

**APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION**  
**UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE**

**APPLICATION NO. A/YL-PH/1023**  
***(for 1<sup>st</sup> Deferment)***

<b><u>Applicant</u></b>	:	The Association of Stem Agriculture Ltd.
<b><u>Site</u></b>	:	Lots 153, 158 (Part) and 159 (Part) in D.D. 108 and Adjoining Government Land, Pat Heung, Yuen Long
<b><u>Site Area</u></b>	:	About 6,525 m <sup>2</sup> (including about 28 m <sup>2</sup> (0.4%) of GL)
<b><u>Lease</u></b>	:	Block Government Lease (demised for agricultural use)
<b><u>Plan</u></b>	:	Approved Pat Heung Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/YL-PH/11
<b><u>Zoning</u></b>	:	“Conservation Area” (“CA”)
<b><u>Application</u></b>	:	Proposed Temporary Education/ Visitor Centre and Place of Recreation, Sports or Culture (Hobby Farm) with Ancillary Facilities for a Period of 3 Years and Associated Filling of Land

**1 Background**

On 22.7.2024, the applicant sought planning permission for proposed temporary education/ visitor centre and place of recreation, sports or culture (hobby farm) with ancillary facilities for a period of 3 years and associated filling of land at the application site (**Plan A-1**). The application is scheduled for consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee (the Committee) at this meeting.

**2 Request for Deferment**

On 30.8.2024, the applicant wrote to the Secretary of the Town Planning Board (the Board) and requested the Board to defer making a decision on the application for two months in order to allow time for preparation of further information (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 first deferment as the justifications for deferment meet the criteria for deferment as set out in the Town

Planning Board Guidelines on Deferment of Decision on Representations, Further Representations and Applications made under the Town Planning Ordinance (TPB PG-No. 33B) in that the deferment would allow the applicant to prepare FI to address outstanding issues.

- 3.2 Should the Committee agree to defer making 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 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 two months for preparation of the submission of FI, and no further deferment would be granted unless under very special circumstances.

#### **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**

<b>Appendix I</b>	Email from the applicant dated 30.8.2024
<b>Plan A-1</b>	Location Plan

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT  
SEPTEMBER 2024**