APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION UNDER SECTION 12A OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

APPLICATION NO. Y/NE-STK/5

(for 1st Deferment)

Applicant: Mr. CHEUNG Kin-lung represented by Mr. WONG Sun-wo William

Site Lots 1422 S.B (Part) and 1423 S.B (Part) in D.D. 41, Tong To, Sha Tau Kok,

New Territories

Site Area : About 160 m²

<u>Lease</u> : Lot 1422 S.B

- Block Government Lease (demised for agricultural use)

Lot 1423 S.B

- Block Government Lease (demised for agricultural and house uses)

Plan : Approved Sha Tau Kok Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/NE-STK/2

Zoning : "Village Type Development" ("V")

Proposed: To rezone the application site from "V" to "Other Specified Uses" ("OU")

<u>Amendment</u> annotated 'Columbarium'

1. Background

On 30.11.2023, the applicant submitted the current application to rezone the application site (the Site) from "V" to "OU" annotated 'Columbarium' (Plan Z-1) to facilitate the development of a columbarium with 864 niches. The application is scheduled for consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee (the Committee) at this meeting.

2. Request for Deferment

On 8.2.2024, the applicant's representative wrote to the Secretary, Town Planning Board (the Board) and requested the Board to defer making a decision on the application for two months in order to prepare further information (FI) to address departmental comments (**Appendix I**).

3. Planning Department's Views

- 3.1 The Planning Department has no objection to the request for the first 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. 33B) in that the deferment would allow the applicant to prepare FI 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 FI 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 two months for preparation of the 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 for the Committee's consideration at the next meeting.

5. Attachments

Appendix I Email dated 8.2.2024 from the applicant's representative

Plan Z-1 Location Plan

PLANNING DEPARTMENT MARCH 2024