

TOWN PLANNING BOARD

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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 Tuen Mun Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/TM/34 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 3.10.2018 to 3.4.2019.

2. Background

2.1 On 3.11.2017, the draft Tuen Mun OZP No. S/TM/34 (**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 six sites, located at (1) north of Wu Shan Road; (2) abutting Wong Chu Road and adjoining Yip Wong Road; (3) east of Tuen Hing Road; (4) west of Nerine Cove; (5) north of Handsome Court; and (6) south of Harrow International School Hong Kong to facilitate housing developments.

2.2 During the two-month plan exhibition period, a total of 4,409 valid representations were received. On 13.2.2018, the representations were published for public comment for three weeks and a total of 2,859 valid comments on the representations were received¹.

¹ A total of 4,412 representations and 2,860 comments on representation were received. On 22.6.2018, the Town Planning Board agreed to disregard 3 representations and 1 comment. As a result, the total valid representations and comments on representation are 4,409 and 2,859 respectively.

2.3 On 2.8.2018, 6.8.2018, 7.8.2018 and 8.8.2018, the Town Planning Board (the Board) conducted the hearing of the representations and comments and decided that a separate session to deliberate on the representations and comments is required.

2.4 According to the statutory time limit, the draft Tuen Mun OZP shall be submitted to the CE in C for approval on or before 3.10.2018.

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

Owing to the Board's tight meeting schedule, the session for deliberation of the representations and comments on the draft OZP is tentatively arranged in September 2018. Taking into account the time required to prepare for the submission to the CE in C, it is unlikely that the plan-making process could be completed within the 9-month statutory time limit for submission of the draft OZP to the CE in C for approval (i.e. before 3.10.2018). As such, it is necessary to seek the 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 Tuen Mun OZP No. S/TM/34 to the CE in C for a period of six months from 3.10.2018 to 3.4.2019.

5. Attachments

Annex I Draft Tuen Mun OZP No. S/TM/34 (reduced size)

Annex II Schedule of Amendments to the Approved Tuen Mun OZP No. S/TM/33

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT
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