RNTPC Paper No. A/NE-TKL/626A For Consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee on 3.1.2020

# <u>APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION</u> UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

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(for 2<sup>nd</sup> Deferment)

**Applicant**: Kagio Development Limited represented by Mr. KWOK Chi Man

Site : Taxlord Lot 483 S.B RP (Part) in D.D. 83, Kwan Tei North, Fanling, New

Territories

Site Area : About 4,300 m<sup>2</sup>

<u>Lease</u> : Old Scheduled Taxlord under Block Government Lease

<u>Plan</u>: Approved Ping Che and Ta Kwu Ling Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No.

S/NE-TKL/14

**Zoning** : "Open Storage"("OS")

**Application** : Proposed Temporary Logistics Centre for a Period of 3 Years

### 1. Background

The applicant seeks planning permission for proposed temporary logistics centre for a period of three years at the application site (**Plan A-1**). On 18.10.2019, the Rural and New Town Planning Committee (the Committee) of the Town Planning Board (the Board) agreed to defer making a decision on the application for two months, as requested by the applicant, to allow time for the applicant to prepare further information (FI) to address the departmental comments. The application is scheduled for consideration by the Committee on 3.1.2020.

### 2. Request for Deferment

On 16.12.2019, the applicant's representative wrote to the Secretary of the Board and requested the Board to defer making a decision on the application for two months in order to allow time for the applicant to prepare further information (FI) to address the comments from Lands Department, Environmental Protection Department, Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department and Transport Department (**Appendix I**).

### 3. Planning Department's Views

- 3.1 The application has been deferred once for two months at the request of the applicant to allow more time to address the departmental comments. Since the last deferment in October 2019, the applicant's representative has liaised with the relevant Government departments. However, new issues regarding land ownership and arrangement for vehicle access have arisen and more time is required to prepare further information to address departmental concerns.
- 3.2 Planning Department <u>has no objection</u> to the request for deferment as the justifications for deferment meet the criteria for deferment as set out in the Town Planning Board Guidelines on Deferment of Decision on Representations, Comments, Further Representations and Applications made under the Town Planning Ordinance (TPB PG-No. 33) in that the applicant needs more time to prepare FI to address the departmental comments, the deferment period is not indefinite, and the deferment would not affect the interests of other relevant parties.
- 3.3 Should the Committee agree to defer a decision on the application, the application will be submitted to the Committee for consideration within two months upon receipt of further submission from the applicant. If the FI submitted by the applicant is not substantial and can be processed within a shorter time, the application could be submitted to an earlier meeting for the Committee's consideration. The applicant should be advised that the Committee has allowed a total of four months for preparation of submission of FI, and no further deferment would be granted unless under very special circumstances.

#### 4. Decision Sought

The Committee is invited to consider whether or not to accede to the applicant's request for deferment. If the request is not acceded to, the application will be submitted for the Committee's consideration at the next meeting.

## 5. Attachments

**Appendix I** Letter dated 16.12.2019 from the applicant's representative

Plan A-1 Location Plan

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