

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION
UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

APPLICATION NO. A/YL-NTM/465
(for 2nd Deferment)

<u>Applicant</u>	: Christian New Life Association Limited
<u>Site</u>	: Lots 762 (Part), 763 (Part), 765 (Part), 790 (Part), 791 (Part) and Adjoining Government Land (GL) in D.D.105, Ngau Tam Mei, Yuen Long
<u>Site Area</u>	: About 1,280m ² (including GL of about 654 m ² (about 51% of the application site))
<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
<u>Zoning</u>	: “Green Belt” (“GB”)
<u>Application</u>	: Temporary Social Welfare Facility (Drug Dependent Persons Treatment and Rehabilitation Centre) for a Period of 3 Years

1. Background

- 1.1 On 18.7.2023, the applicant submitted the application to seek planning permission for temporary social welfare facility (drug dependent persons treatment and rehabilitation centre) for a period of 3 years at the application site (**Plan A-1**).
- 1.2 On 11.9.2023, 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. Request for Deferment

On 29.12.2023, the applicant 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 more time for 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 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 deferment would allow the applicant to prepare FI to address outstanding issues.

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 FI 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 to the Committee for consideration at the next meeting.

5. Attachments

Appendix I	Email dated 29.12.2023 from the applicant
Plan A-1	Location Plan

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT
JANUARY 2024**