



Date : 26th November, 2025
Our Ref. : ADCL/PLG-10323/L005

The Secretary,
Town Planning Board,
15/F., North Point Government Offices,
333 Java Road, North Point, Hong Kong

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Section 16 Planning Application for Renewal of Planning Approval for Temporary Animal Boarding Establishment and Associated Filling of Land for a Period of 5 Years at Government Land in D.D.103, Ko Po San Tsuen, Kam Tin, Yuen Long
(Planning Application No. A/YL-KTS/1103)**

We refer to the comments from the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) regarding the subject application and like to provide the following clarifications to facilitate considerations by the EPD.

It is clarified that the animal boarding establishment serves to accommodate dogs and will also provide accommodation for a flightless bird (i.e., an emu), which was referred to the Applicant by the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) in 2025. The establishment has been properly designed and maintained to minimize any potential environmental nuisance, while meeting the requirements of relevant departments. The Applicant will adhere to the requirements stipulated in the “Code of Practice on Handling the Environmental Aspects of Temporary Uses and Open Storage Site” and provide adequate supporting facilities for proper collection, treatment and disposal of waste/ wastewater generated from the applied use.

In addition, we would like to provide the following clarifications to facilitate considerations by the Planning Department and the Town Planning Board.

The animal boarding establishment accommodates about 50 animals including the flightless bird (i.e., an emu), which was referred to the Applicant by the AFCD. Part of the application site has been filled with concrete, and no additional filling of land or site works is required under the current application. It is clarified that the operation hour will be 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily and there would be no night-time operations in the application site between 9:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. (except for overnight animal boarding), as proposed and allowed in the last approved application. During the hours of 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., animals will be kept in either the indoor area or the designated outdoor area, while all animals will be kept indoors between 9 p.m. and 9 a.m.

Regarding the project’s authenticity, the applicant has consistently operated the animal boarding establishment with dedication, actively supporting animal rescue efforts, providing free medical care, and offering regular education and end-of-life care for animals on a charitable and volunteer basis. The applicant is also committed to creating a comfortable environment for stray animals while managing the establishment in an organized manner that minimizes any adverse noise impact on surrounding areas. To ensure this, the facility is equipped with sound-proof shelter which are made of concrete wall and closed thick glass windows. Additionally, the applicant has implemented effective management practices to ensure

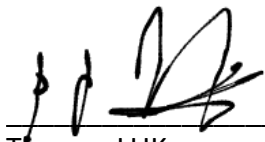
that animals are kept indoors between 9 p.m. and 9 a.m. Hence, it is justifiable that no noise impact is generated from the application site.

The applicant is a charitable organization under Section 88 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance (IRO) and has secured funding from the Development Bureau (DEVB) through the "Funding Scheme to Support the Use of Vacant Government Sites by Non-government Organizations" to cover the project's capital costs, further validating the establishment's charitable use. The applicant has received positive media coverage, making its charitable efforts visible to the public. Furthermore, the applicant actively arranges visiting and volunteering opportunities for the general public, fostering respect and love for animals. Approving the current application would ensure the continued use of the application site for its intended purposes, maintaining the existing physical setting and the surrounding areas.

Regarding environmental concerns, the applicant has duly implemented drainage and sewerage systems, including septic tanks and soakaway pits, to the satisfaction of Drainage Services Department. Wastewater would be properly treated in accordance with relevant departmental guidelines. The Applicant will adhere to the relevant requirements and provide adequate supporting facilities for proper collection, treatment and disposal of waste/ wastewater generated from the applied use. As such, no adverse environmental impacts concerning hygiene and wastewater treatment are anticipated.

Thank you for your kind attention and should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact our Mr. Thomas LUK at [REDACTED].

Yours faithfully,
For and on behalf of
Aikon Development Consultancy Limited



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