APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

APPLICATION NO. A/YL-KTN/785

(1st Deferment)

Applicant : Bright Strong Limited represented by KTA Planning Limited

Site : Lots 1758, 1759, 1760, 1761, 1763 RP (Part), 1766 RP (Part) and 1767

RP (Part) in D.D. 107, Kam Tin North, Yuen Long, New Territories

Site Area : About 7,043 m²

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

<u>Plan</u>: Approved Kam Tin North Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/YL-

KTN/9

Zoning : "Agriculture" ("AGR")

Application : Proposed Public Utility Installation (Solar Energy System)

1. Background

On 4.8.2021, the applicant submitted the subject application to seek planning permission to use the application site (the Site) (**Plan A-1**) for proposed public utility installation (solar energy system). The application is scheduled for consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee (the Committee) on 24.9.2021.

2. Request for Deferment

On 16.9.2021, 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 so as to allow time for preparation of further information in response to departmental comments (**Appendix I**).

3. Planning Department's Views

3.1 The Planning Department <u>has no objection</u> to the request for 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. 33A¹) in that the applicant needs more time to prepare further information 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 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 further information 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 Committee's consideration. The applicant should be advised that the Committee has allowed two months for preparation of submission of further information as requested by the applicant, 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 application will be submitted for the Committee's consideration at the next meeting.

5. Attachments

Appendix I Letter dated 16.9.2021 from the applicant requesting for

deferment

Plan A-1 Location Plan

PLANNING DEPARTMENT SEPTEMBER 2021

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¹ The number of deferments to be granted stipulated under TPB PG-No. 33A is not applicable to this application which was received before the promulgation of the revised guidelines on 24.8.2021.