RNTPC Paper No. A/YL-PH/988A For Consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee on 2.8.2024

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

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(for 2nd Deferment)

Applicant : Smartek Engineering Investment Limited

Site : Lots 745 S.B ss.1, 745 S.B ss.2 (Part) and 745 S.B RP (Part) in D.D. 111,

Fan Kam Road, Pat Heung, Yuen Long, New Territories

Site Area : About 368m²

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

<u>Plan</u>: Approved Pat Heung Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/YL-PH/11

Zoning : "Village Type Development" ("V")

Application : Proposed Temporary Shop and Services for a Period of Three Years

1. The Proposal

- 1.1 On 5.2.2024, the applicant submitted the current application to seek planning permission for proposed temporary shop and services for a period of three years at the application site (**Plan A-1**).
- 1.2 On 5.4.2024, 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 preparation of further information (FI) to address the departmental comments.
- 1.3 On 5.6.2024, the applicant submitted FI to address the departmental comments. The application is scheduled for consideration by the Committee at this meeting.

2. Request for Deferment

On 31.7.2024, the applicant wrote to the Secretary of 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 FI to address the departmental comments (**Appendix I**).

3. Planning Department's Views

- 3.1 The Planning Department <u>has no objection</u> to the request for the second 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, Comments, 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 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 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. <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 I Letter from the applicant received on 31.7.2024

Plan A-1 Location Plan

PLANNING DEPARTMENT AUGUST 2024