RNTPC Paper No. A/YL-MP/332A For Consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee on 3.2.2023

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

<u>APPLICATION NO. A/YL-MP/332</u> (for 2nd Deferment)

Applicant : CLP Power Hong Kong Limited represented by Pacific Extend Limited

Site : Government Land in D.D. 101, Mai Po San Tsuen, Mai Po, Yuen Long

Site Area : About 23.9 m²

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

<u>Plan</u>: Approved Mai Po and Fairview Park Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No.

S/YL-MP/6

Zoning : "Conservation Area" ("CA")

Application : Proposed Public Utility Installation (Low Voltage Underground Cable) and

associated Excavation and Filling of Land

1. Background

- 1.1. On 14.9.2022, the applicant submitted the application to seek planning permission for proposed public utility installation (low voltage (LV) underground Cable) and associated filling and excavation of land at the application site (**Plan A-1**).
- 1.2. On 11.11.2022, the Rural and New Town Planning Committee (the Committee) of the Town Planning Board (the Board) agreed to defer a decision on the application, as requested by the applicant, for two months to allow time for the applicant to prepare further information to address departmental comments.

2. Request for Deferment

On 10.1.2023, the applicant's representative wrote to the Secretary of the Board and requested to defer consideration on the application for two months so as to allow time for preparation of further information 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 applicant needs more time to prepare further information to address departmental comments, the deferment period is not indefinite and the deferment would not affect the rights or 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 information 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 the Committee's consideration. The applicant should be advised that the Committee has allowed a total of four months for preparation of submission of further information. 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. 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 Email dated 10.1.2023 from the applicant's representative

Plan A-1 Location Plan

PLANNING DEPARTMENT FEBRUARY 2023