RNTPC Paper No. A/SK-HC/354A For Consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee on 4.10.2024

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

<u>APPLICATION NO. A/SK-HC/354</u> (for 2nd Deferment)

<u>Applicant</u>	:	Ms. LAM Yeuk Yin represented by Mr. YEUNG Siu Fung
<u>Site</u>	:	Lot 429 S.B (Part) in D.D. 244 and Adjoining Government Land (GL), Ho Chung New Village, Sai Kung, New Territories
<u>Site Area</u>	:	About 282.33m ² (including about 216.77m ² (about 77%) of GL)
Lease	:	Block Government Lease (demised for agricultural use)
<u>Plan</u>	:	Approved Ho Chung Outline Zoning Plan No. S/SK-HC/11
Zoning	:	"Agriculture"
Application	<u>ı</u> :	Temporary Private Garden for a Period of Three Years

1. Background

- 1.1 On 30.4.2024, the applicant submitted the current application to seek planning permission for temporary private garden for a period of three years at the application site (**Plan A-1**).
- 1.2 On 21.6.2024, the Rural and New Town Planning Committee (the Committee) of the Town Planning Board (the Board) agreed to defer making a decision on the application for two months, as requested by the applicant, to allow time for preparation of further information (FI) to address departmental comments. On 19.8.2024 and 20.8.2024, the applicant submitted FI to address departmental comments.

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

On 23.9.2024, 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 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 second 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, Further Representations and Applications made under the Town Planning Ordinance (TPB PG-No. 33B) 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 further submission 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 a total of four months for preparation of submission of FI. The second deferment should be the last deferment and no further deferment would be granted unless under very special circumstances and supported with strong justifications.

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 IEmail dated 23.9.2024 from the applicant's representativePlan A-1Location Plan

PLANNING DEPARTMENT OCTOBER 2024