

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION
UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

APPLICATION NO. A/NE-KLH/592
(For 2nd Deferment)

- Applicant** : Able Great Electronics Limited represented by DeSPACE (International) Limited
- Site** : Lot 777 in D.D. 9, Kau Lung Hang, Tai Po, New Territories
- Site Area** : About 1650.9 m²
- Lease** : Block Government Lease (demised for agricultural purpose)
- Plan** : Approved Kau Lung Hang Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/NE-KLH/11
- Zoning** : “Green Belt” (“GB”)
- Application** : Proposed Temporary Helicopter Landing Pad for a Period of 3 Years

1. Background

- 1.1 On 21.9.2020, the applicant submitted a planning application for a temporary helicopter landing pad for a period of 3 years at the application site (**Plan A-1**).
- 1.2 On 20.11.2020, 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 to liaise with relevant government departments and to prepare further information (FI) to support the application. The application is now scheduled for consideration by the Committee at this meeting.

2. Request for Deferment

On 19.1.2021, the applicant’s representative wrote to the Secretary of the Board and requested the Board to defer the consideration of the application for two months so as to allow time to consult relevant Government departments and prepare FI to address the comments of Civil Aviation Department and Environmental Protection Department (**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 time to address the departmental comments. Since the deferment on 20.11.2020, submission of FI has yet to be made. The applicant needs more time to consult relevant Government departments and to prepare FI to address departmental comments.
- 3.2 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 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. 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 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 for the Committee's consideration at the next meeting.

5. Attachments

Appendix I	Email dated 19.1.2021 from the applicant's representative
Plan A-1	Location Plan

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT
FEBRUARY 2021**