RNTPC Paper No. A/YL-MP/352A For Consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee on 12.1.2024

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

<u>APPLICATION NO. A/YL-MP/352</u> (for 2nd Deferment)

<u>Applicant</u>	:	Monotonic Limited represented by Conrad Tang & Associates Limited
<u>Site</u>	:	Lot 3018 S.A in D.D. 104, Mai Po, Yuen Long
<u>Site Area</u>	:	About 3,220m ²
Land Status	:	Block Government Lease (demised for agricultural use)
<u>Plan</u>	:	Approved Mai Po & Fairview Park Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/YL-MP/6
<u>Zoning</u>	:	"Conservation Area" ("CA") (about 98% of the Site) and "Residential (Group C)" ("R(C)") (about 2% of the Site)
Application	:	Temporary Public Utility Installation (Solar Photovoltaic System) for a Period of 3 Years

1. Background

- 1.1 On 3.8.2023, the applicant submitted the current application to seek planning permission for temporary public utility installation (solar photovoltaic system) for a period of three years at the subject site (**Plan A-1**).
- 1.2 On 22.9.2023, 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 for the applicant to prepare further information (FI) to address departmental comments.
- 1.3 On 22.11.2023, the applicant submitted FI to address departmental comments. The application is scheduled for consideration by the Committee at this meeting.

2. <u>Request for Deferment</u>

On 27.12.2023, 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 for preparation of FI to address departmental comments (**Appendix I**).

3. <u>Planning Department's Views</u>

- 3.1 The Planning Department has <u>no objection</u> to the request for the second deferment as the justifications 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 issue(s).
- 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 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 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 IEmail dated 27.12.2023 from the Applicant's representativePlan A-1Location Plan

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