RNTPC Paper No. A/YL-HTF/1173A For Consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee on 6.9.2024

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

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(for 2nd Deferment)

Applicant : 栢匯顧問及發展有限公司

Site : Lots 130 (Part), 131, 132 (Part), 134 (Part), 260 (Part), 261 (Part), 262,

263, 264 and 268 (Part) in D.D. 128 and Adjoining Government Land

(GL), Ha Tsuen, Yuen Long, New Territories

Site Area : About 13,090m² (including GL of about 1,384m² or 11%)

<u>Lease</u> : Block Government Lease (demised for agricultural use)

<u>Plan</u>: Approved Ha Tsuen Fringe Outline Zoning Plan No. S/YL-HTF/12

Zonings : (i) "Agriculture" (about 75%)

(ii) "Residential (Group D)" (about 25%)
[Restricted to a maximum plot ratio of 0.2 and a maximum building

height of 2 storeys (6m)]

Application: Proposed Temporary Warehouse (Storage of Construction Materials,

Metal and Electronic Parts) and Open Storage of Construction Materials

for a Period of 3 Years

1. Background

- 1.1 On 27.3.2024, the applicant sought planning permission for proposed temporary warehouse (storage of construction materials, metal and electronic parts) and open storage of construction materials for a period of three years at the application site (**Plan A-1**).
- 1.2 On 24.5.2024, 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. On 19.7.2024, the applicant submitted FI to address departmental comments.

2. Request for Deferment

On 15.8.2024, the applicant wrote to the Secretary of the Board and requested the Board

to defer making a decision on the application for two months so as to allow time to address departmental comments (**Appendix I**).

3. Planning Department's Views

- 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 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 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 total period of four months for preparation of 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. <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 Email dated 15.8.2024 from the applicant

Plan A-1 Location Plan

PLANNING DEPARTMENT SEPTEMBER 2024