

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

APPLICATION NO. Y/H4/12
(for 1st Deferment)

- Applicant** : Government Hill Concern Group represented by Masterplan Limited
- Plan** : Approved Central District Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/H4/16
- Application Site** : The Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui (HKSKH) Compound and Government House (GH) at Upper Albert Road, the former Central Government Offices (CGO) at Lower Albert Road, St. John's Cathedral at Garden Road and the former French Mission Building (FMB) at Battery Path
- Site Area** : 63,020m² (about)
- Land Status** : Inland Lot No 7360 (HKSKH Compound)
- St. John's Cathedral vested in the Trustee of Saint John's Cathedral Church in Hong Kong under the Church of England Trust Ordinance (Cap. 1014)
- Government Land (GH, former CGO and former FMB)
- Zoning** : "Government, Institution or Community" ("G/IC")
- Proposed Amendment** : To rezone the application site from "G/IC" to "Other Specified Uses" annotated "Heritage Precinct" ("OU(Heritage Precinct)") or "G/IC(1)"

1. Background

- 1.1 On 2.1.2018, the Town Planning Board (the Board) received an application proposing to rezone the application site (**Plan Z-1**) from "G/IC" to "OU(Heritage Precinct)" or "G/IC(1)". According to the applicant, the purpose of the application is to highlight and emphasise the historical significance of Bishop Hill (comprising the HKSKH Compound) and Government Hill (comprising GH, the former CGO, Battery Path, the former FMB and St. John's Cathedral).
- 1.2 The application is scheduled for consideration by the Metro Planning Committee (the Committee) of the Board on 16.3.2018.

2. Request for Deferment

On 2.3.2018, the applicant's representative wrote to the Secretary of the Board requesting the Committee to defer making a decision on the application for two months in order to allow time to prepare a response to departmental and public comments (**Appendix I**).

3. Planning Department's Views

3.1 The Planning Department has no objection 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 more time to respond to relevant government departments, 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 making a decision on the application, in view of its significant implications, the application will be submitted to the full Board 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 the Board'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. Decision Sought

The Committee is invited to consider whether or not to accede to the applicant's request for deferment and note that the application will be submitted to the full Board for consideration. If the request is not acceded to, the application will be submitted for the Board's consideration at its next meeting.

Attachments

Appendix I	Letter from the applicant's representative dated 2.3.2018
Plan Z-1	Location Plan

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT
MARCH 2018**