RNTPC Paper No. A/TM/535 For Consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee on 8.3.2019

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

### **APPLICATION NO. A/TM/535**

(for 1st Deferment)

Applicant : Hong Kong Feng Shan Si Limited represented by Land Supreme

**Surveyors Limited** 

Site : Lots 1102 S.C, 1102 S.D, 1102 RP and 1103 RP in D.D. 132 and

adjoining Government Land, Siu Hang Tsuen, Tuen Mun, New

**Territories** 

Site Area : About 1,485.67 m<sup>2</sup> (including about 692.39m<sup>2</sup> government land)

<u>Lease</u> : Block Government Lease (demised for agricultural use)

Plan : Approved Tuen Mun Outline Zoning Plan No. S/TM/35

**Zoning** : "Village Type Development" ("V")

[Restricted to a maximum building height of 3 storeys (8.23 m)]

**Application** : Religious Institution (Temple)

# 1. Background

On 15.1.2019, the applicant submitted an application seeking planning permission from the Town Planning Board (the Board) for religious institution (temple) at the application site (the Site) (**Plan A-1**). The application was originally scheduled for consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee (the Committee) at this meeting.

#### 2. Request for Deferment

On 18.2.2019, 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 (FI) to address departmental comments (**Appendix I**).

# 3. Planning Department's Views

3.1 The Planning Department <u>has no objection</u> to the request for deferment as the justification 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 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. <u>Decision Sought</u>

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 of 18.2.2019 from the applicant

Plan A-1 Location plan

PLANNING DEPARTMENT MARCH 2019