RNTPC Paper No. A/NE-TK/778 For Consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee on 28.7.2023

<u>APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION</u> <u>UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE</u>

<u>APPLICATION NO. A/NE-TK/778</u> (for 1st Deferment)

<u>Applicant</u>	:	Mr. CHAN Yiu Kan represented by Metro Planning & Development Company Limited
<u>Site</u>	:	Lot 552 in D.D. 17, Ting Kok, Tai Po, New Territories
<u>Site Area</u>	:	About 162m ²
Lease	:	Block Government Lease (demised for agricultural use)
<u>Plan</u>	:	Approved Ting Kok Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/NE-TK/19
Zoning	:	"Agriculture" ("AGR") ¹
<u>Application</u>	:	Proposed Temporary Place of Recreation, Sports or Culture (Hobby Farm) for a Period of 3 Years

1. <u>Background</u>

On 1.6.2023, the applicant submitted the current application to seek planning permission for a proposed temporary place of recreation, sports or culture (hobby farm) for a period of 3 years at the application site (**Plan A-1**).

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

On 14.7.2023, the applicant's representative wrote to the Secretary of the Town Planning Board (the Board) and requested to defer consideration of the application for two months in order to prepare further information (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 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

¹ Although a very minor portion of the Site (about 2% or 3m²) falls within an area zoned "Open Space", the Site can be considered as falling entirely within the "AGR" zone due to minor boundary adjustment.

deferment requested by the applicant and the deferment would allow the applicant to prepare FI to address outstanding issues.

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 FI 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 the submission of FI, and no further deferment would be granted unless under very special circumstances.

4. <u>Decision Sought</u>

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. <u>Attachments</u>

Appendix ILetter dated 14.7.2023 from the applicant's representativePlan A-1Location Plan

PLANNING DEPARTMENT JULY 2023