

RNTPC Paper No. A/SK-CWBN/71
For Consideration by the
Rural and New Town
Planning Committee
on 31.3.2023

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION
UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

APPLICATION NO. A/SK-CWBN/71
(for 1st Deferment)

- Applicant** : Seeds of Joy Community Limited represented by Lanbase Surveyors Limited
- Site** : Various Lots in D.D. 227 and Adjoining Government Land (GL), Pak Shui Wun, Sai Kung, New Territories
- Site Area** : About 10,988m² (including about 133m² of GL)
- Land Status** : (i) Block Government Lease (demised for agricultural use)
(about 99% of the Site)
(ii) GL (about 1% of the Site)
- Plan** : Approved Clear Water Bay Peninsula North Outline Zoning Plan No. S/SK-CWBN/6
- Zoning** : “Conservation Area”
- Application** : Proposed Temporary ~~Organic Farm~~ and Education Centre for a Period of 3 Years

1. Background

On 11.1.2023, the applicant submitted the current application to seek planning permission for proposed temporary ~~organic farm~~ and education centre for a period of three years at the application site (**Plan A-1**). The application is scheduled for consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee (the Committee) at this meeting.

2. Request for Deferment

On 17.3.2023, the applicant’s representative wrote to the Secretary of the Town Planning Board (the Board) and requested the Board to defer making a decision on the application for two months in order to allow time for preparation of further information (FI) to address departmental comments (**Appendix I**).

3. Planning Department's Views

- 3.1 The Planning Department has no objection 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 (TPG PG-No. 33A) in that the deferment would allow the applicant to prepare FI to address outstanding issues.
- 3.2 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 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. Attachments

Appendix I
Plan A-1

Letter dated 17.3.2023 from the applicant's representative
Location Plan

PLANNING DEPARTMENT
MARCH 2023