RNTPC Paper No. A/YL-LFS/355 For Consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee on 26.5.2020

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

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(for 1st Deferment)

Applicant : Miss Lau Siu Yin

Site : Lot 586 in D.D. 129, Lau Fau Shan, Yuen Long, New Territories

Site Area : 750 m² (about)

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

<u>Plan</u>: Approved Lau Fau Shan and Tsim Bei Tsui Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No.

S/YL-LFS/9

Zoning : "Green Belt"

Application: Proposed Temporary Public Utility Installation (Solar Panel) for a Period of 3

Years and Land Filling

1. Background

- 1.1 On 30.12.2019, the applicant sought planning permission to use the application site (the Site) for proposed temporary public utility installation (solar panel) for a period of 3 years and land filling (Plan A-1). According to the applicant, a solar panel (with a total floor area of about 52m²) will be installed on top of two 2.58m 3m high containers at the Site. The proposed solar energy will be used for lighting purpose of the Site and sold to the CLP Power Hong Kong Limited.
- 1.2 In light of the special work arrangement for government departments due to the novel coronavirus infection, the meeting originally scheduled for 21.2.2020 for consideration of the application has been rescheduled, and the Town Planning Board has agreed to defer consideration of the application. Again, the meeting on 30.3.2020 has been rescheduled and the application is now scheduled for consideration by the Committee at this meeting.
- 1.3 On 29.11.2019, the Committee decided to defer decisions on three similar applications (No. A/NE-KLH/578, A/YL-KTS/832 and A/TM-SKW/105) for proposed public utility installation (solar energy system/panels) in "Agriculture", "Village Type Development" and "Green Belt" zones of different OZPs respectively, pending the formulation of assessment criteria to facilitate consideration of applications for solar energy system.

2. Planning Department's Views

- 2.1 In view of the recent decision by the Committee as stated in paragraph 1.3 above, it is considered appropriate to defer consideration of the subject application until the assessment criteria on applications for solar energy system are endorsed for use.
- 2.2 Should the Committee decide to defer consideration of the application, the application will be submitted to the Committee for consideration after the formulation of assessment criteria on applications for solar energy system.
- 2.3 Alternatively, should the Committee decide not to defer consideration of the application, the application will be submitted to the Committee for consideration at the next meeting.

3. <u>Decision Sought</u>

The Committee is invited to consider whether or not to defer a decision on the application as requested by Planning Department.

4. Attachment

Plan A-1 Location plan

PLANNING DEPARTMENT MAY 2020