RNTPC Paper No. A/TP/685 For Consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee on 25.11.2022

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

APPLICATION NO. A/TP/685 (for 1st Deferment)

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: The Kowloon Motor Bus Co. (1933) Ltd. (KMB)

Site : Government Land at the junction of Dai Fuk Street and Dai Wah Street,

Tai Po

Site Area : About 14,600m²

Applicant

<u>Lease</u> : Government Land (GL)

Plan : Approved Tai Po Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/TP/30

Zoning : "Other Specified Uses" annotated "Bus depot" ("OU(Bus Depot)")

[Maximum building height of 2 storeys or the height of the existing

building, whichever is the greater]

Application: Proposed Minor Relaxation of Building Height Restriction for Permitted

Bus Depot

1. Background

On 6.10.2022, the applicant submitted the current application to seek planning permission for proposed minor relaxation of building height restriction for permitted bus depot at the subject site (**Plan A-1**).

2. Request for Deferment

On 14.11.2022, the applicant 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. Planning Department's Views

3.1 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. 33A) in that the applicant needs more time to prepare FI in response to departmental comments, the deferment period is not indefinite and the deferment would not affect the interests of other relevant parties.

3.2 Should the Rural and New Town Planning Committee (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 two months for preparation of FI submission, 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 Letter dated 14.11.2022 from the applicant

Plan A-1 Location Plan

PLANNING DEPARTMENT NOVEMBER 2022