Relevant extracts of the Town Planning Board Guidelines for <u>Application for Open Storage and Port Back-up Uses</u> (TPB PG-No.13E)

- 1. On 17.10.2008, 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. 13E) were promulgated, which set out the following criteria for the various categories of area:
 - (a) Category 1 areas: favourable consideration will normally be given to applications within these areas, subject to no major adverse departmental comments and local objections, or the concerns of the departments and local residents can be addressed through the implementation of approval conditions. Technical assessments should be submitted if the proposed uses may cause significant environmental and traffic concerns;
 - (b) Category 2 areas: planning permission could be granted on a temporary basis up to a maximum period of 3 years, subject to no adverse departmental comments and local objections, or the concerns of the departments and local residents can be addressed through the implementation of approval conditions. Technical assessments, where appropriate, should be submitted to demonstrate that the proposed uses would not have adverse drainage, traffic, visual, landscaping and environmental impacts on the surrounding areas;
 - (c) Category 3 areas: applications would normally not be favorably considered unless the applications are on sites with previous planning approvals. Sympathetic consideration may be given if the applicants have demonstrated genuine efforts in compliance with approval conditions of the previous planning applications and included in the fresh applications relevant technical assessments/proposals to demonstrate that the proposed uses would not generate adverse drainage, traffic, visual, landscaping and environmental impacts on the surrounding areas. Planning permission could be granted on a temporary basis up to a maximum period of 3 years, subject to no adverse departmental comments and local objections, or the concerns of the departments and local residents can be addressed through the implementation of approval conditions; and
 - (d) Category 4 areas: applications would normally be rejected except under exceptional circumstances. For applications on sites with previous planning approvals, and subject to no adverse departmental comments and local objections, sympathetic consideration may be given if the applicants have demonstrated genuine efforts in compliance with approval conditions of the previous planning applications and included in the applications relevant technical assessments/proposals to demonstrate that the proposed uses would not generate adverse drainage, traffic, visual, landscaping and environmental impacts on the surrounding areas. The intention is however to encourage the phasing out of such non-conforming uses as early as possible. A maximum period of 2 years may be allowed upon renewal of planning permission for an applicant to identify suitable sites for relocation. No further renewal of approval will be given unless under very exceptional circumstances and each application for renewal of approval will be assessed on its individual merit.

- 2. In assessing applications for open storage and port back-up uses, the other major relevant assessment criteria are also summarized as follows:
 - (a) there will be a general presumption against development on sites of less than 1,000 m² for open storage uses and 2,000 m² for port back-up uses in rural areas, other than sites located in major corridors, industrial/godown/workshop areas, quarrying activities or where it is demonstrated that optimum use is made of the site. This is to prevent the further proliferation of small sites in rural areas, minimizing sprawl over countryside areas and reducing travel trips;
 - (b) port back-up sites and those types of open storage uses generating adverse noise, air pollution and visual intrusion and frequent heavy vehicle traffic should not be located adjacent to sensitive receivers such as residential dwellings, hospitals, schools and other community facilities;
 - (c) port back-up uses are major generators of traffic, with container trailer/tractor parks generating the highest traffic per unit area. In general, port back-up sites should have good access to the strategic road network, or be accessed by means of purpose built roads;
 - (d) adequate screening of the sites through landscaping and/or fencing should be provided where sites are located adjacent to public roads or are visible from surrounding residential areas;
 - (e) there is a general presumption against conversion of agricultural land and fish ponds to other uses on an ad hoc basis, particularly in flood prone areas or sites which would obstruct natural drainage channels and overland flow; and
 - (f) for applications involving sites with previous planning approvals, should there be no evidence to demonstrate that the applicants have made any genuine effort to comply with the approval conditions of the previous planning applications, planning permission may be refused, or a shorter compliance period for the approval conditions may be imposed, notwithstanding other criteria set out in the Guidelines are complied with.

Previous Application covering the Application Site

	Application No.	Proposed Use(s)	Date of Consideration (RNTPC/TPB)	Approval Condition(s)
1	A/YL-TYST/697	Temporary Open Storage of Construction Material with Ancillary Site Office for a Period of 3 Years	17.10.2014	(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), (11), (12)

Approval Conditions

- (1) No operation between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. is allowed on the application site (the Site).
- (2) No operation on Sundays and public holidays is allowed on the Site.
- No medium or heavy goods vehicle exceeding 5.5 tonnes, including container tractor/trailer, as defined in the Road Traffic Ordinance, is allowed to park/store on or enter/exit the Site at any time.
- (4) No dismantling, cleansing, repairing or other workshop activities shall be carried out on the Site.
- No storage or handling of electrical/electronic appliances/components, computer/electronic parts (including cathode-ray tubes (CRT), CRT computer monitors/television sets and CRT equipment) is allowed on the Site.
- (6) No queuing and reverse movement of vehicle onto public road are allowed.
- (7) Implementation of the accepted tree preservation and landscape proposal.
- (8) Submission and implementation of the drainage proposal.
- (9) Provision of fire extinguisher(s) with valid fire certificate (FS 251).
- (10) Submission and implementation of the fire service installations proposal.
- (11) Revocation of the approval permission if the planning condition(s) is not complied with.
- (12) Reinstatement of the site to an amenity area upon the expiry of the planning permission.

Similar Applications in this Part of the "U" zone on the Tong Yan San Tsuen OZP since the Promulgation of TPB PG-No. 13E

Approved Applications

	Application No.	Proposed Use(s)/Development(s)	Date of Consideration (RNTPC/TPB)	Approval Condition(s)
1	A/YL-TYST/420			(5), (6), (7), (9), (10), (11)
2	A/YL-TYST/426			(1), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (10)
3	A/YL-TYST/430	Temporary open storage of metal parts with ancillary workshop for a period of 3 years	5.6.2009 [revoked on 28.1.2011]	(3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (10), (11), (12)
4	A/YL-TYST/443	Temporary warehouse and open storage of building materials and miscellaneous goods for a period of 3 years	21.8.2009	(2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (10), (9), (10), (11), (12), (13)
5	A/YL-TYST/476	Proposed temporary open storage of building materials for a period of 3 years	25.6.2010 [revoked on 25.9.2011]	(1), (4), (5), (6), (7), (10), (9),
6	A/YL-TYST/491	Temporary warehouse and open storage of stage equipment for a period of 3 years	24.9.2010	(10), (11), (12) (1), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (9), (10), (12)
7	A/YL-TYST/503	Temporary open storage of metal goods for a period of 3 years	10.12.2010	(1), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (9), (10), (12), (13)
8	A/YL-TYST/520	Temporary warehouse and open storage of exhibition materials for a period of 3 years	4.3.2011	(1), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (9), (10), (12)
9	A/YL-TYST/526	Temporary warehouse and open storage of exhibition materials, garments, construction materials, vehicle parts and marble with ancillary workshop for a period of 3 years	18.3.2011 [revoked on 18.4.2013]	(1), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (10), (12), (14), (15)
10	A/YL-TYST/551	Temporary open storage of construction machinery and containers with ancillary dismantling, cleansing, repairing and workshop activities for a period of 3 years	21.10.2011	(1), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (10)

	Application No.	Proposed Use(s)/Development(s)	Date of Consideration	Approval	
			(RNTPC/TPB)	Condition(s)	
11	A/YL-TYST/561	Temporary open storage of construction machinery and construction materials for a period of 3 years	6.1.2012 [revoked on 17.2.2012]	(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (9), (10), (12)	
12	A/YL-TYST/581	Temporary open storage of 30.3.2012 construction machinery for a period of 3 years [revoked on 30.9.201]		(1), (4), (5), (6), (7), (9), (10), (11), (16)	
13	A/YL-TYST/592	Temporary open storage of construction machinery and construction materials for a period of 3 years	mporary open storage of 1.6.2012 (nstruction machinery and nstruction materials for a period (nstruction materials for a period)		
14	A/YL-TYST/593	Proposed temporary open storage of construction materials and machinery for a period of 3 years	15.6.2012	(1), (2), (4), (5), (6), (7), (9), (10), (11), (16)	
15	A/YL-TYST/582	Temporary Open Storage of Metal Parts with Ancillary Workshop for a period of 3 years	6.7.2012 [revoked on 6.4.2013]	(1), (4), (5), (6), (7), (10), (11), (16)	
16	A/YL-TYST/602	Temporary open storage of recycled metal and open air recycling activities for a period of 3 years	24.8.2012 [revoked on 24.2.2013]	(1), (2), (4), (5), (6), (9), (16), (17), (23)	
17	A/YL-TYST/608	Temporary open storage and warehouse for storage of furniture, exhibition materials, construction materials/machinery and household detergent for a period of 3 years	emporary open storage and 21.9.2012 varehouse for storage of furniture, whibition materials, construction naterials/machinery and household		
18	A/YL-TYST/618	Temporary open storage and warehouse for storage of construction materials and ancillary site office for a period of 3 years	23.11.2012 [revoked on 23.8.2014]	(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (7), (9), (10), (12)	
19	A/YL-TYST/630	Temporary warehouse and open storage of exhibition materials and construction materials with ancillary office for a period of 3 years	1.3.2013 approved for 1 year	(1), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), (12), (16), (18)	
20	A/YL-TYST/631	Temporary open storage of construction machinery for a period of 3 years	1.3.2013	(1), (4), (5), (6), (8), (9)(10), (16), (19)	
21	A/YL-TYST/632	Temporary open storage of construction materials and meramic ware for a period of 3 years	porary open storage of 15.3.2013 truction materials and meramic for a period of 3 years		
22	A/YL-TYST/633	Temporary open storage of construction machinery and construction materials for a period [revoked on 5.10.2013]		(18) (1), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (9), (10), (12), (13), (20)	
23	A/YL-TYST/638	Temporary open storage of construction material and recyclable material (including metal and plastic) with ancillary office for a period of 3 years	24.5.2013	(1), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), (12), (13), (20)	

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24		construction machinery and construction materials for a period of 3 years	21.6.2013 [revoked on 30.9.2013]	(1), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (9), (10), (12), (13), (20)	
25	A/YL-TYST/645	Renewal of Planning Approval for Temporary "Warehouse and Open Storage of Stage Equipment" under Application No. A/YL-TYST/491 for a Period of 3 Years	ral of Planning Approval for 6.9.2013 rary "Warehouse and Open e of Stage Equipment" under ation No. A/YL-TYST/491		
26	A/YL-TYST/647	Renewal of Planning Approval for Temporary "Open Storage of Metal Goods with Transfer Warehouse" for a Period of 3 Years	Renewal of Planning Approval for Temporary "Open Storage of Metal Goods with Transfer Warehouse" for a Pariad of 3 V		
27	A/YL-TYST/654	Temporary Warehouse and Open Storage of Building Materials and Miscellaneous Goods for a Period of 3 Years	3.1.2014 [revoked on 3.7.2014]	(17) (1), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), (12), (13), (17), (16)	
28	A/YL-TYST/663	Temporary warehouse for storage and open storage of exhibition materials and vehicle spare parts with ancillary office	7.2.2014	(4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), (11), (12), (16), (17), (18)	
29	A/YL-TYST/666	Temporary Warehouse and Open Storage of Exhibition Materials for a Period of 3 Years	21.2.2014	(1), (4), (5), (6), (7), (9), (10), (12), (16), (17), (18), (22)	
30	A/YL-TYST/672	Temporary Open Storage of Metal Goods with Ancillary Warehouse for a Period of 3 Years	4.4.2014	(1), (4), (5), (6), (7), (9), (10), (12), (13), (16), (17)	
31	A/YL-TYST/689	Proposed Temporary Open Storage of Construction Machinery and Construction Materials for a Period of 3 Years	8.8.2014	(1), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (9), (10), (12), (13), (17)	
32	A/YL-TYST/698	Temporary Open Storage of Construction Machinery and Containers with Ancillary Dismantling, Cleansing, Repairing and Workshop Activities for a period of 3 years	31.10.2014	(1), (4), (5), (6), (7), (10), (12), (16), (17)	
33	A/YL-TYST/751	Temporary Open Storage and Warehouse for Storage of Furniture, Exhibition Materials, Construction Materials/ Machinery and Household Detergent for a Period of 3 Years	4.9.2015	(4), (5), (6), (7), (9), (10), (12), (13), (16), (17), (21)	
34	A/YL-TYST/766	Temporary Open Storage of Construction Materials with Ancillary Facilities (including Site Office, Staff Restroom and Workshop) for a Period of 3 Years	4.12.2015 [revoked on 4.12.2015]	(1), (2), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), (16), (17), (20)	

	Application No.	Proposed Use(s)/Development(s)	Date of Consideration	Approval	
			(RNTPC/TPB)	Condition(s)	
35		Temporary Open Storage and Warehouse for Storage of Construction Material with Ancillary Site Office for a Period of 3 Years	18.12.2015 [revoked on 18.6.2016]	(1), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (10), (12), (13), (14), (17), (20)	
36	A/YL-TYST/777	Temporary "Open Storage of (up to 1.3.2019)		(1), (4), (5), (6), (7), (9), (10), (16), (17), (19)	
37	A/YL-TYST/779	Temporary Warehouse and Open Storage of Exhibition Materials and Construction Materials with Ancillary Office for a Period of 3 Years	Temporary Warehouse and Open Storage of Exhibition Materials and Construction Materials with Ancillary Office for a Period of 3		
38	A/YL-TYST/781	Temporary Warehouse and Open Storage of Homeware for a Period of 3 Years	18.3.2016	(1), (4), (5), (6), (7), (9), (10), (12), (13), (16), (17), (18)	
39	A/YL-TYST/790	Temporary Open Storage of Construction Material and Recyclable Material with Ancillary Workshop and Office for a Period of 3 Years		(1), (4), (5), (6), (7), (10), (12), (13), (14), (16), (17), (18)	
40	A/YL-TYST/828	Renewal of Planning Approval for Temporary "Open Storage of Metal Goods with Ancillary Warehouse" for a Period of 3 Years	3.3.2017 [revoked on 5.7.2017]	(4), (5), (6), (7), (9), (10), (11), (12), (13), (16), (17), (19)	
41	A/YL-TYST/833	Temporary Warehouse and Open Storage of Exhibition Materials for a Period of 3 Years	Temporary Warehouse and Open 28.4.2017 Storage of Exhibition Materials for a		
42	A/YL-TYST/825	Temporary Open Storage of Construction Material with Ancillary Office for a Period of 3 Years	with [revoked on 21.7.2017]		
43	A/YL-TYST/849	Temporary Open Storage of 8.9.2017 Construction Machinery and		(20), (23) (4), (5), (7), (10), (11), (12), (17), (18), (20),	
44	A/YL-TYST/860	Temporary Open Storage of Metal Goods with Ancillary Warehouse for a Period of 3 Years	oods with Ancillary Warehouse		
45 .	A/YL-TYST/904	Temporary Open Storage and Warehouse for Storage of Furniture, Exhibition Materials, Construction Materials/Machinery and Household Detergent for a Period of 3 Years	3.8.2018	(17), (19) (4), (5), (6), (7), (9), (10), (11), (12), (13), (16), (17),	

	Application No.	Proposed Use(s)/Development(s)	<u>Date of Consideration</u> (RNTPC/TPB)	Approval Condition(s)
46	A/YL-TYST/898	Temporary Open Storage of Construction Material with Ancillary Office for a Period of 3 Years	18.1.2019	(1), (3), (4), (5), (7), (10), (12), (16), (17)
47	A/YL-TYST/936	Temporary Open Storage of Recycling Materials with Ancillary Workshop for a Period of 3 Years	18.1.2019	(3), (4), (5), (7), (9), (10), (12), (13), (17),
48	A/YL-TYST/944	Renewal of Planning Approval for Temporary "Open Storage of Construction Machinery" for a Period of 3 Years	22.2.2019	(5), (7), (9), (12), (16), (17), (25)
49	A/YL-TYST/945	Temporary Warehouse and Open Storage of Homeware for a Period of 3 Years	8.3.2019	(4), (5), (7), (9), (10), (12), (13), (16), (17), (18), (25)
50	A/YL-TYST/947	Temporary Warehouse and Open Storage of Exhibition Materials and Construction Materials with Ancillary Office for a Period of 3 Years	22.3.2019	(4), (5), (7), (9), (10), (12), (16), (17), (18), (25)

Approval Conditions

- (1) Submission and/or implementation of landscape and/or tree preservation proposals.
- (2) Paving and fencing of the application site.
- (3) Submission of drainage proposals and/or provision of drainage facilities.
- (4) Submission and/or implementation of water supplies for firefighting/fire service installations/emergency vehicular access proposal(s)/provision of a 9-litre water type/3kg dry powder fire extinguisher.
- (5) Revocation of planning approval for non-compliance with conditions by a specified date/at any time during the approval period.
- (6) Reinstatement of the application site upon expiry of planning permission.
- (7) No night-time operation during specific time limit is allowed on the site.
- (8) Submission and implementation of run-in/out proposal.
- (9) No repairing/dismantling/breaking/fixing/maintenance/cleansing/paint-spraying/workshop activities are allowed on the site.
- (10) No operation is allowed on Sundays and public holidays.
- (11) The landscape planting and/or trees should be maintained at all times.
- (12) No vehicles over 5.5 tonnes/heavy goods vehicles (i.e. over 24 tonnes)/container tractor/trailer are allowed to be used, parked/stored on the site.
- (13) No plastic waste/electronic waste/used batteries/used electrical appliances/televisions/computer monitors/computer parts/electronic parts (including cathode-ray tubes) are allowed to be stored/processed on the site.
- (14) No grinding/polishing/cutting/repairing/dismantling/workshop activities are allowed in the open area or outside the specified structure of the site.
- (15) Posting of a notice at a prominent location of the site to indicate that no medium or heavy goods vehicle including container trailer/tractor is allowed to be parked/stored on the site.
- (16) Maintenance of existing/implemented drainage facilities/submission of a record of the existing drainage facilities.
- (17) No vehicle queuing and no reverse movement of vehicles on public road.
- (18) Maintenance of existing boundary fence within the application site.
- (19) Implementation of accepted fire service installations proposal.
- (20) Provision of boundary fence.
- (21) Submission of record photos of existing trees.

- (22) The stacking height of materials stored within the site should not exceed the height of the boundary fence.
- (23) No vehicle is allowed to enter/exit the site during specific time limit.
- (24) No ancillary maintenance work shall be carried out in open area.
- (25) Maintenance of existing trees within the site.

Rejected Application

	Application No.	Proposed Use(s)	Date of Consideration (RNTPC/TPB)	Rejection Reason(s)	
1	A/YL-TYST/472	Temporary open storage of used electronic parts with ancillary workshop for a period of 3 years	7.5.2010	(1), (2)	

Rejection Reasons

- (1) the application did not comply with the Town Planning Board PG-No. 13E in that there were adverse departmental comment on and local objection to it, and no relevant technical assessment had been included in the submission to demonstrate that the development would not generate adverse environmental impact on the surrounding areas; and
- (2) the development, involving open storage of used electronic parts and workshop activities, was not compatible with the residential structures located in the vicinity.

Appendix V of RNTPC Paper No. A/YL-TYST/955

Good Practice Guidelines for Open Storage Sites

		Internal Access for Fire Appliances	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) prior planning permission should have been obtained before commencing the applied use at the application site (the Site);
- (b) to resolve any land issues relating to the development with the concerned owner(s) of the Site;
- (c) the Site should be kept in a clean and tidy condition at all times;
- (d) to note the comments of the District Lands Officer/Yuen Long, Lands Department that the Site comprises an Old Schedule Agricultural Lot held under the Block Government Lease which contains the restriction that no structures are allowed to be erected without prior approval of the Government. The Site is accessible from Kung Um Road via government land (GL) and private land. Her office provides no maintenance work for the GL involved and does not guarantee any right-of-way over the GL to the Site. The lot owner(s) will need to apply to her office to permit structures to be erected or regularise any irregularities on the 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. No construction of New Territories Exempted Building(s) will be considered or allowed. Applications for any of the above will be considered by her department 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(s) 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 her department;
- (e) to note the comments of the Commissioner for Transport that the land status of the access road/path/track leading to the Site from Kung Um Road should be checked with the lands authority. The management and maintenance responsibilities of the access road/path/track should be clarified 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 are allowed;
- (f) to note the comments of the Chief Highway Engineer/New Territories West, Highways Department that his department shall not be responsible for the maintenance of any access connecting the Site and Kung Um Road. Also, adequate drainage measures should be provided at the site access to prevent surface water flowing from the Site to the nearby public roads/drains;
- (g) to note the comments of the Director of Environmental Protection that the applicant is advised 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" issued by the Environmental Protection Department to minimise any potential environmental nuisances;
- (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. The applicant is advised to submit relevant layout plans incorporated with the proposed FSIs to his department for approval. The layout plans should be drawn to scale and depicted with dimensions and nature of occupancy and 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 V of this RNTPC Paper) should be adhered to. The applicant is also reminded that 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; and
- (i) to note the comments of the Chief Building Surveyor/New Territories West, Buildings Department (BD) 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 unauthorised building works (UBW). An Authorised Person should be appointed as the co-ordinator for the proposed building works in accordance with BO. For UBW erected on leased land, enforcement action may be taken by 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 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.