RNTPC Paper No. A/NE-TKL/699 For Consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee on 29.7.2022

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

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# (for 1<sup>st</sup> Deferment)

<u>Applicant</u>	:	The Hong Kong Construction Industry Professional Plant-Operators and Mechanics' Association represented by Ying Shing (Hopewell) Engineering Company Limited
<u>Site</u>	:	Lot 220 in D.D. 84, Ping Che, New Territories
<u>Site Area</u>	:	About 942 m <sup>2</sup>
<u>Lease</u>	:	Block Government Lease (demised for agricultural use)
<u>Plan</u>	:	Approved Ping Che and Ta Kwu Ling Outline Zoning Plan No. S/NE-TKL/14
<u>Zoning</u>	:	"Agriculture" ("AGR")
<u>Application</u>	:	Temporary Training Centre for Construction Industry with Ancillary Office for a Period of 3 Years

# 1. Background

On 6.6.2022, the applicant submitted the current application to seek planning permission to use the application site for a temporary training centre for construction industry with ancillary office for a period of 3 years (**Plan A-1**). The application is scheduled for consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee (the Committee) at this meeting.

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

On 19.7.2022, the applicant wrote to the Secretary, Town Planning Board (the Board) and requested the Board to defer making a decision on the application for two months in order to prepare further information (FI) 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 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 the deferment would allow the applicant to prepare FI to address outstanding issue(s).

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 two months for preparation of the 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 for the Committee's consideration at the next meeting.

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

Appendix I Plan A-1 Letter dated 19.7.2022 from the applicant Location Plan

PLANNING DEPARTMENT JULY 2022