RNTPC Paper No. A/TSW/72A For Consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee on 15.5.2020

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

APPLICATION NO. A/TSW/72

(2nd Deferment)

Applicant : Harbour Plaza Resort City Limited represented by Kenneth To and

Associates Limited

Site : Tin Shui Wai Town Lot (TSWTL) No.4

Site Area : About 27,900m²

Lease : New Grant No. 3466

(a) Restricted to non-industrial (excluding godown) purposes

(b) The total Gross Floor Area (GFA) of building(s) erected on TSWTL Nos. 1 to 7, for either residential and non-residential purposes shall be specified in the Development Schedule of the Master Layout Plan, shall not exceed 972,000m² for residential purposes and shall not exceed a total of 135,000m² for

non-domestic purposes for all seven lots.

<u>Plan</u>: Approved Tin Shui Wai Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/TSW/14

Zoning : "Commercial" ("C")

Application : Proposed Flat and Permitted Commercial Development with Minor

Relaxation of Gross Floor Area Restriction

1. Background

On 31.12.2018, the applicant sought planning permission to use the application site (the Site) for proposed flat and permitted commercial development with minor relaxation of gross floor area restriction (**Plan A-1**). On 31.5.2019, the Rural and New Town Planning Committee (the Committee) of the Town Planning Board (the Board) agreed to defer a decision on the application for two months, as requested by the applicant, so as to allow time for the applicant to prepare further information (FI) in response to departmental comments. On 31.7.2019, 6.9.2019, 21.10.2019, 28.11.2019, 7.1.2020, 28.2.2020 and 25.3.2020, the applicant submitted FI and the application is scheduled for consideration by the Committee at this meeting.

2. Request for Deferment

On 8.5.2020, 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 to allow time to liaise with relevant departments and to prepare FI to address departmental comments (**Appendix I**).

3. Planning Department's Views

- 3.1 The application has been deferred once for two months at the request of the applicant. Since the last deferment on 31.5.2019, the applicant has submitted FI including revised major development parameters, revised technical assessments (including traffic impact assessment, sewerage impact assessment, air ventilation assessment, visual appraisal, etc.) and responses to departmental comments. The applicant has indicated that more time is needed to liaise with relevant departments and to prepare FI to address concerned departmental comments.
- 3.2 The Planning Department <u>has no objection</u> 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 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.
- 3.3 Should the Committee agree to defer making 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. Since it is the second deferment of the application, the applicant should be advised that the Committee has allowed a total of four months for preparation of the 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 dated 8.5.2020 from the applicant's representative

Plan A-1 Location Plan

PLANNING DEPARTMENT MAY 2020