RNTPC Paper No. A/NE-TKLN/79A For Consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee on 24.5.2024

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

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(for 2nd Deferment)

<u>Applicant</u>	:	Kin Hing Timber Engineering Limited represented by Ying Shing (Hopewell) Engineering Ltd
<u>Site</u>	:	Lots 499, 500 RP, 501 S.A RP, 501 S.B, 501 S.C, 501 S.D, 501 S.E, 517 RP and 517 S.A in D.D. 80, Ta Kwu Ling North, New Territories
<u>Site Area</u>	:	About 5,377m ²
Lease	:	Block Government Lease (demised for agricultural use)
<u>Plan</u>	:	Approved Ta Kwu Ling North Outline Zoning Plan No. S/NE-TKLN/2
Zoning	:	"Recreation"
Application	:	Proposed Temporary Warehouse for Storage of Construction Material for a Period of Three Years and Associated Filling of Pond

1. Background

- 1.1 On 10.1.2024, the applicant sought planning permission for a proposed temporary warehouse for storage of construction material for a period of Three years and associated filling of pond at the application site (**Plan A-1**).
- 1.2 On 1.3.2024, 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. <u>Request for Deferment</u>

On 9.5.2024, the applicant's representative wrote to the Secretary of the Town Planning Board (the Board) and requested the Board to defer making a decision on the application for two months in order to allow time for preparation of FI 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. 33B) in that the applicant needs more time to prepare FI to address 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 making 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 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 to the Committee for consideration at the next meeting.

5. <u>Attachments</u>

Appendix IEmail Dated 9.5.2024 from the Applicant's RepresentativePlan A-1Location Plan

PLANNING DEPARTMENT MAY 2024