

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION
UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

APPLICATION NO. A/TM-SKW/121
(for 1st Deferment)

<u>Applicant</u>	: Mr. Li Wai Lun represented by Metro Planning & Development Company Limited
<u>Application Site</u>	: Lots 1391 (Part), 1392 S.A (Part), 1392 S.B, 1392 S.C, 1392 RP (Part) and 1393 RP (Part) in D.D. 375 and Adjoining Government Land (GL), So Kwun Wat, Tuen Mun, New Territories
<u>Site Area</u>	: About 494m ² (including GL of about 5m ² or 1%)
<u>Lease</u>	: Block Government Lease (demised for agricultural use)
<u>Plan</u>	: Draft So Kwun Wat Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/TM-SKW/14
<u>Zoning</u>	: “Green Belt” (“GB”)
<u>Application</u>	: Proposed Temporary Place of Recreation, Sports or Culture (Hobby Farm) for a Period of 3 Years and associated Excavation of Land

1. Background

On 12.6.2023, the applicant sought planning permission to use the application site (the Site) for proposed temporary place of recreation, sports or culture (hobby farm) for a period of three years and associated excavation of land (**Plan A-1**). The application is scheduled for consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee (the Committee) of the Town Planning Board (the Board) at this meeting.

2. Request for Deferment

On 4.8.2023, the applicant’s representative wrote to the Secretary of 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. Planning Department’s Views

- 3.1. The Planning Department has no objection 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 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 period of 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 for the Committee's consideration at the next meeting.

5. Attachments

Appendix I Letter dated 4.8.2023 from the applicant's representative

Plan A-1 Location Plan

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT
AUGUST 2023**