RNTPC Paper No. A/NE-TKLN/63A For Consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee on 8.12.2023

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

APPLICATION NO. A/NE-TKLN/63

(for 2nd Deferment)

| Applicant | : | Chill Station represented by Man Chi Consultants and Construction Limited |
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| <u>Site</u> | : | Lots 1309 S.B ss.3 and 1313 RP in D.D. 78 and Adjoining Government Land, Ta Kwu Ling North, New Territories |
| <u>Site Area</u> | : | About 451.5m ² (includes Government Land (GL) of about 103.9m ²) |
| <u>Leases</u> | : | (i) Block Government Lease (demised for agricultural use) (about 77%) (ii) GL (about 23%) |
| <u>Plan</u> | : | Approved Ta Kwu Ling North Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/NE-TKLN/2 |
| Zoning | : | "Recreation" ("REC") |
| Application | : | Proposed Temporary Private Club for a Period of Five Years |

1. Background

- 1.1 On 11.7.2023, the applicant sought planning permission for a proposed temporary private club for a period of five years at the application site (**Plan A-1**).
- 1.2 On 8.9.2023, 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 11.10.2023 and 16.11.2023, the applicant submitted FIs to address departmental comments. The application is scheduled for consideration by the Committee at this meeting.

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

On 30.11.2023, the applicant's representative wrote to the Secretary of the Town Planning Board and requested the Board to defer making a decision on the application for two months in order to allow time to address the departmental comments (**Appendix I**).

3. <u>Planning Department's Views</u>

- 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, Comments, Further Representations and Applications made under the Town Planning Ordinance (TPB PG-No. 33A)¹ in that deferment would allow the applicant to prepare FI to address outstanding issues.
- 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 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 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. <u>Attachments</u>

Appendix ILetter dated 30.11.2023 from the applicant's representativePlan A-1Location Plan

PLANNING DEPARTMENT DECEMBER 2023

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.