

Planning Statement

Introduction

1. This Planning Statement is submitted to the Town Planning Board (“the Board”) on behalf of Mr. Tam Fung Lam (“the Applicant”) in support of the planning application for ‘Temporary Warehouse (excluding Dangerous Goods Godown) and Open Storage of Construction Materials and Vehicles (Private Cars and Light Goods Vehicles) with Ancillary Office’ for a period of 3 years (“the Development”) at Lot Nos. 839 S.A (Part) and 840 (Part) in D.D. 117, Yuen Long, New Territories (“the Site”) under Section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance.

Application Site (Plans 1 and 2)

2. The Site comprises Lot Nos. 839 S.A (Part) and 840 (Part) in D.D. 117, Yuen Long, New Territories. The Site is accessible from Pak Sha Shan Road via a local track leading to the ingress to its north.
3. The site area is about 665 m². No Government Land is involved.

Planning Context

4. The Site falls within an area zoned “Other Specified Uses (Rural Use)” (“OU(RU)”) on the Approved Tai Tong Outline Zoning Plan (the “OZP”) No. S/YL-TT/20.
5. The planning intention of the “OU(RU)” zone is primarily intended for the preservation of the character of the rural area. Uses or developments compatible with the rural landscape, such as passive recreation uses and a selected range of rural uses, may be allowed on application to the Town Planning Board, with a view to upgrading or improving the area or providing support to the local communities.
6. According to the covering Notes of the OZP, temporary use or development of any land or building not exceeding a period of 3 years requires planning permission from the Board, notwithstanding that the use or development is not provided for in terms of the OZP.
7. Provided that the structures of the Development are temporary in nature, approval of the application on a temporary basis for a period of 3 years would not frustrate the long-term planning intention of the “OU(RU)” zone.

Development Parameters

8. The following table summarises the details of the structures on site (**Plan 3**):

No.	Use		Floor Area (ab.) (m ²)	Covered Area (ab.) (m ²)	Height (ab.) (m)	No. of Storey
1	Container Storage		15	15	2.5	1
2	Warehouse		91	91	4.5	1
3	G/F	Storage with Ancillary Office	34	34	7	2
	1/F	Sitting/resting area for staff	34			
4	Storeroom		52	52	4.5	1
5	G/F	Storage with Ancillary Office	48	48	7	2
	1/F	Sitting/resting area for staff	48			
Total			<u>322</u>	<u>240</u>		

9. The Development serves to meet the strong demand for warehouses and open storage in Yuen Long area. Vehicles such as private cars and light goods vehicles (LGV) and construction materials such as bamboo, scaffoldings, bricks, metals, etc. will be stored in the Development. No dangerous goods will be stored at the Site
10. No open storage of dusty construction materials is involved at the Site.
11. Operation hours are from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily from Mondays to Saturdays. No operations on Sundays and public holidays.
12. 1 no. of parking space for LGV is provided at the Site for the daily operation of the Development. The Site is accessible from Pak Sha Shan Road via a local track leading to the ingress to its north. Sufficient space is allowed for vehicle manoeuvring within, entering and leaving the Site (**Plan 4**).

Similar Applications

13. There are 4 similar applications approved by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee (“the Committee”) within the “OU(RU)” zone on the OZP in the past 3 years:

Application No.	Applied Use	Date of Approval
A/YL-TT/615	Proposed Temporary Open Storage and Warehouse for a Period of 3 Years	5.4.2024
A/YL-TT/619	Proposed Temporary Open Storage and Warehouse for a Period of 3 Years	5.4.2024
A/YL-TT/667	Proposed Temporary Warehouse and Open Storage of Construction Materials for a Period of 3 Years	20.9.2024
A/YL-TT/668	Proposed Temporary Warehouse (excluding Dangerous Goods Godown) for a Period of 3 Years	20.9.2024

14. The similar applications were approved by the Committee in 2024 on considerations that temporary approval would not frustrate the long-term planning intention of the “OU(RU)” zone; not incompatible with surrounding land uses; and no adverse departmental comments or the concerns could be addressed by relevant approval conditions.

15. Given that the planning context of the adjacent areas has not been significantly altered, it is considered that the planning circumstances of the current application are relevant to the similar approved applications.

No Adverse Impacts to the Surroundings

Visual

16. The Development involves the erection of temporary structures. The applied use is considered not incompatible with surrounding land uses intermixed with warehouses, residential structures and agricultural land. Adverse visual impacts to the surrounding areas are not anticipated.

Drainage

17. The Applicant will submit a drainage proposal, with the provision of u-channels and catchpits to mitigate any potential adverse drainage impacts generated by the Development after the planning approval has been granted from the Board. The Applicant will proceed to implement the drainage facilities at the Site once the drainage proposal is accepted by the Drainage Services Department.

Fire Safety

18. The Applicant will submit a layout plan incorporated with the proposed fire service installations (FSI) after the planning approval has been granted from the Board. The Applicant will proceed to implement the FSI proposal at the Site once it is accepted by the Director of Fire Services.

Traffic

19. The trip attraction and generation rates are expected as follows:

	Mondays to Saturdays	
	Attractions	Generations
09:00 – 10:00	0	0
10:00 – 11:00	1	0
11:00 – 12:00	0	1
12:00 – 13:00	0	0
13:00 – 14:00	1	0
14:00 – 15:00	0	1
15:00 – 16:00	1	0
16:00 – 17:00	0	0
17:00 – 18:00	0	1
18:00 – 19:00	0	0
Total Trips	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

20. In view of the low trip attraction and generation rates, it is expected that the Development should not cause adverse traffic impacts to the adjacent areas and road network.

21. The Site is accessible from Pak Sha Shan Road via a local track leading to the ingress to its north. 1 no. of parking space for LGV is provided at the Site for the daily operation of the Development. Sufficient space is allowed for car manoeuvring within, entering and leaving the Site (**Plan 4**).
22. The Development is for warehouse and open storage uses only. Given that no visitors will be accepted at the Site, no visitor parking space will be provided. Staff are residents living in the vicinity. They will come to the Site on foot.

Environment

23. The Applicant undertakes to follow the measures as set out in the 'Code of Practice on Handling the Environmental Aspects of Temporary Uses and Open Storage Sites' issued by the Environmental Protection Department in order to minimise any possible environmental nuisances, and to comply with all environmental protection/pollution control ordinances.
24. The Development is intended for warehouse and open storage uses only. Loading and unloading activities will only be conducted from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. from Mondays to Saturdays. No workshop activities will be allowed at the Site. No public announcement systems, whistle blowing or portable loudspeaker will be allowed within the Site. As such, potential adverse noise impacts to the surrounding areas are not anticipated.

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