

**APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT OF PLAN  
UNDER SECTION 12A OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE**

**APPLICATION NO. Y/TP/33**

*(for 1<sup>st</sup> Deferment)*

- Applicant** : Ever Rest Limited represented by Toco Planning Consultants Limited
- Site** : Lots 136 RP (Part) and 138 RP (Part) in D.D. 5 and adjoining Government Land, 8 Mui Shue Hang, Tai Po
- Site Area** : About 447.7m<sup>2</sup> (including Government land of about 75.3m<sup>2</sup> or 17% of the Site)
- Lease** : Block Government Lease (demised for agricultural use) (about 372.4m<sup>2</sup> or 83% of the Site)
- Plan** : Approved Tai Po Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/TP/28
- Zoning** : “Open Space” (“O”)
- Proposed Amendment** : Rezoning from “O” to “Government, Institution or Community (3)” (“G/IC (3)”)

**1. Background**

On 23.11.2020, the applicant sought planning permission to rezone the application site (the Site) (**Plan Z-1**) from “O” to “G/IC (3)” to regularize the columbarium use at three existing buildings under the name of Ever Rest Temple (常寂園). The application is scheduled for consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee (the Committee) of the Town Planning Board (the Board) on 5.2.2021.

**2. Request for Deferment**

On 25.1.2021, 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 so as to allow more time for preparation of further information (FI) to address departmental 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 FI in response to departmental and public 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 three 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 Committee has allowed 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 to the Committee for consideration at the next meeting.

### **5. Attachments**

**Appendix I** Letter dated 25.1.2021 from the applicant's representative  
**Plan Z-1** Location Plan

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT  
FEBRUARY 2021**