

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION
UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

APPLICATION NO. A/YL-TT/579

(for 1st Deferment)

- Applicant** : Lotus Temple Limited represented by Chief Force Limited
- Site** : Lots 1445 RP (Part), 1446, 1609 (Part), 1610 (Part), 1612 S.B ss.1 and 1612 S.B RP (Part) in D.D. 116 and Adjoining Government Land (GL), Tai Tong, Yuen Long, New Territories
- Site Area** : 2,118 m² (about) (including GL of about 50m² or 2.4%)
- Lease** : Block Government Lease (demised for agricultural use)
- Plan** : Approved Tai Tong Outline Zoning Plan No. S/YL-TT/18
- Zoning** : “Agriculture”
- Application** : Religious Institution (Temple)

1. Background

On 3.11.2022, the applicant sought planning permission for religious institution (temple) at the application site (the Site) (**Plan A-1**). The application is scheduled for consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee (the Committee) of the Town Planning Board (the Board) at this meeting.

2. Request for Deferment

On 15.12.2022, 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 to provide supplementary information (**Appendix I**).

3. Planning Department's Views

- 3.1 The Planning Department has no objection to the request for the first deferment as the justifications for deferment meet the criteria 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 (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 period of two months for preparation of the submission of FI, and no further deferment would be granted unless under very special circumstances.

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
Plan A-1

Letter dated 15.12.2022 from the applicant
Location Plan

PLANNING DEPARTMENT
DECEMBER 2022