RNTPC Paper No. A/SLC/174A For Consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee on 23.6.2023

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

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(for 2nd Deferment)

Applicant: CLP Power Hong Kong Limited represented by Hargreaves Power Services

(HK) Limited

Site : Lot 889 S.A in D.D. 328L and Adjoining Government Land, Tong Fuk, Lantau

Site Area : 15m² (about) (including about 12m² Government Land)

<u>Land Status</u>: a) Government Land (about 80% of the Site)

b) Block Government Lease (demised for agricultural use)

(about 20% of the Site); and

Plan : Approved South Lantau Coast Outline Zoning Plan No. S/SLC/21

Zoning : "Coastal Protection Area"

Application: Proposed Public Utility Installation (Poles, Stays and Overhead Cables) and

Excavation and Filling of Land

1. Background

- 1.1 On 4.1.2023, the applicant sought planning permission for a proposed public utility installation (poles, stays and overhead cables) and associated excavation and filling of land at the application site (**Plan A-1**).
- 1.2 On 3.3.2023, 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) in response to departmental comments.
- 1.3 On 27.4.2023, the applicant submitted FI including new tree survey report and tree preservation proposal to address departmental comments. The application is scheduled for consideration by the Committee at this meeting.

2. Request for Deferment

On 8.6.2023, the applicant wrote to the Secretary of the Board and requested the Board to further defer making a decision on the application for two months in order to allow more time for preparation of FI to address departmental comments (**Appendix I**).

3. Planning Department's Views

- 3.1 The Planning Department <u>has no objection</u> to the request for the <u>second</u> 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, Comments, Further Representations and Applications made under the Town Planning Ordinance (TPB PG-No. 33A) in that the applicant needs more time to address the comments from relevant government departments, the deferment period is not indefinite and the deferment would not affect the rights or 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 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. Attachments

Appendix I Email from the applicant dated 8.6.2023

Plan A-1 Location Plan

PLANNING DEPARTMENT JUNE 2023