RNTPC Paper No. A/TM-SKW/115 For Consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee on 29.7.2022

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

<u>APPLICATION NO. A/TM-SKW/115</u> (for 1st Deferment)

<u>Applicant</u>	:	Able Smart Properties Limited represented by Allgain Land Administrators (Hong Kong) Limited
<u>Site</u>	:	Lot 240 S.B. (Part) in D.D.385, So Kwun Wat, Tuen Mun, New Territories
<u>Site Area</u>	:	About 843m ²
Lease	:	Block Government Lease (demised for agricultural use)
<u>Plan</u>	:	Approved So Kwun Wat Outline Zoning Plan No. S/TM-SKW/13
Zoning	:	"Village Type Development" ("V") [Restricted to a maximum building height of 3 storeys (8.23m)]
Application	:	Proposed Temporary Shop and Services for a Period of 3 Years

1. <u>Background</u>

On 10.6.2022, the applicant sought planning permission for proposed temporary shop and services for a period of 3 years at the application site (the Site) (**Plan A-1**). The application is scheduled for consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee (the Committee) at this meeting.

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

On 14.7.2022, 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 time to prepare further information (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 first 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 deferment would allow the applicant to prepare FI to address outstanding issues.

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 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 period of two months for preparation of submission of FI, 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 applications will be submitted for the Committee's consideration at the next meeting.

5. <u>Attachments</u>

Appendix I Email dated 14.7.2022 from the applicant's representative

Plan A-1 Location Plan

PLANNING DEPARTMENT JULY 2022