RNTPC Paper No. A/YL-NTM/434 For Consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee on 4.3.2022

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

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(for 1st Deferment)

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

Site : Lot 518 (Part) in D.D. 98 and Government Land (GL), Ngau Tam Mei, Yuen

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Site Area : About 36.6 m² (including GL of about 27.9 m² (76.2%))

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

<u>Plan</u>: Approved Ngau Tam Mei Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No.

S/YL-NTM/12

Zoning : "Conservation Area" ("CA") (about 95% of the Site)

"Green Belt" ("GB") (about 5% of the Site)

<u>Application</u>: Proposed Public Utility Installation (Low Voltage Cable Laying) and associated

Filling and Excavation of Land

1. Background

- 1.1 On 12.1.2022, the applicant submitted an application seeking planning permission for proposed public utility installation (low voltage cable laying) and associated filling and excavation of land at the application site (the Site) (**Plan A-1**). The application is scheduled for consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee (the Committee) at this meeting.
- 1.2 In view of the situation of COVID-19 and the latest special work arrangement for government departments announced by the Government, the Planning Department (PlanD) has only provided essential and limited public services and the District Planning Offices of PlanD have suspended all fieldwork, including visits to application sites for gathering background information, until further notice.

2. Planning Department's Views

2.1 According to the Town Planning Guidelines on Deferment of Decision on Representations, Comments, Further Representations, and Applications made under the Town Planning Ordinance (TPB PG-No. 33A), a decision on a s.16

application should be deferred if information which is essential for the consideration of the submissions by the Town Planning Board is not available but is required to be provided by the relevant parties or government departments. Since all fieldwork has been suspended during the special work arrangement and some relevant background information of the application site, which is essential for the consideration of the application by the Committee, is not yet available, it is recommended to defer making a decision on the application until such information becomes available.

2.2 Should the Committee agree to defer making a decision on the application, the application will be submitted to the Committee for consideration as soon as practicable after the fieldwork is resumed and the required background information of the application site can be made available.

3. Decision Sought

The Committee is invited to consider whether or not to defer making a decision on the application as recommended by PlanD. Should the Committee decide not to defer making a decision on the application, the application will be submitted to the Committee for consideration at the next meeting.

4. Attachments

Plan A-1 Location Plan

PLANNING DEPARTMENT MARCH 2022