RNTPC Paper No. A/YL-SK/258 For Consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee on 2.8.2019

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

APPLICATION NO. A/YL-SK/258 (for 1st Deferment)

Applicant : Senior Buddy Charity Farm Limited represented by R-riches Property

Consultants Limited

Site : Lot 1645 RP (Part) in D.D.112, Shui Tsan Tin, Shek Kong, Yuen Long

Site Area : About 1,988m²

Lease : Block Government Lease (demised for agricultural use)

Plan : Approved Shek Kong Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/YL-SK/9

Zoning : "Agriculture" ("AGR")

Application: Temporary Place of Recreation, Sports or Culture (Hobby Farm) for a

Period of 5 Years (with Filling of Land by 0.2m)

1. Background

On 14.6.2019, the applicant submitted the subject application to seek planning permission for temporary place of recreation, sports or culture (hobby farm) for a period of 5 years (with filling of land by 0.2m) at the application site (the Site) (**Plan A-1**). The application was scheduled for consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee (the Committee) on 2.8.2019.

2. Request for Deferment

On 18.7.2019, 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 to allow two months' time for preparation of further information to address public comments and prepare revised proposals (**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 prepare further information in response to public 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 making 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 submission of further information as requested by the applicant, 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 Letter dated 18.7.2019 from the applicant requesting for

deferment

Plan A-1 Location Plan

PLANNING DEPARTMENT AUGUST 2019