RNTPC Paper No. A/SK-HC/318 For Consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee On 1.9.2020

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

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(for 1st Deferment)

<u>Applicant</u> : Imperial International Limited represented by Lanbase Surveyors

Limited

Site : Lot 503 (Part) in D.D. 210, Ho Chung, Sai Kung, New Territories

Site Area : About 1,678.6m²

Lease : Old Schedule Agricultural Lot held under Block Government Lease

Plan : Approved Ho Chung Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/SK-HC/11

Zoning : "Residential (Group E)" ("R(E)") (63.4%)

- restricted to a maximum plot ratio (PR) of 0.4, a maximum building height (BH) of 9m with 2 storeys over 1 storey of carport;

'Road' (36.6%)

Application : Proposed Houses

1. Background

- 1.1 On 27.5.2020, the applicant sought planning permission for the proposed houses at the application site (**Plan A-1**).
- 1.2 In light of the special work arrangement for government departments due to the novel coronavirus infection, the meeting originally scheduled for 24.7.2020 for consideration of the application has been rescheduled, and the Town Planning Board has agreed to defer consideration of the application and the application is now scheduled for consideration by the Committee at this meeting.

2. Request for Deferment

On 7.7.2020, 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 for two months so as to allow adequate time to provide Further Information (FI) in response to the government departmental comments (**Appendix I**).

3. Planning Department's Views

- 3.1 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 response to the government departmental 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 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 two months for preparation of submission of FI, 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 of 7.7.2020 from the applicant's representative

Plan A-1 Location Plan

PLANNING DEPARTMENT SEPTEMBER 2020