RNTPC Paper No. A/YL-PH/945A For Consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee on 25.8.2023

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

### APPLICATION NO. A/YL-PH/945 (for 2<sup>nd</sup> Deferment)

<u>Applicant</u>	:	梁琼琼女士
<u>Site</u>	:	Lot 1479 S.B in D.D. 111 and Adjoining Government Land, Leung Uk Tsuen, Pat Heung, Yuen Long
<u>Site Area</u>	:	About 306.13m <sup>2</sup> (including Government Land of about 5%)
Lease	:	Block Government Lease (demised for agricultural use)
<u>Plan</u>	:	Approved Pat Heung Outline Zoning Plan No. S/YL-PH/11
Zoning	:	"Agriculture" ("AGR")
<u>Application</u>	:	Temporary Open Storage (Private Car and Vans Prior to Sale) for a Period of 3 Years

### 1. <u>Background</u>

- 1.1 On 15.3.2023, the applicant submitted the current application to seek planning permission for temporary open storage (private car and vans prior to sale) for a period of 3 years at the application site (**Plan A-1**).
- 1.2 On 5.5.2023, 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 6.7.2023, 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 16.8.2023, the applicant 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 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. Attachments

Appendix I	Letter from the applicant dated 16.8.2023
Plan A-1	Location Plan

PLANNING DEPARTMENT AUGUST 2023