RNTPC Paper No. Y/TM/24 For Consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee on 18.9.2020

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

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(for 1st Deferment)

Applicant : Filial Praise (Hong Kong) Limited

Site : Lots 1744 S.D ss.1 (Part) and 1744 S.D RP (Part) in D.D. 132, Hing

Fu Street, Tuen Mun, New Territories

Site Area : About 1,097 m²

Lease : (i) New Grant No. 2745

(ii) Orchard Lot with Building Licence No. 814

(iii) Permitted Building Area of 975ft²

(iv) Height Restriction of 25 feet and 2 storeys

(v) No grave shall be made on nor human remains be interred in,

or deposited on the land sold either in the eartheniars

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

Zoning : "Green Belt" ("GB")

Proposed : Rezoning from "GB" to "Government, Institution or Community"

Amendment ("G/IC")

1. Background

1.1 On 26.6.2020, the applicant sought planning permission to rezone the application site (the Site) from "GB" to "G/IC" for columbarium use providing 5,670 niches (**Plan Z-1**) under the name of Filial Praise Niches (光孝仙苑). 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 24.8.2020 and 8.9.2020, the applicant wrote to the Secretary of the Board requesting the Board to defer making a decision on the application for two months to allow time for preparation of Further Information (FI) to address technical issues and

comments raised by relevant government departments (Appendices Ia and Ib).

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 three months upon receipt of FI from the applicant. If 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 Ia Email of 24.8.2020 from the applicant **Appendix Ib** Email of 8.9.2020 from the applicant

Plan Z-1 Location plan

PLANNING DEPARTMENT SEPTEMBER 2020