

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION
UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

APPLICATION NO. A/NE-HLH/40

(For 1st Deferment)

- Applicant** : Mr. CHOW Sik Keung represented by Top Bright Consultants Limited
- Site** : Lot 396 in D.D. 87, Hung Lung Hang, New Territories
- Site Area** : About 1,886 m²
- Lease** : Block Government Lease (demised for agricultural use)
- Plan** : Approved Hung Lung Hang Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/NE-HLH/11
- Zoning** : “Agriculture” (“AGR”)
- Application** : Proposed Temporary Office with Ancillary Parking Spaces for a Period of 3 Years

1. Background

The applicant seeks planning permission for proposed temporary office with ancillary parking spaces for a period of three years at the application 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 23.1.2020, 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 departmental comments (**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 received on 23.1.2020 from the applicant's representative
Plan A-1	Location Plan

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT
MARCH 2020**