

RNTPC Paper No. A/NE-FTA/198
For Consideration by the
Rural and New Town Planning
Committee on 18.9.2020

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION
UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

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(For 1st Deferment)

- Applicant** : Mr. CHENG Yee Yan represented by Mr. KWOK Chi Man
- Site** : Lots 481 S.A RP (Part), 558 RP (Part), 559 RP (Part), 561 RP (Part), 562 S.F (Part), 563 (Part) and 564 S.B (Part) in D.D. 89 and Adjoining Government Land, Sha Ling, Sheung Shui, New Territories
- Site Area** : About 6,100 m² (including about 550 m² of Government land)
- Lease** : (i) Block Government lease (demised for agricultural use) (about 91% of the Site)
(ii) Government land (about 9% of the Site)
- Plan** : Approved Fu Tei Au and Sha Ling Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/NE-FTA/16
- Zoning** : “Agriculture” (“AGR”)
- Application** : Proposed Temporary Place of Recreation, Sports or Culture (Hobby Farm) for a Period of 3 Years

1. Background

The applicant seeks planning permission for a proposed place of recreation, sports or culture (hobby farm) for a period of 3 years at the application site (the Site) (**Plan A-1**). The application is scheduled for consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee (the Committee) of the Town Planning Board (the Board) on 18.9.2020.

2. Request for Deferment

On 4.9.2020, the applicant’s representative wrote to the Secretary of the Board and requested the Board to defer making a decision on the application for two months in order to allow time to prepare further information (FI) to address the comments from Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (**Appendix I**).

3. **Planning Department's Views**

- 3.1 The Planning Department has no objection 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 FI to address the departmental comments, the deferment period is not indefinite, and the deferment would not affect the interests of other relevant parties.
- 3.2 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 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 Board has allowed a period of two months for preparation of submission of FI, 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 for the Committee's consideration at the next meeting.

5. **Attachments**

Appendix I	Letter dated on 4.9.2020 from the applicant's representative
Plan A-1	Location Plan

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT
SEPTEMBER 2020**