

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION
UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

APPLICATION NO. A/SK-HC/327
(for 2nd Deferment)

<u>Applicants</u>	: Vie Tranquille Garden Company Limited and Elegant Garden Company Limited, represented by Mr. PANG Hing Yeun
<u>Site</u>	: Lot 130 S.A (Part) and RP (Part) in D.D. 247, Ho Chung, Sai Kung, New Territories
<u>Site Area</u>	: 937.62m ² (about)
<u>Lease</u>	: Block Government Lease (demised for agricultural use)
<u>Plan</u>	: Approved Ho Chung Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/SK-HC/11
<u>Zoning</u>	: “Green Belt” (“GB”)
<u>Application</u>	: Proposed Excavation of Land for Permitted Agricultural Use (Green Houses)

1. Background

- 1.1 On 25.3.2021, the applicants sought planning permission for proposed excavation of land for permitted agricultural use (green houses) at the application site (**Plan A-1**).
- 1.2 On 14.5.2021, 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 2 months, as requested by the applicants, so as to allow time for the applicants to prepare further information (FI) in response to departmental comments. The application is scheduled for consideration by the Committee at this meeting.

2. Request for Deferment

On 11.7.2021, the applicants’ representative wrote to the Secretary of the Board and requested the Board to defer making a decision on the application for further two months so as to allow time to prepare 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 applicants. The applicants have indicated that more time is needed for preparation of FI to address the departmental comments.
- 3.2 The Planning Department has no objection 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 applicants need more time to address the comments from the relevant government department, 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 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 applicants. If the FI submitted by the applicants 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 applicants 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. Decision Sought

The Committee is invited to consider whether or not to accede to the applicants' 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	Letter dated 11.7.2021 from the applicants' representative
Plan A-1	Location Plan

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT
JULY 2021**