RNTPC Paper No. A/NE-LT/688A For Consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee on 22.1.2021

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

<u>APPLICATION NO. A/NE-LT/688</u> (for 2nd Deferment)

- Applicants Messers. CHEUNG Tsz Shan George, CHUNG Kwok Ki, KO Fong Wah, KOO Heung Wah, KOO Wai Ho, KOO Wai Kit, KOO Yuk Ki, LAM Kwok Ming Billy, LAM Ping Wing, LEE Chi Wai, LEE Kwok Hung, LI Chit Hang, MA Wah Leung, SHAM Pak Hang, SHUM Koon Shing, SHUM Che Wing Danny, SHUM Chi Ming, SHUM Siu Leung, TANG Yuen Chi Hency and WONG Yat Ming all represented by Mr. LAU Shek Chuen and Vision Planning Consultants Limited
- Site
 Lots 567 S.C, 567 S.F (Part), 567 S.G (Part), 567 S.L RP, 567 RP (Part), 568
 S.A ss.1 RP, 568 S.A ss.1 S.A, 568 S.A ss.2, 568 S.A ss.3 RP, 568 S.A ss.4
 RP, 568 S.A ss.4 S.B, 568 S.A ss.4 S.C, 568 S.A RP (part), 568 S.B RP, 568
 S.B ss.1, 568 S.B ss.2 RP, 568 S.B ss.2 S.B, 568 S.B ss.3 S.B, 568 S.B ss.3
 RP, 568 S.B ss.4 RP, 570 RP (Part), 570 S.B RP, 570 S.D RP. 570 S.D ss.1, 573 RP (Part), 573 S.A, 573 S.B, 573 S.D, 573 S.E, 573 S.F, 573 S.H, 573
 S.J, 573 S.K (Part), 573 S.L, 573 S.M, 574 S.A, 574 S.B, 574 S.C, 574 S.F, 574 S.G, 574 S.H, 574 S.J, 574 S.K, 574 S.L ss.1, 574 S.L RP, 904 (Part), 907 (Part), 908 (Part) and 910 (Part) in D.D. 8 and adjoining Government land, Sha Pa Village, Lam Tsuen, Tai Po, New Territories
- Site Area About 4,329.4m² (including about 566.4m² of Government land of 13.1% of site area)
- Lease Block Government Lease (demised for agricultural use)
- Plan Approved Lam Tsuen Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/NE-LT/11
- **Zonings** (a) "Agriculture" ("AGR") (about 96%)
 - (b) Area shown as 'Road' (about 4%)
- ApplicationProposed Twenty Houses (New Territories Exempted Houses (NTEH) Small
Houses) with an Emergency Vehicular Access (EVA)

1. <u>Background</u>

1.1 On 20.7.2020, the applicants sought planning permission for proposed twenty houses (NTEHs - Small Houses) with an EVA at the application site (the Site) (**Plan A-1**).

1.2 On 18.9.2020, 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 applicants, to allow time for preparation of further information (FI) to address the departmental comments. On 16.10.2020, 27.10.2020, 13.11.2020, 27.11.2020 and 5.1.2021, the applicants submitted FI providing responses to departmental comments. The application is scheduled for consideration by the Committee on 22.1.2021.

2. <u>Request for Deferment</u>

On 12.1.2021, the applicants' representative wrote to the Secretary of the Board and requested the Board to defer making a decision on the application for another two months so as to allow more time for preparation of FI to address the comments from Transport Department (**Appendix I**).

3. <u>Planning Department's Views</u>

- 3.1 The application has been deferred once for two months at the request of the applicants to allow more time to address the departmental comments. Since the last deferment on 18.9.2020, the applicants have submitted FI providing responses to departmental comments and revised layout plan to meet the requirements of the proposed EVA. Nevertheless, the applicants need more time to prepare FI to address further comments from Transport Department.
- 3.2 The Planning Department <u>has no objection</u> 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 applicants need more time to prepare FI in response to 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 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 applicants. If the FI submitted by the applicants 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 applicants should be advised that the Committee has allowed further two months for preparation of submission of FI. Since this is the second deferment of the application, the applicants should be advised that the Committee has allowed a total of four 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 applicants' request for deferment. If the request is not acceded to, the application will be submitted to the Committee for consideration at the next meeting.

Attachments

Appendix ILetter dated 12.1.2021 from the applicants' representativePlan A-1Location Plan

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