

APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT OF PLAN
UNDER SECTION 12A OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

APPLICATION NO. Y/YL-KTS/7
(for 3rd Deferment)

<u>Applicant</u>	: Landsources (Hong Kong) Property Consultants Limited represented by PlanArch Consultants Ltd.
<u>Site</u>	: Lots 2 (Part), 4, 5 (Part), 6 (Part), 7 RP (Part), 8 (Part), 9 (Part), 10 (Part), 11 (Part), 37, 42 (Part) and 43 in D.D. 113, and Adjoining Government Land, Tai Lam, Yuen Long
<u>Site Area</u>	: About 5,400 m ² (including about 750m ² of Government Land (13.9%))
<u>Lease</u>	: Block Government Lease (demised for agricultural use)
<u>Plan</u>	: Approved Kam Tin South Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/YL-KTS/15
<u>Zoning</u>	: “Agriculture” (“AGR”)
<u>Proposed Amendment</u>	: To rezone the application site from “AGR” to “Other Specified Uses” annotated “Columbarium” (“OU(Columbarium)”)

1. Background

- 1.1 On 28.7.2020, the applicant submitted the subject application to seek amendment of the OZP to rezone the application site from “AGR” to “OU(Columbarium)” on the Kam Tin South OZP for a proposed columbarium development (**Plan Z-1**).
- 1.2 On 23.10.2020 and 12.3.2021, the Rural and New Town Planning Committee (the Committee) agreed to defer a decision on the application, as requested by the applicant, to allow time for the applicant to prepare further information to address departmental comments. On 10.5.2021, the applicant submitted further information to address departmental comments. The application is scheduled for consideration by the Committee at this meeting.

2. Request for Deferment

On 9.7.2021, 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 so as to allow two months’ time for preparation of further information to address departmental comments (**Appendix I**).

3. Planning Department's Views

- 3.1 The application has been deferred twice for a total of four months at the request of the applicant to allow more time to address the departmental comments. The applicant has demonstrated efforts in preparing FI in support of the application. Since the last deferment on 12.3.2021, the applicant has submitted further information including response to departmental comments and revised technical assessments on 10.5.2021 to address departmental comments. The applicant explains that they need more time to address further departmental concerns.
- 3.2 The Planning Department has no objection 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.
- 3.2 Should the Committee agree to defer a decision on the application, the application will be submitted to the Committee for consideration within three 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 Committee's consideration. Since it is the third deferment of the application, the applicant should be advised that the Committee has allowed a total of six months for preparation of submission of FI as required by the applicant, and this is the last deferment and no further deferment would be granted.

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	Letter dated 9.7.2021 from the applicant's representative requesting for deferment
Plan Z-1	Location Plan

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT
JULY 2021**