RNTPC Paper No. <u>A/YL/276</u> For Consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee on 23.7.2021

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

APPLICATION NO. A/YL/276 (for 1st Deferment)

<u>Applicant</u>	:	Wealthy Path Development Limited represented by DeSPACE (International) Limited
<u>Site</u>	:	Lot 1846 RP in D.D. 120 and adjoining Government Land (GL), Ma Tin Pok, Yuen Long, New Territories
<u>Site Area</u>	:	$1,103.9m^2$ (including GL of about $303.2m^2$ or 27.5%)
Lease	:	Block Government Lease (demised for agricultural use)
<u>Plan</u>	:	Draft Yuen Long Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/YL/24
<u>Zoning</u>	:	"Government, Institution or Community(1)" ("G/IC(1)") (about 87.3%) [restricted to a maximum building height (BH) of 3 storeys (or 8 storeys for 'School' and 'Hospital' uses) excluding basement(s)] "Government, Institution or Community (5)" ("G/IC(5)") (about 12.7%) [restricted to a maximum BH of 95mPD]
Application	:	Proposed Minor Relaxation of Building Height Restriction for Permitted Social Welfare Facility (Residential Care Home for the Elderly)

1. <u>Background</u>

On 7.6.2021, the applicant sought planning permission for proposed minor relaxation of building height restriction for permitted social welfare facility (residential care home for the elderly) 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. <u>Request for Deferment</u>

On 7.7.2021, the applicant's representative wrote to the Secretary of the Board and requested the Board to defer making a decision on the application for two months so as to allow time to prepare further information (FI) to address departmental comments (**Appendix I**).

3. <u>Planning Department's Views</u>

- 3.1 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 FI in response to departmental comments, the deferment period is not indefinite and the deferment would not affect the 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 FI from the applicant. If the FI 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 two months for preparation of submission of FI, 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 7.7.2021 from the applicant's representative

Plan A-1 Location plan

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