

**APPLICATION TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
UNDER SECTION 8(2) OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE
FOR EXTENSION OF TIME LIMIT FOR SUBMISSION OF THE
DRAFT NGAU TAU KOK AND KOWLOON BAY
OUTLINE ZONING PLAN NO. S/K13/29
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 Ngau Tau Kok and Kowloon Bay Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/K13/29 to the Chief Executive in Council (CE in C) for approval. The time limit for submission of the draft OZP is required to be extended for a period of six months from 13.3.2018 to 13.9.2018.

2. Background

2.1 On 13.4.2017, the draft OZP (**Annex I**), incorporating amendments to the draft OZP No. S/K13/28, was exhibited for public inspection under section 7 of the Ordinance. The Schedule of Amendments to the approved OZP is at **Annex II**. The amendments mainly involve rezoning of three sites at Wang Chiu Road to the north of Richland Gardens from "Open Space" to "Residential (Group A)" ("R(A)") and "Government, Institution or Community"; stipulation of building height restriction for a "R(A)" site previously occupied by the former Kai Tak Mansion at Kwun Tong Road; rezoning of various sites to reflect their as-built condition as drainage facility and roads; as well as amendments to the Notes of the Plan.

2.2 During the two-month exhibition period (from 13.4.2017 to 13.6.2017), a total of 8,457 valid representations were received¹. On 4.8.2017, the representations were published for public comment for three weeks and a total of 63 comments on representations were received.

2.3 According to the statutory time limit, the draft OZP shall be submitted to CE in C for approval on or before 13.3.2018.

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

Due to the large number of representations and comments received, two separate hearing sessions were held by the Town Planning Board (the Board) on 15.11.2017

¹ A total of 8,460 representations were received during the exhibition period, but **R1289** was subsequently withdrawn. Two representers (**R1362** and **R1686**) wrote to the Secretariat of the Board stating that they had not submitted any representations.

and 22.11.2017 to consider the representations and comments. The deliberation of the representations and comments by the Board is scheduled for January 2018. Taking into account the Board's scheduled meeting and the time required to prepare for the submission to the CE in C, it is unlikely that the whole plan-making process could be completed within the 9-month statutory time limit for the submission of the draft OZP to the CE in C for approval (i.e. 13.3.2018). As such, 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 Ngau Tau Kok and Kowloon Bay OZP No. S/K13/29 to CE in C for a period of six months from 13.3.2018 to 13.9.2018.

Attachments

Annex I Draft Ngau Tau Kok and Kowloon Bay OZP No. S/K13/29 (reduced size)

Annex II Schedule of Amendments to the draft Ngau Tau Kok and Kowloon Bay OZP No. S/K13/28

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT
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