

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION
UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

APPLICATION NO. A/YL-ST/626
(for 2nd Deferment)

<u>Applicant</u>	: Mr. KO Shun Pang represented by Mr. HUI Kwan Yee
<u>Site</u>	: Lot 1808 in D.D. 96, Lok Ma Chau, San Tin, Yuen Long
<u>Site Area</u>	: About 165 m ²
<u>Lease</u>	: Block Government Lease (demised for agricultural use)
<u>Plan</u>	: Approved San Tin Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/YL-ST/8
<u>Zoning</u>	: “Conservation Area” (“CA”)
<u>Application</u>	: Proposed Temporary Field Education Centre with Ancillary Shop and Services for a Period of 3 Years

1. Background

- 1.1. On 18.7.2022, the applicant submitted the application to seek planning permission for proposed temporary field education centre with ancillary shop and services for a period of 3 years at the application site (**Plan A-1**).
- 1.2. On 9.9.2022, 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 time for the applicant to prepare further information to address departmental comments.
- 1.3. On 26.10.2022 and 22.11.2022, the applicant submitted further information to address departmental comments. The application is scheduled for consideration by the Committee at this meeting.

2. Request for Deferment

On 25.11.2022, 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 so as to allow time for preparation of further information 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 applicant needs more time to prepare further information to address departmental comments, the deferment period is not indefinite and the deferment would not affect the rights or 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 further information 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 submission of further information. 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	Letter dated 25.11.2022 from the applicant
Plan A-1	Location Plan

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT
DECEMBER 2022**