RNTPC Paper No. A/YL-ST/640A For Consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee on 19.5.2023

# APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

## **APPLICATION NO. A/YL-ST/640**

(for 2<sup>nd</sup> Deferment)

**Applicant** : Land Jumbo Development Limited

Site : Lots 16 S.B ss.2 (Part), 16 S.B ss.3, 19 S.C, 19 RP, 21 S.A (Part), 21 RP

(Part), 23 S.A, 24 RP (Part), 25 S.A, 26 RP (Part), 42 RP (Part) and 44 S.A (Part) in D.D. 105 and Adjoining Government Land (GL), Castle

Peak Road - San Tin, Mai Po Lung, San Tin, Yuen Long

Site Area : About 3,620m² (including about 500m² of GL (about 13.8%))

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

<u>Plan</u>: Approved San Tin Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/YL-ST/8

**Zoning** : "Residential (Group D)" ("R(D)")

[Restricted to a maximum plot ratio of 0.2 and a maximum building

height of 2 storeys (6m)]

**Application** : Proposed Temporary Cold Storage for a Period of 3 Years

#### 1. Background

- 1.1 On 9.1.2023, the applicant submitted the current application to seek planning permission for proposed temporary cold storage for a period of 3 years at the application site (**Plan A-1**).
- 1.2 On 3.3.2023, the Rural and New Town Planning Committee (the Committee) of the Town Planning Board (the Board) 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 20.3.2023, 12.4.2023 and 4.5.2023, the applicant submitted further information to address departmental comments. The application is scheduled for consideration by the Committee at this meeting.

#### 2. Request for Deferment

On 15.5.2023, the applicant wrote to the Secretary of the Board and requested the Board to further defer making a decision on the application for one month so as to allow time for preparation of further information to address 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 justification for deferment meets 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, the deferment period is not indefinite and the deferment would not affect the rights or interests of other relevant parties.
- 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 information from the applicant. If the further information 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 of three 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 for the Committee's consideration at the next meeting.

#### 5. Attachments

**Appendix I** Letter dated 15.5.2023 from the applicant

Plan A-1 Location Plan

PLANNING DEPARTMENT MAY 2023