RNTPC Paper No. A/YL-PH/990 For Consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee on 5.4.2024

# <u>APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION</u> UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

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(for 1st Deferment)

Applicant : Hong Kong Rettungshunde Association (HKRA) Limited (香港救援犬

會有限公司)

Site : Government Land (GL) in D.D. 114, Kei Ling, Pat Heung, Yuen Long

Site Area : About 7,800 m<sup>2</sup>

**Land Status** : GL

Plans : Approved Pat Heung Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/YL-PH/11 and

approved Shek Kong OZP No. S/YL-SK/9

**Zoning** : "Agriculture" ("AGR")

**Application** : Proposed Temporary School, Field Study/Education/Visitor Centre and

Animal Boarding Establishment for a Period of Five Years

## 1. Background

On 9.2.2024, the applicant submitted the current application to seek planning permission to use the application site for proposed temporary school, field study/education/visitor centre and animal boarding establishment (**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 22.3.2024, 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 to address the departmental and public comments (**Appendix I**).

### 3. Planning Department's Views

3.1 The Planning Department <u>has no objection</u> 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, 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 further information to address outstanding issue(s).

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 further information 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 two months for preparation of the submission of further information, and no further deferment would be granted unless under very special circumstances.

#### 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 dated 22.3.2024

Plan A-1 Location Plan

PLANNING DEPARTMENT APRIL 2024