. A/NE-LCW/9

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

**Applicant**: CLP Power Hong Kong Limited represented by Kum Shing (K.F.)

**Construction Company Limited** 

Site : Government Land (GL) in D.D. 145, Lai Chi Wo, Sha Tau Kok, New

**Territories** 

**Site Area** : About 133m<sup>2</sup>

**Land Status**: GL

<u>Plan</u>: Approved Lai Chi Wo, Siu Tan and Sam A Tsuen Outline Zoning Plan

(OZP) No. S/NE-LCW/2

**Zonings** : "Village Type Development" ("V") and "Conservation Area" ("CA")

Application: Proposed Public Utility Installation (Underground Cables and Pole) and

Associated Excavation and Filling of Land

#### 1. Background

- 1.1 On 14.5.2024, the applicant submitted the current application to seek planning permission for proposed public utility installation (underground cables and pole) and associated excavation and filling of land at the application site (**Plan A-1**).
- 1.2 On 5.7.2024, 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 for preparation of further information (FI) to address departmental comments.

#### 2. Request for Deferment

On 2.9.2024, the applicant's representative wrote to the Secretary of the Board and requested to defer consideration of the application for two months in order to prepare FI to address departmental comments (**Appendix I**).

#### 3. Planning Department's Views

3.1 The 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, Further Representations and Applications made under the Town Planning Ordinance (TPB PG-No. 33B) in that the applicant needs more time to prepare FI to address 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 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 the 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. <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 to the Committee for consideration at the next meeting.

### 5. <u>Attachments</u>

**Appendix I** Email dated 2.9.2024 from the applicant's representative **Plan A-1** Location Plan

PLANNING DEPARTMENT SEPTEMBER 2024