RNTPC Paper No. A/TKO/123 For Consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee on 27.8.2021

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

<u>APPLICATION NO. A/TKO/123</u> (for 1st deferment)

<u>Applicant</u>	:	Hongkong Top Smart Enterprise Limited represented by RHL Surveyors Limited
<u>Site</u>	:	Lot No. 146 in D.D. 224, Hang Hau, Tseung Kwan O
<u>Site Area</u>	:	150.5m ² (about)
<u>Lease</u>	:	House Lot under Block Government Lease to be expired on 30.6.2047
<u>Plan</u>	:	Approved Tseung Kwan O Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/TKO/28
Zoning	:	"Green Belt" ("GB")
<u>Application</u>	:	Proposed School

1. <u>Background</u>

On 7.7.2021, the applicant seeks planning permission for a proposed school within an existing building at the application site (**Plan A-1**). The application is scheduled for consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee (the Committee) on 27.8.2021.

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

On 12.8.2021, 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 in order to allow more time to prepare responses to government departments' comments (**Appendix I**).

3. <u>Planning Department's Views</u>

3.1 The Planning Department <u>has no objection</u> to the request for 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. 33) in that the applicant needs more time to prepare further information in response to government departments' comments, the deferment period is not indefinite and the deferment would not affect the interest 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 further information from the applicant. If the further information 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 further information, 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 to the Committee for consideration at the next meeting.

5. <u>Attachments</u>

Appendix I Letter of 12.8.2021 from the applicant's representative

Plan A-1Location Plan

PLANNING DEPARTMENT AUGUST 2021 _