RNTPC Paper No. A/SK-HC/343 For Consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee on 19.5.2023

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

<u>APPLICATION NO. A/SK-HC/343</u> (for 1st Deferment)

<u>Applicant</u>	:	Mr Wong Choi Ping represented by R-riches Property Consultants Limited
<u>Site</u>	:	Lot 435 S.D ss.1 S.A (Part) in D.D. 244 and Adjoining Government Land (GL), Ho Chung, Sai Kung, New Territories
<u>Site Area</u>	:	About 4m ² (including about 1m ² GL (about 25%))
Lease	:	Old Schedule Agricultural Lot held under Block Government Lease
<u>Plan</u>	:	Approved Ho Chung Outline Zoning Plan No. S/SK-HC/11
<u>Zoning</u>	:	"Agriculture"
<u>Application</u>	:	Temporary Security Guard Room for a Period of 3 Years and Associated Filling of Land

1. Background

On 20.3.2023, the applicant sought planning permission for a temporary security guard room for a period of three years and associated filling of land at the application site (**Plan A-1**). The application is scheduled for consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee (the Committee) of the Town Planning Board (the Board) at this meeting.

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

On 9.5.2023, 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 in order to allow time 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 the first 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. 33A) in that the applicant needs more time to prepare FI to address outstanding issues.

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. <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 for the Committee's consideration at the next meeting.

5. <u>Attachments</u>

Appendix ILetter dated 9.5.2023 from the applicant's representativePlan A-1Location Plan

PLANNING DEPARTMENT MAY 2023