

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION
UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

APPLICATION NO. A/NE- TKLN/61

(for 2nd Deferment)

<u>Applicant</u>	:	Grace Trader Limited represented by DeSPACE (International) Limited
<u>Site</u>	:	Lots 13, 14 RP and 17 RP in D.D. 80 and Adjoining Government Land, Ta Kwu Ling North, New Territories
<u>Site Area</u>	:	About 12,911m ² (Includes Government Land (GL) of about 3,910m ²)
<u>Lease</u>	:	(i) Block Government Lease (demised for agricultural use) (ii) GL
<u>Plan</u>	:	Approved Ta Kwu Ling North Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/NE-TKLN/2
<u>Zoning</u>	:	(i) “Green Belt” (“GB”) (about 89% of the Site) (ii) “Recreation” (“REC”) (about 11% of the Site)
<u>Application</u>	:	Proposed Temporary Public Vehicle Park (Excluding Container Vehicle) for a Period of Five Years and an Access Road with Filling and Excavation of Land

1. Background

- 1.1 On 7.7.2023, the applicant sought planning permission for a proposed temporary public vehicle park (excluding container vehicle) for a period of five years and an access road with filling and excavation of land (**Plan A-1**).
- 1.2 On 22.9.2023, 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 to prepare further information (FI) to address departmental comments.
- 1.3 On 9.8.2023 and 17.11.2023, the applicant submitted FIs to address departmental comments.

2. **Request for Deferment**

On 22.12.2023, the applicant's representative wrote to the Secretary of the Board and requested the Board to defer consideration of the application for two months in order to prepare FI to address the departmental comments (**Appendix I**).

3. **Planning Department's Views**

- 3.1 The Planning Department has no objection 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 (TPB PG-No. 33A)¹ 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 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 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. **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	Email dated 22.12.2023 from the applicant's representative
Plan A-1	Location Plan

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT
JANUARY 2024**

¹ TPB PG-No. 33A is applicable to this application as it was received before the promulgation of the revised guidelines TPB PG-No. 33B on 1.9.2023.