

CONTINUATION OF THE DELIBERATION OF
REVIEW OF APPLICATION NO. A/YL-SK/322
UNDER SECTION 17 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

**Proposed Temporary Place of Recreation, Sports or Culture (Hobby Farm)
for a Period of 3 Years in “Agriculture” Zone,
Lot 361 S.B. RP (Part) in D.D. 112, Shek Kong, Yuen Long**

1. Background

- 1.1 On 13.5.2022, the application for review of the Rural and New Town Planning Committee (the Committee)’s decision to reject the subject application for proposed temporary place of recreation, sports or culture (hobby farm) was considered by the Town Planning Board (the Board). During the deliberation of the application, Members generally considered that there was insufficient information about the security concern of the Security Bureau (SB) to decide on the case and agreed to defer a decision on the application so that the Planning Department (PlanD) could ensure that SB was well informed about the nature of the application as elaborated by the applicant and could seek elaboration from SB on their specific security concerns and whether there were ways to alleviate such concerns. The relevant paper is at **Attachment I**, and an extract of the minutes of the meeting is at **Attachment II**.
- 1.2 On 31.5.2022, the applicant was informed of the Board’s decision to defer a decision on the review application pending PlanD’s clarification with SB. A copy of the Secretary of the Board’s letter is at **Attachment III**.

2. Further Consultation with SB

- 2.1 After the deferment, PlanD conveyed Members’ views to SB and apprised SB on the particulars of the application. PlanD also relayed to SB the Board’s concern, for instance, on whether the security concerns were related to the proposed use and its operation, or the proposed structures, or the distance of the Site from the Shek Kong Barracks, or whether there were concerns on the aggregate number of approvals for such temporary uses within a particular area from the Barracks; and whether there were ways to alleviate SB’s concerns.
- 2.2 SB has considered Members’ views above and recently advised that their view as expressed in paragraph 5.1.1 of the s.17 review paper as recapitulated below remains valid without further comments:

the Site is in close proximity to the Shek Kong Barracks. Due to the security concerns, the application is not supported.

3. Decision Sought

3.1 Given SB's view in paragraph 2.2 above, the Planning Department maintains its view of not supporting the review application for the following reason:

the Site is in close proximity to the Shek Kong Barracks. Approval of the application may result in security concerns.

3.2 The Board is invited to consider the application for a review of the Committee's decision and decide whether to accede to the application.

4. Attachments

Attachment I Town Planning Board Paper No. 10830

Attachment II Extract of minutes of the Board's meeting held on 13.5.2022

Attachment III Secretary of the Board's letter dated 31.5.2022

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT
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