

Previous Application Covering the Site

Rejected Application

	<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Proposed Use(s)</u>	<u>Date of Consideration (RNTPC)</u>	<u>Rejection Reason(s)</u>
1	A/YL-KTS/853	Temporary Open Storage of Construction Machinery, Materials, Equipment and Containers with Ancillary Office for a Period of 3 Years	21.8.2020	(a) to (c)

Rejection Reasons

- (a) the development is not in line with the planning intention of the "Agriculture" ("AGR") zone which is to retain and safeguard good quality agricultural land/farm/fish ponds for agricultural purposes. This zone is also intended to retain fallow arable land with good potential for rehabilitation for cultivation and other agricultural purposes. No strong planning justification has been given in the submission for a departure from the planning intention, even on a temporary basis.
- (b) the application does not comply with the Town Planning Board PG-No. 13F in that there is no previous approval granted at the Site and there are adverse departmental comments on the application.
- (c) the approval of the application, even on a temporary basis, would set an undesirable precedent for similar applications within the "AGR" zone. The cumulative effect of approving such similar applications would result in a general degradation of the rural environment of the area.



Similar Application in the Same “AGR” Zone on the OZP

Approved Application

	<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Proposed Use(s)</u>	<u>Date of Consideration (RNTPC)</u>	<u>Approval Condition(s)</u>
1	A/YL-KTS/868	Proposed Temporary Animal Boarding Establishment (Dog Kennel) for a Period of 3 Years	8.1.2021	(a) to (h)

Approval Conditions

- (a) Restriction on operation hours
- (b) All animal shall be kept inside the enclosed structures on Site
- (c) No public announcement system, portable loudspeaker or any form of amplification system, and whistle blowing is allowed
- (d) No vehicle is allowed to queue back to or reverse onto/from public road
- (e) Implementation of drainage proposal/maintenance of drainage facilities
- (f) Submission and implementation of fire services installations proposal
- (g) Reinstatement of the application site upon expiry of the planning permission
- (h) Revocation of planning permission if planning conditions not complied with at all times during the planning approval period/by a specified date

Advisory Clauses

- (a) note DLO/YL, LandsD's comments that the Site comprises Old Schedule Agricultural Lots held under the Block Government Lease which contains the restriction that no structures are allowed to be erected without the prior approval of the Government. The lot owner(s) will need to apply to his office to permit the structure(s) to be erected or regularize any irregularities on site, if any. Besides, given the proposed use is temporary in nature, only application for regularization or erection of temporary structure(s) will be considered. Applications for any of the above will be considered by LandsD acting in the capacity as the landlord or lessor at its sole discretion and there is no guarantee that such application(s) will be approved. If such application(s) is approved, it will be subject to such terms and conditions, including among others the payment of rent or fee, as may be imposed by the LandsD;
- (b) note C for T's comments that the Site is connected to the public road network via a section of a local access road which is not managed by Transport Department. The land status of the local access road should be checked with the LandsD. Moreover, the management and maintenance responsibilities of the local access road should be clarified with the relevant lands and maintenance authorities accordingly;
- (c) note CHE/NTW, HyD's comments that HyD shall not be responsible for the maintenance of any access connecting the Site and Kam Ho Road. Adequate drainage measures should be provided to prevent surface water running from the Site to nearby public roads and drains;
- (d) note DAFC's comments that under the Public Health (Animals) (Boarding Establishment) Regulations, Cap. 139I, any person who provides food and accommodation for animals in return for a fee paid by the owner must apply for a Boarding Establishment Licence from his department. The applicant should be reminded that the establishment and ancillary facilities which is licensed under the Cap. 139I Public Health (Animals) (Boarding Establishment) Regulations must always fulfil the criteria listed in the Regulations. On the other hand, the dogs kept by the applicant should also be properly licensed as in accordance with Cap. 421 Rabies Ordinance and he is reminded to observe Cap. 169 Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Ordinance at all times;
- (e) note DEP's comment that the facilities should be properly designed and maintained to minimize any potential environmental nuisance. Also, the applicant is advised (i) to follow the requirements stipulated in "Code of Practice on Handling the Environmental Aspects of Temporary Uses and Open Storage Site"; (ii) to provide adequate supporting infrastructure / facilities for proper collection, treatment and disposal of waste / wastewater generated from the proposed use. If septic tank and soakaway system will be used in case of unavailability of public sewer, its design and construction shall follow the requirements of EPD's Practice Note for Professional Person (ProPECC) PN 5/93 "Drainage Plans subject to Comment by the Environmental Protection Department" including percolation test; and (iii) it is the obligation of the applicant to meet the statutory requirements under relevant pollution control ordinances;

- (f) note D of FS's comments that in consideration of the design/nature of the proposal, FSIs are anticipated to be required. Therefore, the applicant is advised to submit relevant layout plans incorporated with the proposed FSIs to his department for approval. The layout plans should be drawn to scale and depicted with dimensions and nature of occupancy. The location of where the proposed FSIs to be installed should be clearly marked on the layout plans. The applicant is reminded that if the proposed structure(s) is required to comply with the Buildings Ordinance (BO) (Cap. 123), detailed fire service requirements will be formulated upon receipt of formal submission of general building plans;
- (g) note DFEH's comments that proper licence / permit issued by Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) is required if there is any food business / catering service / activities regulated by the DFEH under the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap. 132) and other relevant legislation for the public and the operation of any business should not cause any obstruction. If the proposal involves any commercial/trading activities, there should be no encroachment on the public place and no environmental nuisance should be generated to the surroundings. Its state should not be a nuisance or injurious or dangerous to health and surrounding environment. Also, for any waste generated from the activities in the premises, the applicant should handle on their own / at their expenses. Any animal carcass/ parts shall be properly wrapped or bagged before disposal; and
- (h) note CBS/NTW, BD's comments that if the existing structures (not being a New Territories Exempted House) are erected on leased land without the approval of the BA, they are unauthorized building works (UBW) under the Buildings Ordinance (BO) and should not be designated for any proposed use under the application. For UBW erected on leased land, enforcement action may be taken by the BD to effect their removal in accordance with the prevailing enforcement policy against UBW as and when necessary. The granting of any planning approval should not be construed as an acceptance of any existing building works or UBW on the Site under the BO. Before any new building works (including containers/open sheds as temporary buildings, demolition and land filling, etc.) are to be carried out on the Site, prior approval and consent of the BA should be obtained, otherwise they are UBW. An Authorized Person should be appointed as the co-ordinator for the proposed building works in accordance with the BO. The Site shall be provided with means of obtaining access thereto from a street and emergency vehicular access in accordance with Regulations 5 and 41D of the Building (Planning) Regulations (B(P)R) respectively. The Site does not abut on a specified street of not less than 4.5m wide and its permitted development intensity shall be determined under Regulation 19(3) of the B(P)R at the building plan submission stage. Any temporary shelters or converted container for office, storage, washroom or other uses are considered as temporary buildings are subject to the control of Part VII of the B(P)R. If the proposed use under application is subject to issue of a license, the applicant should be reminded that any existing structures on the Site intended to be used for such purposes are required to comply with the building safety and other relevant requirements as may be imposed by the licensing authority. Detailed checking under the BO will be carried out at building plan submission stage.