

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION
UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

APPLICATION NO. A/YL-NTM/446
(for 2nd Deferment)

Applicant : Water Supplies Department (WSD), the Government of the HKSAR

Site : Government Land (GL) in D.D. 98, Ngau Tam Mei, Yuen Long

Site Area : About 30m²

Lease : Government Land

Plan : Approved Ngau Tam Mei Outline Zoning Plan No. S/YL-NTM/12

Zoning : “Conservation Area” (“CA”)

Application : Proposed Excavation and Filling of Land for Permitted Waterworks (Watermain Laying)

1. Background

- 1.1 On 16.9.2022, the applicant submitted the application to seek planning permission for proposed excavation and filling of land for permitted waterworks (watermain laying) at the application site (**Plan A-1**).
- 1.2 On 11.11.2022, the Rural and New Town Planning Committee (the Committee) agreed to defer a decision on the application, as requested by the applicant, for two months to allow more time to prepare further information (FI) to address departmental comments.

2. Request for Deferment

On 10.2.2023, the applicant wrote to the Secretary of the Town Planning Board (the Board) and requested the Board to further defer making a decision on the application for two months so as to allow more time to prepare FI to address departmental comments (**Appendix I**).

3. Planning Department’s Views

- 3.1 The Planning Department has no objection to the request for 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, 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 information 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 the 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. 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 10.2.2023 from the applicant
Plan A-1	Location Plan

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT
FEBRUARY 2023**