

**Relevant Extract of Town Planning Board Guidelines No. 34C on
“Renewal of Planning Approval and Extension of Time for Compliance
with Planning Conditions For Temporary Use or Development”
(TPB PG-No. 34C)**

1. The criteria for assessing applications for renewal of planning approval include:
 - (a) whether there has been any material change in planning circumstances since the previous temporary approval was granted (such as a change in the planning policy/land-use zoning for the area) or a change in the land uses of the surrounding areas;
 - (b) whether there are any adverse planning implications arising from the renewal of the planning approval (such as pre-emption of planned permanent development);
 - (c) whether the planning conditions under previous approval have been complied with to the satisfaction of relevant Government departments within the specified time limits;
 - (d) whether the approval period sought is reasonable; and
 - (e) any other relevant considerations.

2. Under normal circumstances, the approval period for renewal should not be longer than the original validity period of the temporary approval. In general, the Board is unlikely to grant an approval period exceeding three years unless there are strong justifications and the period is allowed for under the relevant statutory plans. Depending on the circumstances of each case, the Board could determine the appropriate approval period, which may be shorter than the time under request.

Previous s.16 Applications covering the Application Site

Approved Application

<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Proposed Use(s)</u>	<u>Date of Consideration (RNTPC)</u>	<u>Approval Conditions</u>
A/YL-KTN/571	Proposed Temporary Place of Recreation, Sports or Culture (Hobby Farm) for a Period of 3 Years	8.9.2017	(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6)

Approval Conditions:

- (1) Restriction on operation hours / no vehicles is allowed to queue back to or reverse onto/from public road
- (2) Submission and implementation of drainage proposal
- (3) Submission and implementation of fire service installations proposal
- (4) Revocation of the planning approval if any of the planning conditions is not complied by the specified date or during the planning approval period
- (5) Reinstatement of the site to an amenity area
- (6) No public announcement system, portable loudspeaker or any form of audio amplification system on the site

Rejected Application

<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Proposed Use(s)</u>	<u>Date of Consideration (RNTPC)</u>	<u>Main Reason(s) for Rejection</u>
A/YL-KTN/331	Filling of pond for organic farming	18.9.2009	(1), (2)

Rejection Reasons:

- (1) The application related to organic farming use. However, the application site had been filled by construction waste, which was not conducive to the organic farming use.
- (2) The development would cause adverse drainage impact on the surrounding areas and no drainage proposal or relevant mitigation measure(s) was provided in the submission to demonstrate that the development would not cause any adverse drainage impact.

**Appendix IV of RNTPC
Paper No. A/YL-KTN/720**

Similar Applications within the same “AGR” Zone on the Kam Tin North OZP

Approved Applications

	<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Proposed Use</u>	<u>Date of Consideration (RNTPC/TPB)</u>	<u>Approval Conditions</u>
1.	A/YL-KTN/465	Proposed Temporary Hobby Farm for a Period of 3 Years	3.7.2015 [revoked on 3.4.2016]	(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6)
2.	A/YL-KTN/474	Proposed Temporary Hobby Farm for a Period of 3 Years	7.8.2015 [revoked on 7.8.2016]	(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (10)
3.	A/YL-KTN/513	Proposed Temporary Place of Recreation, Sports or Culture (Hobby Farm) for a Period of 3 Years	18.3.2016 [revoked on 18.2.2018]	(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6)
4.	A/YL-KTN/516	Proposed Temporary Place of Recreation, Sports or Culture (Hobby Farm) for a Period of 3 Years	18.3.2016 [revoked on 18.12.2016]	(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6)
5.	A/YL-KTN/520	Proposed Temporary Place of Recreation, Sports or Culture (Hobby Farm and Caravan Camp Site) for a Period of 3 Years	27.5.2016	(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7)
6.	A/YL-KTN/535	Proposed Temporary Place of Recreation, Sports or Culture (Hobby Farm and Caravan Holiday Camp) for a Period of 3 Years	13.1.2017 [revoked on 13.12.2018]	(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7),
7.	A/YL-KTN/536	Proposed Temporary Place of Recreation, Sports or Culture (Hobby Farm and Caravan Holiday Camp) for a Period of 3 Years	13.1.2017	(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7)
8.	A/YL-KTN/538	Proposed Temporary Place of Recreation, Sports or Culture (Hobby Farm) for a Period of 3 Years	23.12.2016 [revoked on 23.9.2017]	(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9)
9.	A/YL-KTN/579	Proposed Temporary Place of Recreation, Sports or Culture (Hobby Farm) for a Period of 3 Years	22.12.2017 [revoked on 22.5.2020]	(1), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8)
10.	A/YL-KTN/609	Proposed Temporary Place of Recreation, Sports or Culture (Hobby Farm) for a Period of 3 Years	3.8.2018 [revoked on 3.2.2019]	(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8)
11.	A/YL-KTN/610	Proposed Temporary Place of Recreation, Sports or Culture (Hobby Farm) for a Period of 3 Years	3.8.2018 [revoked on 3.2.2020]	(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8)
12.	A/YL-KTN/615	Proposed Temporary Place of Recreation, Sports or Culture (Hobby Farm) for a Period of 3 Years	16.11.2018	(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8)

	<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Proposed Use</u>	<u>Date of Consideration (RNTPC/TPB)</u>	<u>Approval Conditions</u>
13.	A/YL-KTN/620	Proposed Temporary Place of Recreation, Sports or Culture (Hobby Farm) for a Period of 3 Years	7.9.2018	(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8)
14.	A/YL-KTN/626	Proposed Temporary Place of Recreation, Sports or Culture (Hobby Farm) for a Period of 3 Years	18.1.2019	(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (11)
15.	A/YL-KTN/630	Proposed Temporary Place of Recreation, Sports or Culture (Hobby Farm) for a Period of 3 Years	18.1.2019	(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (11)
16.	A/YL-KTN/636	Proposed Temporary Place of Recreation, Sports or Culture (Hobby Farm) for a Period of 3 Years	21.12.2018	(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8)
17.	A/YL-KTN/649	Proposed Temporary Place of Recreation, Sports or Culture (Hobby Farm) for a Period of 5 Years	16.8.2019	(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8)
18.	A/YL-KTN/660	Proposed Temporary Place of Recreation, Sports or Culture (Hobby Farm) for a Period of 3 Years	4.10.2019	(1), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (11)
19.	A/YL-KTN/665	Proposed Temporary Place of Recreation, Sports or Culture (Hobby Farm and Caravan Holiday Camp) for a Period of 5 Years	5.7.2019	(1), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (11)
20.	A/YL-KTN/666	Proposed Temporary Place of Recreation, Sports or Culture (Hobby Farm) for a Period of 3 Years	4.10.2019	(1), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (11)
21.	A/YL-KTN/670	Proposed Temporary Place of Recreation, Sports or Culture (Hobby Farm) for a Period of 5 Years	16.8.2019	(1), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (11)
22.	A/YL-KTN/690	Proposed Temporary Place of Recreation, Sports or Culture (Hobby Farm) for a Period of 3 Years	17.1.2020	(1), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7)
23.	A/YL-KTN/691	Proposed Temporary Place of Recreation, Sports or Culture (Hobby Farm) for a Period of 3 Years and Filling of Land	17.1.2020	(1), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7)
24.	A/YL-KTN/693	Proposed Temporary Place of Recreation, Sports or Culture (Hobby Farm and Caravan Holiday Camp) for a Period of 3 Years and Filling of Land	15.5.2020	(1), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7)
25.	A/YL-KTN/697	Proposed Temporary Place of Recreation, Sports or Culture (Hobby Farm) for a Period of 3 Years	24.4.2020	(1), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (12)

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26.	A/Y1-KTN/705	Proposed Temporary Place of Recreation, Sports or Culture (Hobby Farm) for a Period of 3 Years	15.5.2020	(1), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7)

Approval Conditions:

- (1) Restriction on operation hours / no queue back or reserve of vehicles onto/from public road
- (2) Submission and implementation of landscape and tree preservation proposal/ implementation of the accepted landscape proposal
- (3) Submission and implementation of drainage proposal/maintenance of drainage facilities
- (4) Submission and implementation of fire service installations proposal
- (5) Revocation of the planning approval if any of the planning conditions is not complied by the specified date or during the planning approval period
- (6) Reinstatement of the site to an amenity area
- (7) No public announcement system, portable loudspeaker or any form or audio amplification system on the site
- (8) No medium or heavy goods vehicles exceeding 5.5 tonnes, including container tractors/trailers, are allowed to be parked/stored on or enter the site
- (9) Submission of a proposal and implementation to provide buffer planting along the northern boundary in order to screen potential disturbance to the adjacent drainage channel
- (10) Submission and implementation of a revised layout plan with reduced paved area
- (11) Maintenance of the implemented drainage facilities on the site
- (12) The existing trees on site shall be maintained in healthy condition

Rejected Application

	<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Proposed Use</u>	<u>Date of Consideration (RNTPC/TPB)</u>	<u>Rejection Reason (s)</u>
1	A/YL-KTN/394	Proposed temporary field study/education centre and hobby farm for 5 years	14.6.2013 [on review]	(1), (2), (3)

Rejection Reasons

- (1) The site was the subject of unauthorized land filling. The filling materials on-site comprising sand, stones, debris and construction waste were not suitable for cultivation. There was no detailed information provided regarding the design and operation of the proposed development particularly the hobby farm, field study/education centre and the office with porch
- (2) The applicant failed to demonstrate that the development would not generate adverse landscape and drainage impacts on the surrounding areas
- (3) Approving the application would set an undesirable precedent for similar applications within the "AGR" zone, and the cumulative effect of which would result in a general degradation of the rural environment of the area

Advisory Clauses

- (a) note DLO/YL, LandsD's comments that the Site comprises Old Schedule Agricultural Lots held under the Block Government Lease which contains the restriction that no structures are allowed to be erected without the prior approval of the Government. The STW holder(s) will need to apply to his office for modification of the STW conditions where appropriate, and the lot owner(s) of the lot(s) without STW will need to apply to his office to permit the structures to be erected or regularize any irregularities on site, if any. Besides, given the proposed use is temporary in nature, only application for regularization or erection of temporary structure(s) will be considered. Applications for any of the above will be considered by the LandsD acting in the capacity of the landlord or lessor at its sole discretion and there is no guarantee that such application will be approved. If such application is approved, it will be subject to such terms and conditions, including among others the payment of premium or fee, as may be imposed by the LandsD;
- (b) note C for T's comments that the Site is connected to the public road network via a section of a local access road which is not managed by the Transport Department. The land status of the local access road should be checked with LandsD. Moreover, the management and maintenance responsibilities of the local access road should be clarified with the relevant lands and maintenance authorities accordingly;
- (c) note CHE/NTW, HyD's comments that HyD is not/ shall not be responsible for the maintenance of any access connecting to the Site and part of Kong Tai Road. Adequate drainage measures should be provided to prevent surface water running from the Site to the nearby public roads and drains;
- (d) note DEP's comments that the applicant shall follow the relevant mitigation measures and requirements in the latest "Code of Practice on Handling the Environmental Aspects of Temporary Uses and Open Storage Sites". Effluent discharges from the Site are subject to control under the Water Pollution Control Ordinance. If connection to public sewers is not feasible, septic tank and soakaway system can be used. Its design, construction and operation should follow the EPD's requirements of Practice Note for Professional person (ProPECC) PN 5/93 "Drainage Plans subject to Comment by the Environmental Protection Department" including percolation test with certification by the Authorized Person;
- (e) note CBS/NTW, BD's comments that before any new building works (including containers/open sheds as temporary buildings) are to be carried out on the Site, prior approval and consent of BD should be obtained, otherwise they are unauthorized building works (UBW) under the BO. An Authorized Person should be appointed as the co-ordinator for the proposed building works in accordance with the BO. For UBW erected on leased land, enforcement action may be taken by the BD to effect their removal in accordance with BD's enforcement policy against UBW as and when necessary. The granting of any planning approval should not be construed as an acceptance of any existing building works or UBW on the Site under the BO. The

Site shall be provided with means of obtaining access thereto from a street and emergency vehicular access in accordance with Regulations 5 and 41D of the Building (Planning) Regulations (B(P)R) respectively. If the Site does not abut on a specified street of not less than 4.5m wide, its permitted development intensity shall be determined under Regulation 19(3) of the B(P)R at the building plan submission stage; and

- (f) note DFEH's comments that the operation shall not cause any environmental nuisance, pest infestation and obstruction to the surroundings. For any waste generated from such activities or operations, the applicants should arrange disposal properly at their own expenses. Proper licence/ permit issued by FEHD is required if there is any catering service/ activities regulated by the DFEH under the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap. 132) and other relevant legislation for the public.