

## **Proposed Temporary Community Shelter at Hobby Farm**

The approved development at the Application Site is developed under the theme of “Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Eco-Village.” The hobby farm aligns with the planning intention of the “AGR” zone under the Kam Tin North Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) and addresses the community’s growing interest in recreational farming. The proposed community shelter functions as an essential ancillary facility to support the farm’s operation as well as a focal point for community activities. The supporting reasons for the community shelter are as follows:

### **1. Dedicated Community Use**

The shelter is designated exclusively for community purposes and managed by the operating NGO, reinforcing its role in supporting resident engagement. The shelter will serve as a gathering point, supporting social interactions, building the network for the community to encourage self-help and neighbourhood support, fostering a stronger sense of community within the development.

### **2. Compliance of Previously Approved Planning Application**

According to the approved Planning Application No. A/YL-PH/913, “a feature pergola was proposed next to the farming area to provide a shaded area for enjoyment of the landscape, shelter for educational workshop, and the orchard grove facilitate a nature-play zone, all of which encourage intergenerational activities” with about 200 sqm ancillary Facilities for Hobby Farm; the current approved Planning Application No. A/YL-PH/999 has limited the development parameters, without the allowance of the essential pergola and ancillary facilities.

### **3. Essential Recreational Facilities to Open Space**

As an ancillary facility, the shelter provides essential shading to a large open space with over 5,600 sqm at the Northern portion of the West Plot, which supports 70% of the hobby farm area. The hobby farm area in the Northern portion is isolated from the rest of the site; having facilities in proximity to support the area is essential. Essential amenities such as a covered rest space for residents and storage for farming and recreational use are critical to support the use of the open space.

### **4. Potential for Venerable Residents’**

The remoteness of the site attracts residents who do not require frequent travel to the outside. Therefore, the majority of the residents are elderly, who have the physical need for regular rest and protection from the weather in an open space. The shelter will offer rest space and physical protection for residents from sun, wind and rain exposure, providing essential weather protection, allowing residents to enjoy the outdoor environments safely.