

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION
UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

APPLICATION NO. A/TP/670
(for 1st Deferment)

- Applicant** : Water Supplies Department
- Site** : Government land adjacent to the existing Sheung Wo Yi Au Fresh Water Service Reservoir, Shan Tong Road, Tai Po, New Territories
- Site Area** : 3,873.4 m² (about)
- Land Status** : Government Land
- Plan** : Approved Tai Po Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/TP/28
- Zonings** : “Green Belt” (“GB”)
- Application** : Proposed Service Reservoir

1. Background

The applicant seeks planning permission for a proposed fresh water service reservoir (FWSR) at the application site (the Site) (**Plan A-1**). In light of the special work arrangement for government departments due to the novel coronavirus infection, the meeting originally scheduled for 7.2.2020 for consideration of the application has been rescheduled, and the Town Planning Board (the Board) has agreed to defer consideration of the application. The application is now scheduled for consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee (the Committee) at this meeting.

2. Request for Deferment

On 31.1.2020, the applicant wrote to the Secretary of the Board and requested the Board to defer making a decision on the application for two months so as to allow time for preparation of further information to address certain technical issues raised by relevant departments (**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 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 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 consideration. The applicant should be advised that the Committee has allowed two months for preparation of submission of further information, 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 31.1.2020 from the applicant
Plan A-1 Location plan

PLANNING DEPARTMENT
March 2020