APPLICATION TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE UNDER SECTION 8(2) OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME LIMIT FOR SUBMISSION OF THE DRAFT MONG KOK OUTLINE ZONING PLAN NO. S/K3/31 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 Mong Kok Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/K3/31 to the Chief Executive in Council (CE in C) for approval. The time limit for submission of the draft Mong Kok OZP No. S/K3/31 is required to be extended for a period of six months from 13.6.2019 to 13.12.2019.

2. Background

- 2.1 On 13.7.2018, the draft Mong Kok OZP No. S/K3/31 (Annex I) was exhibited for public inspection under section 7 of the Ordinance. The Schedule of Amendments is at Annex II. The amendments mainly involve revision to the building height restrictions, rezoning of the Sai Yee Street Site and revision to the requirement for the provision of community facilities at the Soy Street Site.
- During the two-month plan exhibition period, a total of 283 representations were received. On 9.10.2018, the representations were published for public comment for three weeks and a total of 17 comments were received.
- On 15.3.2019, after hearing of the representations and comments, the Town Planning Board (the Board) decided to amend the Plan to partially meet representations R2(part), R3 to R5 and R8 to R283 by amending the Notes of the "Commercial (4)" zone covering the Sai Yee Street Site.
- 2.4 On 12.4.2019, the proposed amendment to the draft OZP was 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 3.5.2019.
- 2.5 The consideration of the further representation(s), if any, by the Board is tentatively scheduled for the third quarter of 2019.
- 2.6 According to the statutory time limit, the draft Mong Kok OZP No. S/K3/31 shall be submitted to CE in C for approval on or before 13.6.2019.

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

As the consideration of the further representation(s), if any, can only be arranged in the third quarter of 2019 at the earliest, there is inadequate 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 13.6.2019). 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 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 Mong Kok OZP No. S/K3/31 to CE in C for a period of six months from 13.6.2019 to 13.12.2019.

5. Attachments

Annex I Draft Mong Kok OZP No. S/K3/31 (reduced size)

Annex II Schedule of Amendments to the draft Mong Kok OZP No. S/K3/30

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