RNTPC Paper No. A/YL-ST/649A For Consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee on 22.9.2023

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

APPLICATION NO. A/YL-ST/649 (for 2nd Deferment)

<u>Applicant</u>	: Mr. CHEUNG Wai Keung represented by Miss LAU Jujun Christine
<u>Site</u>	: Lots 1999 and 2017 in D.D. 96, Lok Ma Chau, San Tin, Yuen Long
<u>Site Area</u>	: About 374 m ²
Lease	: Block Government Lease (demised for agricultural use)
<u>Plan</u>	: Approved San Tin Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/YL-ST/8
Zoning	: "Green Belt" ("GB")
Application	: Proposed Filling of Land for Permitted Agricultural Use

1. Background

- 1.1 On 10.5.2023, the applicant submitted the current application to seek planning permission for proposed filling of land for permitted agricultural use at the subject site (**Plan A-1**).
- 1.2 On 23.6.2023, the Rural and New Town Planning Committee (the Committee) of the Town Planning Board (the Board) 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 31.7.2023, the applicant submitted further information to address departmental comments. The application is scheduled for consideration by the Committee at this meeting.

2. <u>Request for Deferment</u>

On 14.9.2023, the applicant's representative 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. <u>Planning Department's Views</u>

- 3.1 The Planning Department has <u>no objection</u> to the request for the second deferment as the justifications 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 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 submission 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 a total of four months for preparation of submission of further information as requested by the applicant. 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 ILetter dated 14.9.2023 from the Applicant's representativePlan A-1Location Plan

PLANNING DEPARTMENT SEPTEMBER 2023