RNTPC Paper No. A/SK-PK/292A For Consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee on 5.4.2024

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

APPLICATION NO. A/SK-PK/292 (for 2nd Deferment)

<u>Applicant</u>	:	CLP Power Hong Kong Limited represented by Kum Shing (K.F) Construction Company Limited
<u>Sites</u>	:	Government Land (G.L.) in D.D. 222, Pak Kong Road, Sai Kung, New Territories
<u>Site Area</u>	:	About 38m ²
Land Status	<u>s</u> :	G.L.
<u>Plan</u>	:	Approved Pak Kong and Sha Kok Mei Outline Zoning Plan No. S/SK-PK/11
Zoning	:	"Conservation Area"
<u>Application</u>	<u>ı</u> :	Proposed Public Utility Installation (Poles and Underground Cables) and Associated Excavation of Land

1. Background

- 1.1 On 7.12.2023, the applicant submitted the current application to seek planning permission for proposed public utility installation (poles and underground cables) and associated excavation of land at the application sites (**Plan A-1**).
- 1.2 On 26.1.2024, the Rural and New Town Planning Committee (the Committee) 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. As no FI was submitted by the applicant since the last deferment, the application is scheduled for consideration by the Committee at this meeting.

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

On 20.3.2024, 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 more 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 justification for deferment meets 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 applicant needs more time to prepare FI to address outstanding issues, 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 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 a total of four months for preparation of the 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 20.3.2024 from the applicant's representativePlan A-1Location Plan

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