RNTPC Paper No. A/HSK/497A For Consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee on 1.3.2024

## APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

### **APPLICATION NO. A/HSK/497**

### (for 2<sup>nd</sup> Deferment)

<u>Applicant</u>	: 百年工程有限公司
<u>Site</u>	: Various Lots in D.D. 129 and Adjoining Government Land (GL), Ha Tsuen, Yuen Long, New Territories
<u>Site Area</u>	: About 6,557m <sup>2</sup> (including GL of about 34m <sup>2</sup> or 0.5%)
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) "Commercial (5)" ("C(5)") (about 51%); [restricted to a maximum plot ratio (PR) of 1.5 and a maximum building height (BH) of 40mPD]
	(ii) "Open Space" ("O") (about 46%); and
	<ul> <li>(iii) "Residential Group (B)2" ("R(B)2") (about 3%)</li> <li>[restricted to a maximum PR of 2.5 and a maximum BH of 60mPD]</li> </ul>
<b>Application</b>	: Temporary Warehouse with Ancillary Office for a Period of 3 Years

#### 1. Background

- 1.1 On 30.10.2023, the applicant sought planning permission for temporary warehouse with ancillary office for a period of three years at the application site (**Plan A-1**).
- 1.2 On 22.12.2023, 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. On 3.1.2024, the applicant submitted FI to address departmental comments.

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

On 21.2.2024, the applicant 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, Further Representations and Applications made under the Town Planning Ordinance (TPB PG-No. 33B) in that the deferment would allow the applicant to prepare further information (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 period of four months for preparation of the submission of FI, and no further deferment would be granted unless under very special circumstances.

#### 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 IEmail dated 21.2.2024 from the applicantPlan A-1Location Plan

PLANNING DEPARTMENT MARCH 2024