

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION
UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

APPLICATION NO. A/NE-TKL/639

(For 2nd Deferment)

- Applicant** : Doran (Hong Kong) Limited represented by AECOM Asia Company Limited
- Site** : Lot 153 (Part) in D.D. 77, Ping Che, New Territories
- Site Area** : About 5,180 m²
- Lease** : Block Government Lease (demised for agricultural use)
- Plan** : Approved Ping Che and Ta Kwu Ling Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/NE-TKL/14
- Zoning** : “Industrial (Group D)” (“I(D)”)
- Application** : Proposed Temporary Concrete Batching Plant for a Period of 5 Years

1. Background

- 1.1 On 14.5.2020, the applicant submitted a planning application for a proposed concrete batching plant for a period of 5 years at the application site (**Plan A-1**).
- 1.2 On 10.7.2020, the Rural and New Town Planning Committee (the Committee) of the Town Planning Board (the Board) agreed to defer making a decision on the application for two months, as requested by the applicant, to allow time for the applicant to prepare further information (FI) to address the departmental comments. Upon receipt of the applicant’s FI on 10.9.2020, the application is scheduled for consideration by the Committee on 6.11.2020.

2. Request for Deferment

On 27.10.2020, the applicant wrote to the Secretary of the Board and requested the Board to defer the consideration of the application for two months in order to allow time to prepare further information (FI) to address the departmental comments of Transport Department (TD) and Environment Protection Department (EPD) (**Appendix I**).

3. Planning Department's Views

- 3.1 The application has been deferred once for two months at the request of the applicant to allow more time to address the departmental comments. Since the last deferment on 10.7.2020, the applicant's representative on 10.9.2020, provided a response-to-comment table with revised technical reports including Traffic Impact Assessment, Environmental Assessment, Drainage Impact Assessment, Water Quality Impact Assessment and Water Supply Impact Assessment to address the comments from respective Departments. Nevertheless, the applicant needs more time to prepare FI to address further comments from TD and EPD.
- 3.2 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 FI to address the 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 further two months for preparation of FI submission. Since this is the second deferment of the application, the applicant should be advised that the Committee has allowed a total of 4 months for preparation of FI submission, 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 dated 27.10.2020 from the applicant
Plan A-1	Location Plan

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT
NOVEMEBR 2020**