

**APPLICATION TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
UNDER SECTION 8(2) OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE
FOR EXTENSION OF TIME LIMIT FOR SUBMISSION OF THE
DRAFT WONG NAI CHUNG OUTLINE ZONING PLAN NO. S/H7/20
TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE IN COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL**

1. Introduction

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 Wong Nai Chung Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/H7/20 to the Chief Executive in Council (CE in C) for approval. The time limit for submission of the draft Wong Nai Chung OZP No. S/H7/20 is required to be extended for a period of six months from 24.4.2020 to 24.10.2020.

2. Background

2.1 On 24.5.2019, the draft Wong Nai Chung OZP No. S/H7/20 (**Annex I**) was exhibited for public inspection under section 5 of the Ordinance. The Schedule of Amendments is at **Annex II**. The amendments mainly involve rezoning of the northern and eastern portion of a site at the junction of Caroline Hill Road and Leighton Road (the CHR Site) from "Other Specified Uses" annotated "Sports and Recreation Club" ("OU(SRC)") and "Government, Institution or Community" ("G/IC") to "Commercial(2)" ("C(2)") with revision to the maximum building height (BH) from 2 storeys and 3 storeys to 135mPD and the rezoning of the southern portion of the CHR Site from "G/IC" to "G/IC(2)" with revision to the maximum BH from 3 storeys to 135mPD. Amendments were also made to the Notes of the OZP of the two concerned zones together with other textual amendments mainly to update the general information for various land use zones to reflect the latest status and planning circumstances of the OZP.

2.2 During the two-month exhibition period, a total of 629 valid representations were received. On 6.9.2019, the representations were published for public comments and in the three weeks of publication period, a total of 105 valid comments were received.

- 2.3 According to the statutory time limit, the draft Wong Nai Chung OZP No. S/H7/20 shall be submitted to the CE in C for approval on or before 24.4.2020.

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

Consideration of the representations and comments by the full Board under section 6B of the Ordinance was originally scheduled for 3.2.2020. Due to the latest position related to the novel coronavirus infection, the hearing of the representations and comments has to be rescheduled until further notice. It is anticipated that there will be 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. on or before 24.4.2020). 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 its submission to the CE in C for approval.

4. Decision Sought

Members are invited to agree 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 Wong Nai Chung OZP No. S/H7/20 to the CE in C for approval for a period of six months from 24.4.2020 to 24.10.2020.

5. Attachments

Annex I	Draft Wong Nai Chung OZP No. S/H7/20 (reduced size)
Annex II	Schedule of Amendments to the Draft Wong Nai Chung OZP No. S/H7/20

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT
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