

Planning Statement

Introduction

1. This Planning Statement is submitted to the Town Planning Board (“the Board”) on behalf of Xiao Ming Engineering Limited (“the Applicant”) in support of the planning application for ‘Temporary Warehouse (excluding Dangerous Goods Godown) with Ancillary Office’ for a period of 3 years (“the Development”) at Lot No. 1282 (Part) in D.D. 119, 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 No. 1282 (Part) in D.D. 119, Yuen Long, New Territories. The Site is accessible from Kung Um Road via a local track leading to the ingress to its south.
3. The site area is about 3,325 m². No Government Land is involved.

Planning Context

4. The Site falls within an area zoned “Residential (Group C)” (“R(C)”) on the Approved Tong Yan San Tsuen Outline Zoning Plan (the “OZP”) No. S/YL-TYST/14.
5. The planning intention of the “R(C)” zone is primarily intended for low-rise, low-density residential developments where commercial uses serving the residential neighbourhood may be permitted on application to the Town Planning Board.
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 “R(C)” 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	Warehouse with Ancillary Office	225	225	9	1
2	Warehouse with Ancillary Office	225	225	9	1
3	Warehouse with Ancillary Office	154	77	9	2
4	Warehouse with Ancillary Office	225	225	9	1
5	Warehouse with Ancillary Office	225	225	9	1
6	Warehouse with Ancillary Office	225	225	9	1
7	Open Shed	115	115	4.6	1
8	Toilet	7.5	7.5	4	1
9	Toilet	7.5	7.5	4	1
10	Toilet	15	15	4	1
11	Container storage with canopy	45	45	4	1
Total		<u>1,469</u>	<u>1,392</u>		
		Plot Ratio	Site Coverage		
		0.44	41.9%		

9. The Development serves to meet the strong demand for warehouses in Yuen Long area. Construction materials such as bamboo, scaffoldings, bricks, metals, sand, etc. will be stored in the warehouses.
10. Operation hours are from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily from Mondays to Saturdays. No operations on Sundays and public holidays.
11. 1 no. of parking space for private car, 2 nos. of parking space for light goods vehicles (LGV) and 1 no. of parking space for medium goods vehicle (MGV) are provided at the Site for the daily operation of the Development. The Site is accessible by vehicles from Kung Um Road via a local track leading to the ingress to its south. Sufficient space is allowed for vehicle manoeuvring within, entering and leaving the Site (**Plan 4**).

Similar Applications

12. There are 6 similar applications approved by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee (“the Committee”) within the “R(C)” zone on the OZP in the past 3 years:

Application No.	Applied Use	Date of Approval
A/YL-TYST/1233	Proposed Temporary Warehouse for Storage of Food Provisions for a Period of 3 Years	11.9.2023
A/YL-TYST/1235	Proposed Temporary Warehouse for Storage of Food Provisions for a Period of 3 Years	22.9.2023
A/YL-TYST/1236	Temporary Warehouse for Storage of Construction Materials for a Period of 3 Years	22.9.2023
A/YL-TYST/1259	Proposed Temporary Warehouse and Open Storage of Recyclable Materials, Mobile Toilets and Construction Materials for a Period of 3 Years	5.4.2024
A/YL-TYST/1276	Proposed Temporary Warehouse for Storage of Electronic Goods and Construction Materials for a Period of 3 Years	20.9.2024

A/YL-TYST/1270	Temporary Warehouse for Storage of Construction Materials, Food Provisions, Vehicles, Vehicle Parts and Electronic Products for a Period of 3 Years	20.12.2024
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13. The similar applications were approved by the Committee between 2023 and 2024 on considerations that temporary approval would not frustrate the long-term planning intention of the “R(C)” zone; not incompatible with surrounding land uses; and no adverse departmental comments or the concerns could be addressed by relevant approval conditions.
14. 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

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

Drainage

16. 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

17. 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

18. 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	2	0
11:00 – 12:00	0	1
12:00 – 13:00	0	1
13:00 – 14:00	1	0
14:00 – 15:00	0	0

15:00 – 16:00	1	1
16:00 – 17:00	1	0
17:00 – 18:00	0	2
18:00 – 19:00	0	0
Total Trips	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>

19. 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.
20. The Site is accessible by vehicles from Kung Um Road via a local track. 1 no. of parking space for private car, 2 nos. of parking space for LGV and 1 no. of parking space for MGV are 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**).
21. The Development is for warehouse 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

22. 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.
23. The Development is intended for warehouse use 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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