RNTPC Paper No. A/YL-HTF/1134A For Consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee on 9.9.2022

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

APPLICATION NO. A/YL-HTF/1134

(for 2nd Deferment)

| <u>Applicant</u> | : | 卓滙香港發展有限公司 represented by Ms. HUI Hang-yu (許幸如) |
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| <u>Site</u> | : | Lot 136 in D.D.128, Ha Tsuen, Yuen Long, New Territories |
| <u>Site Area</u> | : | 3,107m ² (about) |
| <u>Lease</u> | : | Block Government Lease (demised for agricultural use) |
| <u>Plan</u> | : | Approved Ha Tsuen Fringe Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/YL-HTF/12 |
| Zoning | : | "Residential (Group D)" ("R(D)") [Restricted to a maximum plot ratio of 0.2 and a maximum building height of 2 storeys (6m)] |
| Application | : | Temporary Open Storage of Metal Waste and Logistics Centre for a Period of 3 Years |

1. Background

- 1.1 On 16.5.2022, the applicant sought planning permission for temporary open storage of metal waste and logistics centre for a period of 3 years at the application site (the Site) (**Plan A-1**).
- 1.2 On 15.7.2022, 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 18.7.2022, the applicant submitted FI to address departmental comments. The application is scheduled for consideration by the Committee at this meeting.

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

On 22.8.2022, 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 in order to prepare 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 justifications for deferment meet 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 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 22.8.2022 from the applicant's representative |
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| Plan A-1 | Location Plan |

PLANNING DEPARTMENT SEPTEMBER 2022