

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION
UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

APPLICATION NO. A/TP/657
(for 1st Deferment)

- Applicant** Poh Yea Ching Shea Limited represented by Toco Planning Consultants Limited
- Site** Lot 1006 RP in D.D.5, No. 2, Mui Shue Hang Village, Tai Po
- Site Area** About 2,789 m²
- Lease** New Grant No. 10518, to expire on 30.6.2047 and restricted to:
(a) Home for the Aged purpose;
(b) site coverage of not exceeding 30%;
(c) building height of not more than 2 storeys; and
(d) design, disposition and height clause
- Plan** Approved Tai Po Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/TP/28
- Zoning** “Government, Institution or Community” (“G/IC”)
- Application** Columbarium

1. Background

The applicant seeks planning permission for a columbarium with 5,303 niches 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 2.11.2018.

2. Request for Deferment

On 12.10.2018, the representative of the applicant wrote to the Secretary of the Board and requested the Board to defer making a decision on the application for two months so as to allow time for preparation of further information in response to the departmental comments and public comments (**Appendix I**).

3. Planning Department's Views

- 3.1 The Planning Department has no objection 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 applicant needs more time to prepare further information in response to 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 further information 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 Committee has allowed two months for preparation of submission of further information, 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 to the Committee for consideration at the next meeting.

5. Attachments

Appendix I Letter dated 12.10.2018 from the applicant's representative
Plan A-1 Location plan

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT
NOVEMBER 2018**