RNTPC Paper No. A/HSK/473A For Consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee on 27.10.2023

<u>APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION</u> UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

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(for 2nd Deferment)

Applicant : 香港回收城有限公司 represented by 得寶實業公司

Site : Government Land (GL), Ha Tsuen, Yuen Long, New Territories

Site Area : About 15,800m²

<u>Lease</u> : Short Term Tenancy (STT) No. 1869 (Part)

Plan : Approved Hung Shui Kiu and Ha Tsuen Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No.

S/HSK/2

Zonings : (i) "Government, Institution or Community" ("G/IC") (about 54%);

[restricted to a maximum building height (BH) of 8 storeys]

(ii) "Residential (Group A) 4" ("R(A)4") (about 13%); [restricted to a maximum plot ratio (PR) of 5 and a maximum BH of 120mPD]

(iii) "Residential (Group A) 3" ("R(A)3") (about 9%); and [restricted to a maximum PR of 5.5 and a maximum BH of 140mPD]

(iv) area shown as 'Road' (about 24%)

<u>Application</u>: Temporary Open Storage of Recyclable Materials (Plastic, Paper and Metal)

with Ancillary Workshop for a Period of 3 Years

1. Background

- 1.1 On 26.6.2023, the applicant sought planning permission for temporary open storage of recyclable materials (plastic, paper and metal) with ancillary workshop for a period of three years at the application site (**Plan A-1**).
- 1.2 On 25.8.2023, 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.

2. Request for Deferment

On 11.10.2023, 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. Planning Department's Views

- 3.1 The Planning Department has no objection 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 further submission 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 period of four months for preparation of the 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. Decision Sought

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. Attachments

Appendix I Email dated 11.10.2023 from the applicant's representative

Plan A-1 Location Plan

PLANNING DEPARTMENT OCTOBER 2023