RNTPC Paper No. A/YL-KTN/1004A For Consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee on 5.7.2024

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

APPLICATION NO. A/YL-KTN/1004

(for 2nd Deferment)

Applicant: Able Power Development Limited represented by R-riches Property

Consultants Limited

Site : Lot 1291 (Part) in D.D. 107, Fung Kat Heung, Kam Tin, Yuen Long,

New Territories

Site Area : About 6,968m²

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

Plan : Approved Kam Tin North Outline Zoning Plan No. S/YL-KTN/11

Zoning : "Agriculture" ("AGR")

Application: Proposed Temporary Warehouse (excluding Dangerous Goods

Godown) with Ancillary Facilities for a Period of Three Years and

Filling of Land and Pond

1. Background

- 1.1 On 15.3.2024, the applicant submitted the application to seek planning permission for proposed temporary warehouse (excluding dangerous goods godown) with ancillary facilities for a period of three years and filling of land and pond at the application site (**Plan A-1**).
- 1.2 On 10.5.2024, 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 for preparation of further information (FI) to address the departmental comments.
- 1.3 On 16.5.2024, 18.6.2024 and 26.6.2024, the applicant submitted FIs to address departmental comments. The application is scheduled for consideration by the Committee at this meeting.

2. Request for Deferment

On 2.7.2024, the applicant wrote to the Secretary of the Board and requested the Board to defer making a decision on the application for two months in order to allow time for preparation of FI to address the departmental comments (**Appendix I**).

3. Planning Department's Views

- 3.1 The Planning Department has <u>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. 33B) in that the deferment would allow the applicant to prepare FI to address outstanding issue(s).
- 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 submission of further information. 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 Letter from the applicant dated 2.7.2024

Plan A-1 Location Plan

PLANNING DEPARTMENT JULY 2024