RNTPC Paper No. A/NE-TKL/681A For Consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee on 24.12.2021

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

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## (For 2<sup>nd</sup> Deferment)

<u>Applicant</u>	:	Doran (Hong Kong) Limited represented by AECOM Asia Company Limited
<u>Site</u>	:	Lot 153 (Part) in D.D. 77, Ping Che, New Territories
<u>Site Area</u>	:	About 7,044 m <sup>2</sup>
Lease	:	Block Government Lease (demised for agricultural use)
<u>Plan</u>	:	Approved Ping Che and Ta Kwu Ling Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/NE-TKL/14
Zoning	:	"Industrial (Group D)" ("I(D)")
<b>Application</b>	<u>ı</u> :	Proposed Temporary Concrete Batching Plant for a Period of 5 Years

## 1. Background

- 1.1 On 15.7.2021, the applicant submitted the current application to seek planning permission for a proposed temporary concrete batching plant for a period of five years at the subject site (**Plan A-1**).
- 1.2 On 10.9.2021, 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 the applicant to prepare further information (FI) to address the departmental comments.
- 1.3 On 5.11.2021, the applicant submitted a FI to address departmental comments. The application is scheduled for consideration by the Committee at this meeting.

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

On 10.12.2021, the applicant wrote to the Secretary of the Board and requested the Board to defer making a decision on the application for two months in order to allow time to prepare FI to address 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 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<sup>1</sup>) in that the applicant needs more time to prepare FI to address the 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, 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 to the Committee for consideration at the next meeting.

#### 5. Attachments

Appendix ILetter dated 10.12.2021 from the applicantPlan A-1Location Plan

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The number of deferments to be granted stipulated under TPB PG-No. 33A is not applicable to this application which was received before the promulgation of the revised guidelines on 24.8.2021.