RNTPC Paper No. A/HSK/435A For Consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee on 11.8.2023

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

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(for 2nd Deferment)

<u>Applicant</u>	: Group Up Development Limited (三資發展有限公司) represented by R-riches Property Consultants Limited (盈卓物業顧問有限公司)
<u>Site</u>	: Various Lots in D.D. 129 and Adjoining Government Land (GL), Lau Fau Shan, Yuen Long, New Territories
<u>Site Area</u>	: About 18,505m ² (including GL of about $605m^2$ or 3.3%)
Lease	: Block Government Lease (demised for agricultural use)
<u>Plan</u>	: Approved Hung Shui Kiu and Ha Tsuen Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/HSK/2
<u>Zonings</u>	: (i) "Government, Institution or Community" ("G/IC") (about 44%); [Restricted to a maximum building height (BH) of 8 storeys]
	 (ii) "Residential (Group B) 2" ("R(B)2") (about 26%); [Restricted to a maximum plot ratio of 2.5 and a maximum BH of 90mPD]
	(iii) "Open Space" ("O") (about 10%); and
	(iv) area shown as 'Road' (about 20%)
Application	: Temporary Logistic Centre with Ancillary Office and Canteen for a Period

1. <u>Background</u>

of 3 Years

- 1.1 On 22.2.2023, the applicant sought planning permission for temporary logistics centre with ancillary office and canteen for a period of three years at the application site (**Plan A-1**).
- 1.2 On 21.4.2023, the Rural and New Town Planning Committee (the Committee) of the Town Planning Board (the Board) agreed to defer making a decision on the application for two months, as requested by the applicant, to allow time to prepare further information (FI) to address departmental comments.

1.3 On 13.6.2023 and 19.7.2023, the applicant submitted FIs to address departmental comments. The applicant is scheduled for consideration by the Committee at this meeting.

2. <u>Request for Deferment</u>

On 1.8.2023, the applicant's representative wrote to the Secretary of the Board and requested the Board to defer making a decision on the application for two months in order to allow time to address departmental comments (**Appendix I**).

3. <u>Planning Department's Views</u>

- 3.1 The Planning Department <u>has no objection</u> to the request for the second deferment as the justification for deferment meets the criteria for deferment as set out in the Town Planning Board Guidelines on Deferment of Decision on Representations, Comments, Further Representations and Applications made under the Town Planning Ordinance (TPB PG-No. 33A) in that the deferment would allow the applicant to prepare FI to address outstanding issues.
- 3.2 Should the Committee agree to defer a decision on the application, the application will be submitted to the Committee for consideration within two months upon receipt of FI from the applicant. If the FI submitted by the applicant is not substantial and could be processed within a shorter time, the application could be submitted to an earlier meeting for the Committee's consideration. The applicant should be advised that the Committee has allowed a total of four months for preparation of submission of FI. The second deferment should be the last deferment and no further deferment would be granted unless under very special circumstances and supported with strong justifications.

4. <u>Decision Sought</u>

The Committee is invited to consider whether or not to accede to the applicant's request for deferment. If the request is not acceded to, the application will be submitted for the Committee's consideration at the next meeting.

5. <u>Attachments</u>

Appendix I	Letter dated 1.8.2023 from the applicant's representative
Plan A-1	Location Plan

PLANNING DEPARTMENT AUGUST 2023