RNTPC Paper No. A/YL-HTF/1145A For Consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee on 5.5.2023

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

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(for 2nd Deferment)

Applicant: Winning Vast Limited represented by PlanPlus Consultancy Limited

Site : Lot 182 S.B in D.D.128, Ha Tsuen, Yuen Long, New Territories

Site Area : About 2,550m²

<u>Lease</u>: Block Government Lease (demised for agricultural use)

<u>Plan</u>: Approved Ha Tsuen Fringe Outline Zoning Plan No. S/YL-HTF/12

Zoning : "Residential (Group D)"

[Restricted to a maximum plot ratio of 0.2 and a maximum building height

of 2 storeys (6*m*)]

Application : Proposed House and Excavation of Land

1. Background

- 1.1 On 7.11.2022, the applicant sought planning permission for proposed house and excavation of land at the application site (**Plan A-1**).
- 1.2 On 23.12.2022, the Rural and New Town Planning Committee (the Committee) of the Town Planning Board (the Board) agreed to defer making a decision on the application for two months, as requested by the applicant, to allow time to prepare further information (FI) to address departmental comments.
- 1.3 On 29.12.2022, 3.2.2023, 16.3.2023 and 17.3.2023, the applicant submitted FIs to address departmental comments. The application is scheduled for consideration by the Committee at this meeting.

2. Request for Deferment

On 20.4.2023, 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 so as to allow time to prepare FI to address departmental comments (**Appendix I**).

3. Planning Department's Views

- 3.1 The Planning Department has <u>no objection</u> to the request for the second 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 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 a total of four months for preparation of submission of FI. The second deferment should be the last deferment and no further deferment would be granted unless under very special circumstances and supported with strong justifications.

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. Attachments

Appendix I Letter dated 20.4.2023 from the applicant's representative

Plan A-1 Location Plan

PLANNING DEPARTMENT MAY 2023