

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION
UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

APPLICATION NO. A/TP/681

(for 1st Deferment)

- Applicant** : The Lotus Association of Hong Kong represented by KJL Limited
- Site** : Lots 1119 S.A, 1119 S.C, 1253, 1254 S.A, 1254 S.B, 1254 S.C, 1254 RP, 1260 S.A and 1270 S.A in D.D. 6 and Adjoining Government land, Pun Chun Yuen, Shek Lin Road, Tai Po, New Territories
- Site Area** : About 19,600.9 m²
- Land Status** : (a) Block Government Lease (demised for agriculture, orchard and building uses) (about 96.7% of the Site)
(b) Government Land (about 3.3% of the Site)
- Plan** : Draft Tai Po Outline Zoning Plan No. S/TP/29
- Zoning** : "Green Belt" ("GB")
- Application** : Columbarium within a Religious Institution

1. Background

The applicant seeks planning permission for a columbarium within a religious institution at the application site (**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) on 6.5.2022.

2. Request for Deferment

On 20.4.2022, 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 more time for preparation of further information (FI) to address departmental comments and facilitate Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) to complete the verification of the number of niches within application site (**Appendix I**).

3. Planning Department's Views

- 3.1 The Planning Department has no objection to the request for the first 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. 33A) in that the deferment would allow the applicant to prepare FI to address outstanding departmental comments.
- 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 information 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	Applicant's letter dated 20.4.2022
Plan A-1	Location Plan

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT
MAY 2022**