

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION
UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

APPLICATION NO. A/NE-SLT/5

(for 1st Deferment)

- Applicant** : HGC Global Communications Limited
- Site** : Government Land in D.D. 31 near Cheung Uk, Sha Lo Tung, Tai Po, New Territories
- Site Area** : About 92m²
- Lease** : Government Land
- Plan** : Approved Sha Lo Tung Outline Zoning Plan No. S/NE-SLT/4
- Zoning** : “Conservation Area” (“CA”) (21%)
“Green Belt” (“GB”) (51%)
“Site of Special Scientific Interest” (“SSSI”) (24%)
“Village Type Development” (“V”) (4%)
- Application** : Proposed Public Utility Installation (Telecommunication Duct and Cables) and Associated Excavation of Land

1. Background

On 22.8.2023, the applicant seeks planning permission for proposed public utility installation (telecommunication ducts and cables) and associated excavation of land at the application site (**Plan A-1**).

2. Request for Deferment

On 28.9.2023, the applicant wrote to the Secretary of the Town Planning Board and requested to defer consideration of the application for two months in order to prepare further information (FI) to address departmental and public comments (**Appendix I**).

3. Planning Department’s Views

3.1 The Planning Department has no objection to the request for the first 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 (TPB PG-No. 33A) in that this is the first deferment requested by the applicant and deferment would allow the applicant to prepare FI to address outstanding issue(s).

- 3.2 Should the Rural and New Town Planning Committee (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 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 two months for preparation of submission of FI, 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 to the Committee for consideration at the next meeting.

5. Attachments

Appendix I	Email dated 28.9.2023 from the applicant
Plan A-1	Location Plan

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT
OCTOBER 2023**