RNTPC Paper No. A/NE-LT/716 For Consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee on 4.3.2022

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

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(for 1st Deferment)

Applicant : Mr. HUNG Heung Keng represented by Mr. HUI Kwan Yee

Site : Lots 128 (part) and 132 (part) in D.D. 19, Lam Tsuen, Tai Po, New

Territories

Site Area : About 158.6m²

Lease : Block Government Lease (demised for agricultural use)

Plan : Approved Lam Tsuen Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/NE-LT/11

Zonings : "Agriculture" ("AGR") (about 99.5%)

"Village Type Development" ("V") (about 0.5%)

Application: Temporary Warehouse for a Period of 3 Years

1. Background

The applicant seeks planning permission for a temporary warehouse for a period of 3 years at the application site (**Plan A-1**). The application is scheduled for consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee (the Committee) of the Town Planning Board (the Board) on 4.3.2022.

2. Request for Deferment

On 18.2.2022, 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 so as to allow more time for preparation of further information (FI) to address comments from relevant departments (**Appendix I**).

3. Planning Department's Views

3.1 The Planning Department <u>has no objection</u> to the request for 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 applicant needs more time to prepare the FI in response to departmental comments, the deferment period is not indefinite, and the deferment would not affect the interests of other relevant parties.

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 can 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 two months for preparation of 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 to the Committee for consideration at the next meeting.

5. Attachments

Appendix I Letter dated 18.2.2022 from the applicant's representative

Plan A-1 Location Plan

PLANNING DEPARTMENT MARCH 2022