

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION
UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

APPLICATION NO. A/K4/69
(for 2nd Deferment)

- Applicant** : City University of Hong Kong represented by Vision Planning Consultants Limited
- Site** : 83 Tat Chee Avenue, Kowloon Tong, Kowloon
- Site Area** : About 5,130 m²
- Lease** : New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 5953 R.P. (Part)

[restricted for the purposes of City Polytechnic, or such other purposes ancillary to the purpose of or necessarily associated with the City Polytechnic.]
- Plan** : Approved Shek Kip Mei Outline Zoning Plan No. S/K4/29
- Zoning** : “Government, Institution or Community (4)”

[subject to a maximum building height (BH) of 70 metres above Principal Datum (mPD), with a minor relaxation clause]
- Application** : Proposed Minor Relaxation of BH Restriction (from 70mPD to 90.8mPD) for Permitted Education Institution (University Indoor Sports Centre, Auditorium and Laboratory Building Complex)

1. Background

- 1.1 On 28.5.2018, the planning application for the proposed minor relaxation of BH restriction for permitted educational institution (university indoor sports centre, auditorium and laboratory building complex) was received by the Town Planning Board (the Board) (**Plan A-1**).
- 1.2 On 20.7.2018, the Metro Planning Committee (the Committee) agreed to defer making a decision on the application for two months, as requested by the applicant, to allow sufficient time to address departmental comments.
- 1.3 The applicant submitted two Further Information (FI) on 31.8.2018 and 4.10.2018 in response to departmental comments received. The application is scheduled for consideration by the Committee on 16.11.2018.

2. **Request for Deferment**

On 31.10.2018, the applicant's representative wrote to the Secretary of the Board requesting the Committee to defer making a decision on the application for one month so as to allow sufficient time to address comments from the Transport Department (TD) (**Appendix I**).

3. **Planning Department's Views**

3.1 The application has been deferred once for two months at the request of the applicant. Since the deferment, the applicant has submitted FI to address departmental comments. As TD has further comments on the application, the applicant would require more time to prepare FI to address departmental comments.

3.2 The Planning Department has no objection to the request for deferment as the justifications provided 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 FI in response to departmental comments, the deferment period is not indefinite, and the deferment would not affect the interests of other relevant parties.

3.3 Should the Committee agree to defer making 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 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 a further one month for preparation of submission of FI. Since it is the second deferment of the application, the applicant should be advised that the Committee has allowed a total of three months for preparation of submission of FI, 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. If the request is not acceded to, the application will be submitted to the Committee for consideration at the next meeting.

5. **Attachments**

Appendix I Letter from the applicant's representative dated 31.10.2018

Plan A-1 Location plan