# APPLICATION TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE UNDER SECTION 8(2) OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME LIMIT FOR SUBMISSION OF THE DRAFT POK FU LAM OUTLINE ZONING PLAN NO. S/H10/18 TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE IN COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL

# 1. <u>Introduction</u>

The purpose of this paper is to seek Members' agreement to apply to the Chief Executive (CE), under section 8(2) of the Town Planning Ordinance (the Ordinance), for an extension of time limit for submission of the draft Pok Fu Lam Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/H10/18 to the Chief Executive in Council (CE in C) for approval. The time limit for submission of the draft Pok Fu Lam OZP No. S/H10/18 is required to be extended for a period of six months from 27.8.2020 to 27.2.2021.

### 2. Background

- 2.1 On 27.9.2019, the draft Pok Fu Lam OZP No. S/H10/18 (**Annex I**) was exhibited for public inspection under section 5 of the Ordinance. The Schedule of Amendments is at **Annex II**. The amendments were mainly to facilitate Cyberport expansion. Opportunity was also taken to delete the obsolete alignment of the proposed Route 7 as shown on the OZP and to make associated adjustments to the planning scheme boundary and other zoning amendments to reflect the existing and planned developments. Some technical amendments to the plan and Notes of the OZP were also included.
- 2.2 During the two-month statutory exhibition period, a total of 780 representations were received. On 17.1.2020, the representations were published for public comments and, in the first three weeks of the publication period, a total of 32 comments were received.
- 2.3 On 5.6.2020, after giving consideration to the representations and comments, the Town Planning Board (the Board) decided to amend the Notes of the OZP to include the requirement of submission of layout plan for the "Other Specified Uses" annotated "Cyber-Port(1)" zone to the Board to partially meet Representations Nos. R102 to R104, R106 to R776 and R778 to R780.
- 2.4 On 26.6.2020, the proposed amendments to the draft OZP were exhibited for public inspection under section 6C(2) of the Ordinance. Further representation could be made to the Board in the first three weeks of the publication period until 17.7.2020. The consideration of the further representation(s), if any, by the Board is tentatively scheduled for October 2020.

2.5 According to the statutory time limit, the draft Pok Fu Lam OZP No. S/H10/18 shall be submitted to the CE in C for approval on or before 27.8.2020.

### 3. Need for Extension of the Statutory 9-month Time Limit

As the consideration of further representation(s), if any, can only be arranged in October 2020 the earliest, there is insufficient time for the whole plan-making process including submission of the draft OZP to the CE in C for approval to be completed within the 9-month statutory time limit (i.e. before 27.8.2020). Hence, it is necessary to seek CE's agreement for an extension of the statutory time limit for six months to allow sufficient time to complete the plan-making process of the draft OZP prior to submission to the CE in C for approval.

#### 4. <u>Decision Sought</u>

Members are invited to <u>agree</u> that the CE's agreement should be sought under section 8(2) of the Ordinance to extend the time limit for submission of the draft Pok Fu Lam OZP No. S/H10/18 to the CE in C for a period of six months from 27.8.2020 to 27.2.2021.

# **Attachments**

**Annex I** Draft Pok Fu Lam OZP No. S/H10/18 (reduced size)

**Annex II** Schedule of Amendments to the Approved Pok Fu Lam OZP No. S/H10/17

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