RNTPC Paper No. A/NE-LYT/719 For Consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning <u>Committee on 17.1.2020</u>

<u>APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION</u> <u>UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE</u>

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(For 1st Deferment)

<u>Applicant</u>	:	Mr. CHENG Man Kit represented by Solaria (HK) New Energy Resources Co. Limited
<u>Site</u>	:	Lot T20 S.T (Part) in D.D. 51, Tong Hang, Fanling, New Territories
<u>Site Area</u>	:	About 48.3 m ²
Lease	:	Block Government Lease (demised for agricultural use)
<u>Plan</u>	:	Approved Lung Yeuk Tau and Kwan Tei South Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/NE-LYT/17
Zoning	:	"Village Type Development" ("V")
Application	:	Proposed Temporary Public Utility Installation (Solar Energy System) for a Period of 5 Years

1. <u>Background</u>

- 1.1 The applicant seeks planning permission for proposed temporary public utility installation (solar energy system) for a period of five years at the application site (Plan A-1). According to the applicant, 23 solar panels (2.1m long x 1m wide) will be installed on top of a 2.8-3m high steel rack at the application site. The proposed solar energy system will be connected to the existing electrical power network of CLP Power Hong Kong Limited under the 'Renewable Energy Feed-in Tariff Scheme'. The application is scheduled for consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee (the Committee) of the Town Planning Board (the Board) on 17.1.2020.
- 1.2 On 29.11.2019, the Committee decided to defer decisions on three similar applications (No. A/NE-KLH/578, A/YL-KTS/832 and A/TM-SKW/105) for proposed public utility installation (solar energy system/panels) in "Agriculture", "V" and "Green Belt" zones of different OZPs respectively, pending the formulation of assessment criteria to facilitate consideration of applications for solar energy system.

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

- 2.1 In view of the recent decision by the Committee as stated in paragraph 1.2 above, it is considered appropriate to defer consideration of the subject application until the assessment criteria on applications for solar energy system is endorsed by the Committee and adopted for use.
- 2.2 Should the Committee decide to defer consideration of the application, the application will be submitted to the Committee for consideration after the formulation of assessment criteria on applications for solar energy system.
- 2.3 Alternatively, should the Committee decide not to defer consideration of the application, the application will be submitted to the Committee for consideration at the next meeting.

3. <u>Decision Sought</u>

The Committee is invited to consider whether or not to defer a decision on the application as requested by Planning Department.

4. <u>Attachment</u>

Plan A-1 Location Plan

PLANNING DEPARTMENT JANUARY 2020