RNTPC Paper No. A/YL-KTS/831A For Consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee on 20.3.2020

<u>APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION</u> UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

<u>APPLICATION NO. A/YL-KTS/831</u> (for 2nd Deferment)

Applicant : Mr. SUEN Chi-hung represented by R-riches Property Consultants

Limited

Site : Lots 1720 S.A, 1720 S.B, 1720 S.C, 1720 RP, 1721 (Part), 1723 and

1724 in D.D. 106, Pat Heung, Yuen Long

Site Area : About 3,610 m²

<u>Lease</u> : Block Government Lease (demised for agricultural use)

Plan : Approved Kam Tin South Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No.

S/YL-KTS/15

Zoning : "Agriculture" ("AGR")

Application : Proposed Temporary Animal Boarding Establishment for a Period of 5

Years and Filling of Land

1. Background

- 1.1 On 3.10.2019, the applicant submitted the subject application to seek planning permission to use the application site (the Site) for proposed temporary animal boarding establishment for a period of 5 years and filling of land (**Plan A-1**).
- 1.2 On 29.11.2019, the Rural and New Town Planning Committee (the Committee) agreed to defer a decision on the application, as requested by the applicant, to allow two months' time for the applicant to prepare further information to address departmental comments. On 23.1.2020, the applicant submitted further information to address departmental comments. The application is scheduled for consideration by the Committee on 20.3.2020.

2. Request for Deferment

On 9.3.2019, 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 so as to allow two month's time for preparation of further information to address public comments (**Appendix I**).

3. Planning Department's Views

- 3.1 The application has been deferred once on 29.11.2019 for two months at the request of the applicant to allow more time to address departmental comments. The applicant submitted further information on 23.1.2020 to address departmental comments. The applicant explains that more time is needed to address public comments.
- 3.2 The Planning Department <u>has no objection</u> to the request for deferment as the justifications for deferment 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 further information to address public 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 a decision on the application, the application will be submitted to the Committee for consideration within two 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 Committee's decision. Since this is the second deferment of the application, the applicant should be advised that the Committee has allowed a total of four months for preparation of submission 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 to the Committee for consideration at the next meeting.

5. Attachments

Appendix I Letter dated 9.3.2020 from the applicant's representative

Plan A-1 Location plan

PLANNING DEPARTMENT MARCH 2020