RNTPC Paper No. A/SK-CWBN/65A For Consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee on 13.8.2021

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

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(for 2nd Deferment)

Applicant: CLP Power Hong Kong Limited (CLP) represented by Kum Shing (K.F.)

Construction Company Limited

Site: Government Land in D.D. 238, Clear Water Bay, Sai Kung, New Territories

Site Area: About 18m²

Land Status: Government Land

Plan: Approved Clear Water Bay North Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No.

S/SK-CWBN/6

Zoning: "Conservation Area" ("CA")

Application: Proposed Public Utility Installation (Underground Cable) and Excavation of

Land

1. Background

- 1.1 On 9.4.2021, the applicant sought planning permission for proposed public utility installation (underground cable) and associated excavation of land at the application site (the Site) (**Plan A-1**).
- 1.2 On 28.5.2021, the Rural and New Town Planning Committee (the Committee) of the Town Planning Board (the Board) agreed to defer 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 comments from relevant government departments. No FI has been submitted by the applicant. The application is scheduled for consideration by the Committee at this meeting.

2. Request for Deferment

On 29.7.2021, the applicant's representative wrote to the Secretary of the Board and requested the Board to defer making a decision on the application for two months so as to allow extra time for preparation of FI in response to departmental comments (**Appendix I**).

3. Planning Department's Views

- 3.1 The application has been deferred once for two months at the request of the applicant to allow time to address the departmental comments. The applicant needs more time for the preparation of FI to address the departmental comments received.
- 3.2 The Planning Department <u>has no objection</u> to the request for 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. 33) 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.
- 3.3 Should the Committee agree to defer making 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. Since it is the second deferment of the application, the applicant should be advised that the Committee has allowed a total of four months for preparation of 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. Attachments

Appendix I Email of 29.7.2021 from the applicant's representative

Plan A-1 Location Plan

PLANNING DEPARTMENT AUGUST 2021