

**Town Planning Board Guidelines for  
Application for Open Storage and Port Back-up Uses**  
**(TPB PG-No.13F)**

On 27.3.2020, the Town Planning Board Guidelines for Application for Open Storage and Port Back-up Uses under Section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance (TPB PG-No. 13F) were promulgated, which set out the following criteria for New Development Areas (NDAs):

- (a) The planning for various NDAs (including potential development areas) in the New Territories has been in progress and the land use proposals for some of these areas have been incorporated as appropriate into relevant statutory town plans. The NDAs will be implemented by phases. While it is envisaged that the existing open storage and port back-up uses in these areas will be gradually phased out, sympathetic consideration may be given to applications for continued operation of these uses during the interim period before the sites are required for NDA development.
- (b) For existing open storage and port back-up uses with previous planning approval(s) and/or permitted under the previous Outline Zoning Plans, sympathetic consideration may be given to the application (irrespective of whether the application is submitted by the applicant of previous approval or a different applicant) until the concerned site is required for implementation of NDA development, provided that the relevant approval conditions, if any, have been complied with. Technical assessments, where appropriate, should be submitted to demonstrate that the continued operation of the current uses would not have adverse drainage, traffic, visual, landscaping and environmental impacts on the surrounding areas and the concerns of the departments and local residents, if any, can be addressed through the implementation of the approval conditions.
- (c) In view of the impending implementation of NDAs, new open storage and port back-up uses are generally not encouraged to infiltrate into the NDAs. There is a general presumption against such uses at greenfield areas and/or at sites with land use compatibility issue, e.g. in close proximity to existing residential dwellings which may be subject to environmental nuisances caused by the open storage and port back-up uses. Applications will normally be rejected unless under exceptional circumstances.
- (d) Any approved temporary use and development should not jeopardize the long-term planned development on the respective site/the surrounding area under the NDA and the applicant should be advised that the site would be required by the government at any time during the planning approval period for implementation of government projects.

**Relevant extracts of the Town Planning Board Guidelines No. 34C for  
“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 circumstance 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 Applications covering the Application Site**

**Approved Applications**

	<b><u>Application No.</u></b>	<b><u>Proposed Use(s)</u></b>	<b><u>Date of Consideration (RNTPC)</u></b>	<b><u>Approval Condition(s)</u></b>
1	A/YL-TYST/165	Temporary open storage of scrap metal for recycling with ancillary open-air workshop and container site office units for a period of 1 year	10.5.2002 [revoked on 10.8.2002]	(3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (12), (13)
2	A/YL-TYST/192	Temporary open storage of scrap metal for recycling with ancillary open-air workshop and container site office units for a period of 1 year	21.2.2003 [revoked on 21.5.2003]	(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (9), (12), (13)
3	A/YL-TYST/205	Temporary open storage of scrap metal for recycling with ancillary open-air workshop for a period of 3 years	11.7.2003	(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (12), (13)
4	A/YL-TYST/317	Renewal of planning approval for temporary open storage of scrap metal for recycling with ancillary open-air workshop use for a period of 3 years	19.5.2006 approved for 2 years	(1), (2), (10), (11), (12), (13)
5	A/YL-TYST/386	Renewal of planning approval for temporary “open storage of scrap metal for recycling with ancillary open-air workshop” use for a period of 3 years	9.5.2008	(1), (2), (8), (10), (11), (12), (13)
6	A/YL-TYST/530	Temporary open storage of scrap metal for recycling with ancillary open-air workshop for a period of 3 years	6.5.2011	(1), (2), (4), (9), (11), (12), (13), (14)
7	A/YL-TYST/690	Temporary open storage of scrap metal for recycling with ancillary open-air workshop for a period of 3 years	8.8.2014	(1), (2), (4), (5), (8), (9), (11), (15), (16), (17)
8	A/YL-TYST/845	Temporary open storage of scrap metal for recycling, construction materials, equipments and machinery and container site offices with ancillary repair activities for a period of 3 years	11.8.2017	(1), (2), (9), (10), (11), (12), (13), (14), (17), (18), (19), (20)

**Approval Conditions**

- (1) No night-time operation during specific time limit is allowed on the site.
- (2) No operation on Sundays and public holidays is allowed on the site.

- (3) Provision of vehicular access arrangement.
- (4) Submission and/or implementation of landscape and/or tree preservation proposal(s).
- (5) Submission of drainage proposal and/or provision of drainage facilities.
- (6) Submission and implementation of environmental mitigation measures proposal.
- (7) Provision of a street fire hydrant with adequate flow and pressure within or in the vicinity of the site.
- (8) Provision of fire extinguisher(s) in each of the container-converted site offices.
- (9) Submission and/or implementation of fire service installations (FSIs) proposal and/or provision of FSIs and/or provision of fire extinguisher(s) with a valid fire certificate (FS 251).
- (10) Maintenance of (existing) trees and/or landscape plantings on the site.
- (11) Maintenance of drainage facilities on the site.
- (12) Revocation of planning approval if conditions not complied with by a given date/at any time during the approval period.
- (13) Reinstatement of the site to an amenity area upon expiry of the planning permission.
- (14) Submission of a record of existing drainage facilities on the site.
- (15) No workshop/cleaning/dismantling/repairing/paint-spraying/cutting/grinding/polishing activities are allowed to be carried out on the site.
- (16) No storage or handling of used electrical appliances, computer/electronic parts (including cathode-ray tubes) or any other types of electronic waste is allowed outside the concrete-paved covered structures on the site.
- (17) No vehicle queuing and no reverse movement of vehicles on public road(s) is allowed.
- (18) No dismantling, vehicle repairing or other workshop activities, except ancillary repairing or maintenance activities shall be carried out on the site.
- (19) No storage or handling (including loading and unloading) of used electrical appliances, computer/electronic parts (including cathode-ray tubes) or any other types of electronic waste is allowed on the site.
- (20) The stacking height of containers stored on the site shall not exceed 3 units.

**Similar Applications within/straddling the “O” and “V” Zones  
on the Tong Yan San Tsuen OZP since 2015**

**Approved Applications**

	<b><u>Application No.</u></b>	<b><u>Proposed Use(s)/Development(s)</u></b>	<b><u>Date of Consideration (RNTPC)</u></b>	<b><u>Approval Condition(s)</u></b>
1	A/YL-TYST/728#	Temporary Open Storage of Construction Materials and Recyclable Materials (including Metal, Paper and Plastic Goods) for a Period of 3 Years	22.5.2015 [revoked on 22.5.2016]	(4), (5), (6), (7), (9), (10), (13), (14), (16), (17), (19), (20) (28)
2	A/YL-TYST/731	Temporary Open Storage of Construction Machinery and Material, Scrap Vehicle, Vehicle Part, Mobile Toilet, Recyclable Material including Metal, Paper and Plastic Goods and Ancillary Workshop for a Period of 3 Years	22.5.2015	(4), (5), (6), (9), (13), (14), (16), (17), (20), (23), (28)
3	A/YL-TYST/748#	Renewal of Planning Approval for Temporary “Open Storage of Recycling Materials (Metal, Plastic and Paper) and Used Electrical/Electronic Appliances and Parts with Ancillary Packaging Activities” for a Period of 3 Years	7.8.2015	(1), (4), (5), (6), (9), (14), (20), (23), (25), (28), (42)
4	A/YL-TYST/753#	Renewal of Planning Approval for Temporary "Open Storage of Construction Materials, Machinery and Scrap Metal with Ancillary Site Office" for a Period of 3 Years	18.9.2015	(4), (5), (6), (9), (10), (13), (14), (16), (17), (20), (28)
5	A/YL-TYST/768	Temporary Open Storage of Construction Machinery and Construction Materials with Ancillary Workshop and Office for a Period of 3 Years	18.12.2015	(1), (2), (4), (5), (6), (9), (16), (17), (28), (43)
6	A/YL-TYST/769 #	Temporary Open Storage of Construction Materials and Machinery, Vehicle Spare Parts and Recyclable Materials (including Plastic Goods, Paper and Metal) with Ancillary Workshop and Office for a Period of 3 Years	18.12.2015	(1), (4), (5), (6), (9), (14), (16), (17), (20), (28), (34), (44)
7	A/YL-TYST/795#	Temporary Open Storage of Construction Materials and Recyclable Materials (including Metal, Paper and Plastic Goods) for a Period of 3 Years	15.7.2016	(1), (4), (5), (6), (7), (9), (10), (14), (16), (17), (19), (28)

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8	A/YL-TYST/810	Renewal of Planning Approval for Temporary “Open Storage of Construction Equipment and Materials (Metal Scaffolding) and Container Site Office Units with Ancillary Maintenance Workshop” for a Period of 3 Years	14.10.2016	(1), (5), (6), (9), (14), (20), (23), (28)
9	A/YL-TYST/817	Temporary Open Storage of Construction Materials and Recyclable Materials (Including Metal, Paper and Plastic Goods) for a Period of 3 Years	9.12.2016	(4), (5), (6), (8), (10), (13), (14), (16), (17), (20), (26), (28), (34)
10	A/YL-TYST/826	Temporary Open Storage of Vehicle Parts for a Period of 3 Years	17.2.2017	(1), (2), (4), (5), (6), (7), (9), (10), (14), (17), (28)
11	A/YL-TYST/835#	Renewal of Planning Approval for Temporary “Open Storage of Containers Keeping Sundries” for a Period of 3 Years	28.4.2017	(1), (4), (5), (6), (9), (10), (14), (17), (20), (28),
12	A/YL-TYST/838	Temporary Open Storage of Construction Machinery, Construction Material and Ancillary Site Office for a Period of 3 Years	26.5.2017	(1), (4), (5), (6), (9), (10), (14), (17), (20), (28),
13	A/YL-TYST/842	Temporary Open Storage of Construction Materials, Equipments and Machinery and Container Site Offices with Ancillary Repair Activities for a Period of 3 Years	23.6.2017	(1), (5), (6), (9), (11), (17), (20), (23), (28), (34)
14	A/YL-TYST/846	Temporary Open Storage of Recycled Goods (Used Electronic Appliances) with Ancillary Workshop and Site Office for a Period of 3 Years	11.8.2017 [revoked on 11.1.2020]	(1), (4), (5), (6), (9), (10), (14), (17), (20), (25), (28), (34)
15	A/YL-TYST/853	Renewal of Planning Approval for Temporary “Open Storage of Construction Machinery and Material” for a Period of 3 Years	22.9.2017	(4), (5), (6), (9), (10), (13), (14), (16), (17), (20), (28)
16	A/YL-TYST/895	Temporary Warehouse and Open Storage for Storage of Recyclable Materials (Plastic and Metal) with Ancillary Workshop for a Period of 3 Years	5.10.2018 [revoked on 10.7.2020]	(4), (5), (6), (8), (9), (13), (14), (17), (20), (25), (28), (32), (34)
17	A/YL-TYST/897	Temporary Open Storage and Warehouse for Storage of Recyclable Materials (Plastic and Metal), Open Storage of Mobile Toilets, and Open Storage of Construction Machinery and Material for a Period of 3 Years	15.6.2018	(4), (5), (6), (9), (10), (13), (14), (20), (21), (25), (28)

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18	A/YL-TYST/906	Temporary Open Storage of Recycling Materials (Metal, Plastic and Paper) and Used Electrical/Electronic Appliances and Parts with Ancillary Packaging Activities for a Period of 3 Years	17.8.2018 [revoked on 17.2.2019]	(4), (6), (9), (10), (13), (14), (20), (25), (28), (42)
19	A/YL-TYST/919	Renewal of Planning Approval for Temporary "Open Storage of Construction Materials, Machinery and Scrap Metals (with Ancillary Site Office)" for a Period of 3 Years	5.10.2018	(4), (5), (6), (9), (10), (13), (14), (17), (20), (25), (28),
20	A/YL-TYST/931	Temporary Open Storage of Recycling Materials (Metal, Plastic and Paper) and Used Electrical/Electronic Appliances and Parts with Ancillary Workshop and Packaging Activities for a period of 3 years	21.12.2018	(4), (6), (9), (13), (14), (20), (25), (28), (42), (49)
21	A/YL-TYST/935	Temporary Open Storage of Construction Machinery and Materials with Ancillary Workshop & Office for a Period of 3 Years	18.1.2019	(4), (6), (9), (13), (14), (16), (17), (20), (28), (33), (34), (43)
22	A/YL-TYST/937	Temporary Open Storage of Construction Materials and Machinery, Vehicle Spare Parts and Recyclable Materials (including Plastic Goods, Paper and Metal) with Ancillary Workshop and Office for a Period of 3 Years	18.1.2019	(4), (6), (9), (13), (14), (16), (17), (19), (20), (28), (33), (34), (48)
23	A/YL-TYST/942	Proposed Temporary Open Storage of Construction Materials for a Period of 3 Years	1.2.2019	(2), (4), (6), (9), (14), (17), (28), (34), (50)
24	A/YL-TYST/946	Temporary Open Storage of Recycled Goods (Used Electronic Appliances) with Ancillary Workshop and Site Office for a Period of 3 Years	8.3.2019 [revoked on 8.3.2020]	(4), (6), (7), (9), (10), (14), (17), (20), (28),
25	A/YL-TYST/980	Temporary Warehouse for Storage of Electronic Goods with Ancillary Site Office for a Period of 3 Years	18.10.2019	(4), (6), (9), (10), (13), (14), (17), (20), (28), (34)
26	A/YL-TYST/993	Proposed Temporary Open Storage of Construction Materials and Vehicle Spare Parts for a Period of 3 Years	29.11.2019	(2), (4), (6), (9), (10), (14), (17), (28), (34)
27	A/YL-TYST/994	Temporary Open Storage of Construction Materials and Recycled Materials (Metal) for a Period of 3 Years	13.12.2019	(4), (6), (9), (10), (14), (17), (20), (28), (34)
28	A/YL-TYST/995	Temporary Open Storage of Vehicle Parts for a Period of 3 Years	13.12.2019	(4), (6), (9), (10), (14), (17), (20), (28), (34)

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29	A/YL-TYST/1014	Renewal of Planning Approval for Temporary Open Storage of Construction Machinery, Construction Material and Ancillary Site Office for a Period of 3 Years	15.5.2020	(4), (6), (9), (10), (14), (17), (20), (28), (51)
30	A/YL-TYST/1001#	Temporary Open Storage of Construction Machinery and Materials with Ancillary Workshop and Office for a Period of 3 Years	26.5.2020	(2), (4), (6), (9), (10), (14), (17), (28), (34), (36)
31	A/YL-TYST/1036	Renewal of Planning Approval for Temporary Open Storage of Construction Machinery and Material for a Period of 3 Years	1.9.2020	(2), (4), (9), (10), (14), (17), (26), (28), (34), (51)

Remarks:

# Straddling the “V” zone.

Approval Condition(s):

- (1) Submission and/or implementation of (revised/accepted) landscape/tree preservation proposals.
- (2) Submission and/or implementation of (revised/accepted) drainage proposal and/or provision of drainage facilities.
- (3) Submission of drainage impact assessment/drainage study and provision of flood mitigation measures and drainage facilities.
- (4) Revocation of planning approval if conditions not complied with by a given date/at any time during the approval period.
- (5) Reinstatement of the site to an amenity area upon expiry of planning permission.
- (6) Submission of proposals and/or provision of fire service installations/fire extinguisher/street fire hydrant or water tank.
- (7) Paving and/or fencing of the site.
- (8) No paint spraying activities should be carried out on the application site.
- (9) No (night-time) operation during specific time limit and/or no operation on Sundays and public holidays.
- (10) No workshop/cleaning/dismantling/repairing/paint-spraying/cutting/grinding/polishing/burning/melting activities are allowed to be carried out on the site.
- (11) Restriction on stacking height.
- (12) Submission and/or implementation (provision) of run-in/out proposal.
- (13) Maintenance of (existing) trees and/or landscape planting on the site.
- (14) Maintenance of (implemented /existing) drainage facilities and/or natural streamcourse on the site.
- (15) Replacement planting of landscaping trees on the site.
- (16) No used electrical appliances/televisions/computer monitors/computer parts or any other types of electronic waste are allowed to be stored/handled on the site.
- (17) No medium and/or heavy vehicles or container vehicles/only light goods vehicles are allowed to enter/exit, to be stored/parked or for the operation of the site.
- (18) No washing/cutting/compacting/melting of plastic waste/plastic bottle activities.
- (19) No open storage/workshop activities within “V” zone/buffer area during the planning approval period.
- (20) Submission of a record of the existing drainage facilities implemented on the site.
- (21) No container tractors, trailers or containers are allowed to enter/exit or to be stored/parked on the site.
- (22) Relocation of the household currently residing at the site.
- (23) No dismantling/other workshop activities, except ancillary repairing/ maintenance/ packaging/ compressing/ loading or unloading, as proposed by the applicant, are allowed on the site.
- (24) Allow free public access to the existing footpath within the site.



- (25) No storage or handling of used electrical appliances, computer/electronic parts (including cathode-ray tubes) or any other types of electronic waste is allowed outside the concrete-paved covered structures on the site.
- (26) No storage or handling of electronic and computer wastes (including cathode-ray tubes) is allowed on the site.
- (27) Submission of as-planted landscape plan.
- (28) No parking / vehicle queuing and no reverse movement of vehicles on public road(s) is allowed.
- (29) Workshop activities to be carried out within Compartments No. 2 and 3 only during the planning approval period.
- (30) No open storage are allowed within 20m from the western boundary of the site adjoining the “V” zone and landscape treatment would be provided for that area during the approval period.
- (31) No workshop activities are allowed in Compartments No. 1 and 3 of the application site, as proposed by the applicant, at all time during the planning approval period.
- (32) No dismantling, repairing, cleansing, paint spraying or other workshop activities, except packaging and classification of recycled materials, should be carried out in Compartment No. 2, as proposed by the applicant, at any time during the planning approval period.
- (33) No workshop activities are allowed, except in Compartments No. 1, 2 and 7 of the application site, as proposed by the applicant, at all time during the planning approval period.
- (34) Provision/maintenance of (existing) boundary fence.
- (35) No ancillary maintenance work to be carried out in open area.
- (36) Submission of record photos of existing trees/landscaping on site.
- (37) No repairing, cleaning, dismantling or other workshop activities, except vehicle repairing activities within Compartment C, as proposed by the applicant, shall be carried out on the site at any time during the planning approval.
- (38) Implementation of dust suppression measures for sand and gravels stored at the site, as proposed by the applicant, at all times.
- (39) No vehicle dismantling, vehicle repairing or other workshop activities, as proposed by the applicant, shall be carried out on the site at any time.
- (40) No container and container trailer repairing activities are allowed at the site.
- (41) No paint-spraying, except within Structures No. 2 and/or 6, shall be carried out on the site.
- (42) No loading/unloading activities are allowed at Structures No. 1 and 2 on the site.
- (43) No workshop activities (except in Structure No. 1) are allowed.
- (44) No dismantling, cleansing, repairing, paint spraying or other workshop activities, except ancillary packing and classification of the recyclable materials activities at Structure No. 2 of the site, are allowed.
- (45) No workshop activities, except within enclosed structures No. 1 and 2, are allowed on the site.
- (46) No dismantling or other workshop activities of used electrical/electronic appliances and parts is allowed on the site.
- (47) No dismantling, sorting, packaging or other workshop activities is allowed outside the concrete-paved covered structures on the site.
- (48) No dismantling, repairing, cleansing or other workshop activities, except ancillary parking and consolidate activities is allowed in Structure 2 or 4
- (49) No dismantling, repairing and cleansing activities, except ancillary workshop and packaging activities are allowed on the site.
- (50) No temporary structure is allowed to be erected on the site.
- (51) Maintenance of existing fire service installations on the site

**Good Practice Guidelines for Open Storage Sites**

		Internal Access for Fire Appliances	Lot Boundaries (Clear Width)	Distance between Storage Cluster and Temporary Structure	Cluster Size	Storage Height
1.	Open Storage of Containers		2m	4.5m		
2.	Open Storage of Non-Combustibles or Limited Combustibles	4.5m	2m	4.5m		
3.	Open Storage of Combustibles	4.5m	2m	4.5m	40m x 40m	3m

Remarks: Smoking and naked flame activities shall not be allowed within the open storage / recycling site.

**Advisory clauses**

- (a) to resolve any land issues relating to the development with the concerned owner(s) of the application site (the Site);
- (b) the Site should be kept in a clean and tidy condition at all times;
- (c) to note the comments of the District Lands Officer/Yuen Long, Lands Department that the Site comprises government land (GL) and 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. No permission is given for the occupation of GL (about 150m<sup>2</sup> subject to verification) included in the Site. Any occupation of GL without Government's prior approval is not allowed. Within the Site, Lots 329 RP and 330 in D.D. 119 are currently covered by Short Term Waivers (STWs) No. 3158 and 3159 respectively to permit the structures erected thereon for the purpose of "Ancillary Use to Storage of Scrap Metal for Recycling and Workshop". The STW holder(s) will need to apply to her 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 her office to permit the structures to be erected or regularise any irregularities on site, if any. Besides, given the proposed use is temporary in nature, only application for regularisation or erection of temporary structure(s) will be considered. Furthermore, the applicant has to either exclude the GL from the Site or apply for a formal approval prior to the actual occupation of the GL. Applications for any of the above will be considered by her department acting in the capacity as 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 rent or fee, as may be imposed by her department;
- (d) to note the comments of the Commissioner for Transport that the land status of the access road/path/track leading to the Site from Shan Ha Road should be checked with the lands authority. The management and maintenance responsibilities of the access road/path/track should be clarified and consulted with the relevant management and maintenance authorities accordingly. Sufficient space should be provided within the Site for manoeuvring of vehicles. No parking of vehicles on public road is allowed;
- (e) to note the comments of the Chief Highway Engineer/New Territories West, Highways Department that adequate drainage measures should be provided at the site access to prevent surface water flowing from the Site to nearby public roads/drains. His department shall not be responsible for the maintenance of any access connecting the Site and Shan Ha Road;
- (f) to note the comments of the Director of Environmental Protection that the relevant mitigation measures and requirements in the latest "Code of Practice on Handling the Environmental Aspects of Temporary Uses and Open Storage Sites" issued by the Environmental Protection Department should be followed to minimise any potential environmental nuisances on the surrounding areas;
- (g) to note the comments of the Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation that good site practices and necessary measures should be adopted and implemented to avoid causing disturbance and water pollution to the nearby watercourses;

- (h) to note the comments of the Director of Fire Services that in consideration of the design/nature of the proposal, fire service installations (FSIs) are anticipated to be required. Relevant layout plans incorporated with the proposed FSIs should be submitted to his department for approval. The layout plans should be drawn to scale and depicted with dimensions and nature of occupancy, the location of where the proposed FSIs to be installed should also be clearly marked on the layout plans. The good practice guidelines for open storage (**Appendix VI** of this RNTPC Paper) should be adhered to. If the proposed structure(s) is required to comply with the Buildings Ordinance (BO) (Cap. 123), detailed fire service requirements will be formulated upon receipt of formal submission of general building plans;
- (i) to note the comments of the Chief Building Surveyor/New Territories West, Buildings Department (BD) that if the existing structures (not being a New Territories Exempted House) are erected on leased land without the approval of the BD, they are unauthorised building works (UBW) under the BO and should not be designated for any proposed use under the application. 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. 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 the BD should be obtained, otherwise they are UBW. An Authorised Person should be appointed as the co-ordinator for the proposed building works in accordance with 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
- (j) to note the comments of the Project Manager (West), Civil Engineering and Development Department that the Site mainly falls within the boundary of Yuen Long South (YLS) development - Stage 2 Phase 2. The land resumption and clearance programme of the project is subject to Executive Council's authorisation on land resumption and Finance Committee's funding approval of the project. Land clearance operation is tentatively targeted to commence in 2024. As such, extension of the planning permission may not be supported in future. No substantial works should be carried out on the Site in view of the planned YLS development - Stage 2 Phase 2.