RNTPC Paper No. A/YL-PH/943A For Consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee on 25.8.2023

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

APPLICATION NO. A/YL-PH/943 (for 2nd Deferment)

<u>Applicant</u>	:	Plus Investment Limited represented by Mr. WONG Sun-wo William
<u>Site</u>	:	Lots 64 S.A, 73 S.B ss.4, 76 S.B RP and 77 RP in D.D. 108, Pat Heung, Yuen Long
<u>Site Area</u>	:	About 2,160m ²
Lease	:	Block Government Lease (demised for agricultural use)
<u>Plan</u>	:	Approved Pat Heung Outline Zoning Plan No. S/YL-PH/11
<u>Zoning</u>	:	"Residential (Group D)" [maximum plot ratio of 0.2 and building height of 2 storeys (6m)]
Application	:	Temporary Recyclable Collection Centre (Garment, Cloth and Waste Paper Collection Centre) with Ancillary Facilities for a Period of 3 Years

1. Background

- 1.1 On 23.2.2023, the applicant submitted the current application to seek planning permission for temporary recyclable collection centre (garment, cloth and waste paper collection centre) with ancillary facilities at the application site for a period of 3 years (**Plan A-1**).
- 1.2 On 21.4.2023, the Rural and New Town Planning Committee (the Committee) agreed to defer a decision on the application, as requested by the applicant, for two months to allow time for the applicant to prepare further information to address departmental comments.
- 1.3 On 3.7.2023, the applicant submitted further information to address departmental comments. The application is scheduled for consideration by the Committee at this meeting.

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

On 4.8.2023, 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 to allow more time to prepare further information to address departmental comments (**Appendix I**).

3. <u>Planning Department's Views</u>

- 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. 33A) in that the applicant needs more time to prepare further information to address departmental comments.
- 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 further information 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. <u>Attachments</u>

Appendix I	Email from the applicant's representative dated 4.8.2023
Plan A-1	Location Plan

PLANNING DEPARTMENT AUGUST 2023