

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION
UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

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

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| <u>Applicant</u> | : Master Mind Development Limited represented by Townland Consultants Limited |
| <u>Site</u> | : Various Lots in D.D. 368, Pak Lap, Sai Kung, New Territories |
| <u>Site Area</u> | : 13,986m ² (about) |
| <u>Lease</u> | : Block Government Lease (demised for agricultural use) |
| <u>Plan</u> | : Draft Pak Lap Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/SK-PL/3 |
| <u>Zoning</u> | : “Agriculture” (“AGR”) |
| <u>Application</u> | : Proposed Field Study/Education/Visitor Centre |

1. Background

On 21.6.2021, the applicant sought planning permission for the proposed field study/education/visitor centre 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 28.7.2021, 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 so as to allow sufficient time for preparation of Further Information (FI) to address the departmental comments (**Appendix I**).

3. Planning Department’s Views

3.1 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 applicant needs more time to address the comments from 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 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 can 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 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 to the Committee for consideration at the next meeting.

5. Attachments

Appendix I
Plan A-1

Letter of 28.7.2021 from the applicant's representative
Location Plan

PLANNING DEPARTMENT
AUGUST 2021