RNTPC Paper No. <u>A/YL-TT/505B</u> For Consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee on 16.4.2021

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

## APPLICATION NO. A/YL-TT/505

(for 3<sup>rd</sup> Deferment)

Applicant : Ms. CHAN Mo-kan represented by R-riches Property Consultants

Limited

Site : Various Lots in D.D. 117 and Adjoining Government Land (GL), Tai

Tong, Yuen Long, New Territories

Site Area : 10,370m<sup>2</sup> (about) (including about 266m<sup>2</sup> of GL (about 2.6%))

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

<u>Plan</u>: Draft Tai Tong Outline Zoning Plan No. S/YL-TT/17

**Zonings** : "Agriculture" ("AGR") (about 95.4%)

"Green Belt" ("GB") (about 2.7%)
"Open Storage" ("OS") (about 1.9%)

**Application** : Temporary Place of Recreation, Sports or Culture (Hobby Farm) for a

Period of 3 Years and Filling of Land

### 1. Background

- 1.1 On 11.8.2020, the applicant sought planning permission to use the application site (the Site) for temporary place of recreation, sports or culture (hobby farm) for a period of 3 years and filling of land (**Plan A-1**). On 9.10.2020 and 5.2.2021, the Rural and New Town Planning Committee (the Committee) of the Town Planning Board (the Board) agreed to defer a decision on the application for 2 months each as requested by the applicant so as to allow time to address departmental comments.
- 1.2 On 22.2.2021, the applicant submitted further information and the application is scheduled for consideration by the Committee at this meeting.

#### 2. Request for Deferment

On 8.4.2021, the applicant's representative wrote to the Secretary of the Board and requested the Board to defer making a decision on the application for 2 months so as to allow time to address departmental comments (**Appendix I**).

#### 3. Planning Department's Views

- 3.1 The application has been deferred twice for a total of 4 months at the request of the applicant. Since the last deferment, the applicant has submitted a number of further information to address departmental comments. The applicant has indicated that more time is needed for the preparation of further information in response to further comments of concerned government departments.
- 3.2 The Planning Department <u>has no objection</u> to the request for 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. 33) in that the applicant needs more time to prepare further information in response to departmental comments, the deferment period is not indefinite and the deferment would not affect the interests of other relevant parties.
- 3.3 Should the Committee agree to defer a decision on the application, the application will be submitted to the Committee for consideration within 2 months upon receipt of further submission 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 further 2 months for preparation of submission of further information. Since this is the third deferment, the applicant should also be advised that the Committee has allowed a total of 6 months including the previous deferments for preparation 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. <u>Attachments</u>

**Appendix I** Letter dated 8.4.2021 from the applicant's representative

Plan A-1 Location plan

PLANNING DEPARTMENT APRIL 2021