RNTPC Paper No. A/YL-HTF/1163 For Consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee on 22.12.2023

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

<u>APPLICATION NO. A/YL-HTF/1163</u> (for 1st Deferment)

<u>Applicant</u>	: Mr. MAN Wai Shing represented by Mr. WONG Sun Wo William
<u>Site</u>	: Lots 126 (Part) and 128 in D.D.128, Ha Tsuen, Yuen Long, New Territories
<u>Site Area</u>	: About 6,034m ²
Lease	: Block Government Lease (demised for agricultural use)
<u>Plan</u>	: Approved Ha Tsuen Fringe Outline Zoning Plan No. S/YL-HTF/12
Zoning	: "Agriculture"
Application	: Proposed Temporary Warehouse (Storage of Construction Materials, Metal and Electronic Parts) and Open Storage of Construction Materials with Ancillary Office for a Period of 3 Years

1. <u>Background</u>

On 1.11.2023, the applicant sought planning permission for proposed temporary warehouse (storage of construction materials, metal and electronic parts) and open storage of construction materials with ancillary office for a period of three 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) at this meeting.

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

On 5.12.2023, 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 so as 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 first deferment as the justification for deferment meets the criteria 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 FI 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 a period of two months for preparation of submission of FI, and no further deferment would be granted unless under very special circumstances.

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 5.12.2023 from the applicant's representativePlan A-1Location Plan

PLANNING DEPARTMENT DECEMBER 2023