

RNTPC Paper No. A/TM-SKW/106  
For Consideration by  
the Rural and New Town  
Planning Committee  
on 15.5.2020

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**APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION**  
**UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE**

**APPLICATION NO. A/TM-SKW/106**  
***(for 1<sup>st</sup> Deferment)***

<b><u>Applicant</u></b>	: Host Duty Limited represented by Llewelyn-Davies Hong Kong Limited
<b><u>Site</u></b>	: Government Land in Tai Lam Chung, Tuen Mun, New Territories
<b><u>Site Area</u></b>	: About 346.5m <sup>2</sup>
<b><u>Land Status</u></b>	: Un-allocated Government land
<b><u>Plan</u></b>	: Approved So Kwun Wat Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/TM-SKW/13
<b><u>Zoning</u></b>	: “Green Belt” (“GB”)
<b><u>Application</u></b>	: Proposed Excavation of Land (for Ground Investigation Works for Natural Terrain Hazard Study)

**1. Background**

On 25.3.2020, the applicant sought planning permission for proposed excavation of land for ground investigation (GI) works in relation to a natural terrain hazard study (NTHS) for an approved comprehensive residential development at various lots in D.D. 385 (Application No. A/TM-SKW/32-1). The proposed GI works involve 32 drill holes and 13 trial pits within an area zoned “Green Belt” (“GB”) (**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) at this meeting.

**2. Request for Deferment**

On 27.4.2020, 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 address public and departmental comments received (**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 further information (FI) in response to departmental comments, the deferment period is not indefinite and the deferment would not affect the interests of other relevant parties.
- 3.2. 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 FI 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 for the Committee's consideration at the next meeting.

**5. Attachments**

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| <b>Appendix I</b> | Letter dated 27.4.2020 from the applicant's representative |
| <b>Plan A-1</b>   | Location Plan  |

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT  
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