RNTPC Paper No. A/YL-HTF/1089A For Consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee on 20.7.2018

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

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(2nd Deferment)

Applicant: Green Technology (HK) Development Limited represented by New

Creation Consultant Engineering Company Ltd.

Site : Lots 130 (Part), 131, 132 (Part), 260 (Part), 261, 262, 263, 264 and 268 in

D.D.128 and Adjoining Government Land, Lau Fau Shan, Yuen Long

Site Area : 11,484 m² (Includes Government Land of about 660 m²)

<u>Lease</u>: Block Government Lease (demised for agricultural use)

Plan : Draft Ha Tsuen Fringe Outline Zoning Plan No. S/YL-HTF/11

Zoning : "Residential (Group D)" ("R(D)") and "Agriculture" ("AGR")

Application: Proposed Temporary Plastic Bottle Recycling Centre with Workshop and

Ancillary Office for a Period of 3 Years

1. Background

- 1.1 On 23.3.2018, the applicant sought planning permission to use the application site (the Site) for proposed temporary plastic bottle recycling centre with workshop and ancillary office for a period of 3 years (**Plan A-1**).
- 1.2 On 18.5.2018, the Rural and New Town Planning Committee (the Committee) of the Town Planning Board (the Board) agreed to defer 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 departmental comments. On 6.7.2018, the applicant submitted a self-explanatory letter to reactivate the case. The application is scheduled for consideration by the Committee at this meeting.

2. Request for Deferment

On 6.7.2018, the applicant wrote to the Secretary of the Board and requested the Board to defer making a decision on the application for 2 months to allow sufficient time for preparing a feasibility study report in response to comments raised by concerned departments (**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 departmental comments received on the application. Since the last deferment, the applicant has submitted a self-explanatory letter providing justifications and responses to departmental comments on 6.7.2018. The applicant needs more time to preparing a feasibility study report in response to comments raised by concerned departments.
- 3.2 The Planning Department <u>has no objection</u> to the request for deferment as the justification for deferment meets 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 time to prepare further information to address 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 2 months upon receipt of further submission from the applicant. If the further information 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. Since it is the second deferment of the application, the applicant should be advised that the Board has allowed a total of four months including the previous deferment for preparation of submission of further information, and no further deferment would be granted unless under very special circumstances.

4. <u>Decision Sought</u>

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 to the Committee for consideration at the next meeting.

5. <u>Attachments</u>

Appendix I Applicant's letters dated 6.7.2018 requesting for further deferment Location Plan

PLANNING DEPARTMENT JULY 2018