APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

APPLICATION NO. A/H6/86 (1st deferment)

Applicant Wanchai Sports Federation Limited (WCSF)

Application Site Government Land at Moreton Terrace, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong

Site Area About 299 m² (building area of 146m²)

Land Status Government Land

(i) held under a Short Term Tenancy (STT) No. EHX-506 for

a term of 5 years commencing from 7.3.2014

(ii) for the purposes of an activity-cum-meeting room, office and other ancillary uses in connection with the operation of the WCSF

<u>Plan</u> Draft Causeway Bay Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/H6/16

Zoning Area Shown as 'Road'

Application Place of Recreation, Sports or Culture

1. Background

On 4.6.2018, the Town Planning Board (the Board) received the subject application to continue the current use of place of recreation, sports or culture at the application site which falls within an area shown as 'Road' (**Plan A-1**) on the draft Causeway Bay OZP. The application is scheduled for consideration by the Metro Planning Committee (the Committee) on 3.8.2018.

2. Request for Deferment

On 27.7.2018, 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 for the applicant to address the comments raised by relevant government departments (**Appendix I**).

3. Planning Department's Views

- 3.1 The Planning Department <u>has no objection</u> to the request for 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. 33) in that the applicant needs additional time to prepare further information to address departmental comments, the deferment period is not indefinite, and that the deferment would not affect the right or interest 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 further information 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 the Committee's consideration. The applicant should be advised that the Committee has allowed two months for preparation of further information 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 Applicant's letter dated 27.7.2018

Plan A-1 Location plan

PLANNING DEPARTMENT August 2018