

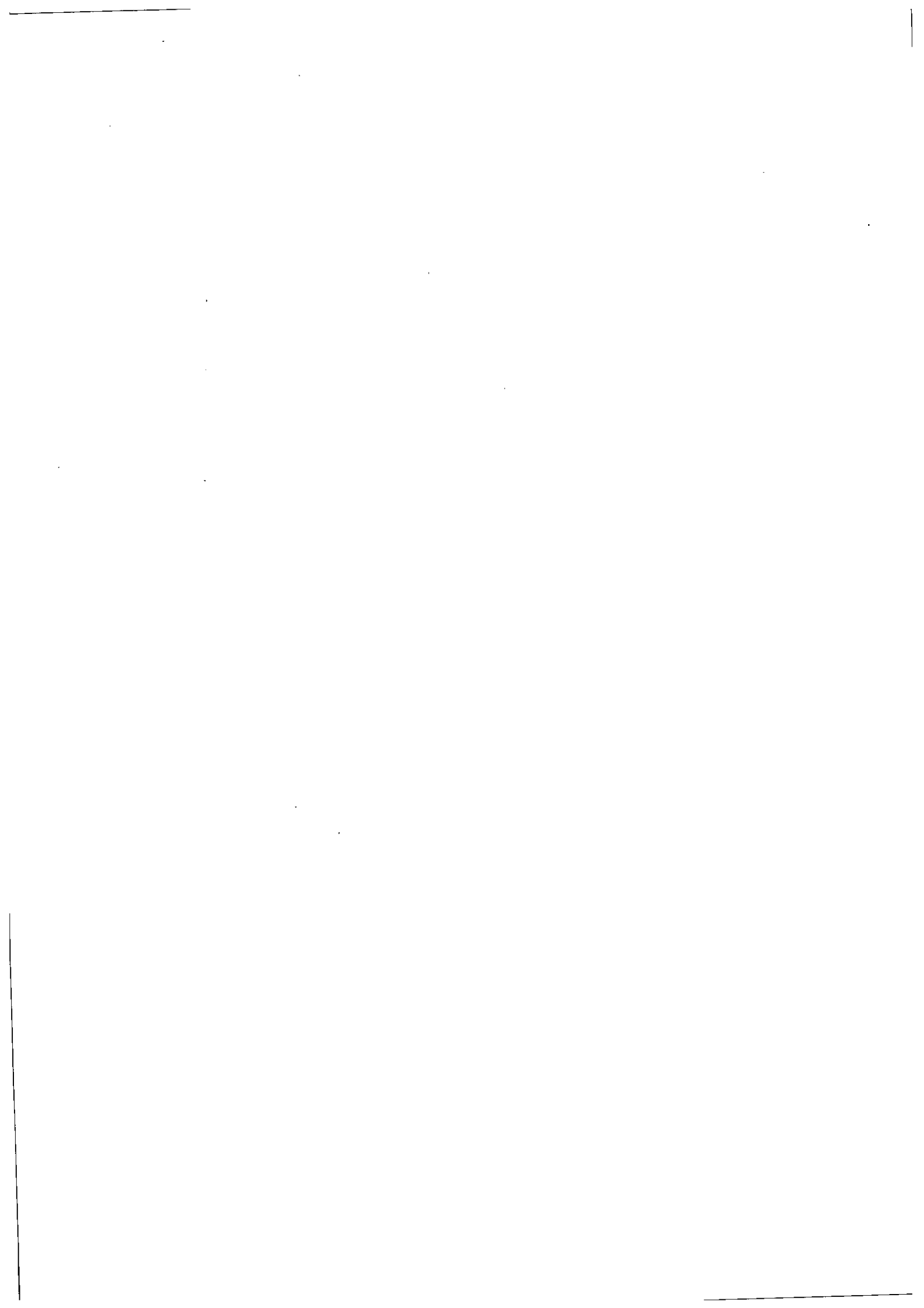
Previous s.16 Application covering the Application Site

Rejected Application

	<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Proposed Use</u>	<u>Date of Consideration (RNTPC)</u>	<u>Rejection Reasons</u>
1	A/YL-KTN/551	Temporary Open Storage of Construction Materials and Machinery for a Period of 3 Years	9.6.2017	1, 2, 3, 4

Rejection Reasons:

1. The development is not in line with the planning intention of the "Agriculture" ("AGR") zone which is to retain and safeguard good agricultural land for agricultural purposes. This zone is also intended to retain fallow arable land with good potential for rehabilitation. No strong planning justification has been given in the submission for a departure from the planning intention, even on a temporary basis.
2. The application does not comply with the Town Planning Board Guidelines No. 13E for Application for Open Storage and Port Back-up Uses in that there is no previous approval granted at the Site and there are adverse departmental comments on the application.
3. The applicant fails to demonstrate that the development would not generate adverse environmental and landscape impacts on the surrounding areas.
4. 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 applications would result in a general degradation of the rural environment of the area.



Similar Applications in the same "Agriculture" Zone on the Kam Tin North OZP

Approved Applications

	<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Proposed Use(s)</u>	<u>Date of Consideration (RNTPC)</u>	<u>Approval Condition(s)</u>
1	A/YL-KTN/232	Animal Boarding Establishment (Kennel and Cattery)	29.7.2005 (on temporary basis for a period of 3 years) [revoked on 29.1.2006]	(1), (2), (4), (5)
2	A/YL-KTN/251	Animal Boarding Establishment and Ancillary Facilities (Kennel and Cattery)	7.7.2006 (on temporary basis for a period of 2 years)	(1), (2), (4), (5), (6)
3	A/YL-KTN/253	Animal Boarding Establishment (Kennel)	4.8.2006 (on temporary basis for a period of 3 years)	(1), (2), (3), (4), (5)
4	A/YL-KTN/304	Animal Boarding Establishment with Ancillary Facilities (Kennel and Cattery)	19.9.2008 (on temporary basis for a period of 3 years) [revoked on 19.3.2010]	(4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9)
5	A/YL-KTN/308	Temporary Animal Boarding Establishment (Kennel) and Breeding Area for a Period of 3 Years	5.9.2008 [revoked on 5.3.2009]	(1), (4), (6), (7)
6	A/YL-KTN/324	Temporary Animal Boarding Establishment (Kennel) and Breeding Area for Dogs for a Period of 3 Years.	22.5.2009 [revoked on 22.5.2011]	(2), (4), (6), (8)
7	A/YL-KTN/377	Temporary Animal Boarding Establishment with Ancillary Facilities for a period of 5 years (Kennel and Cattery)	30.3.2012 (on temporary basis for a period of 3 years) [revoked on 30.9.2012]	(1), (2), (4), (5), (6), (9)
8	A/YL-KTN/410	Temporary Animal Boarding Establishment with Ancillary Facilities for a period of 5 years (Kennel)	17.1.2014 (on temporary basis for a period of 2 years) [revoked on 17.7.2014]	(1), (2), (4), (5), (6), (9)
9	A/YL-KTN/478	Animal Boarding Establishment (Kennel)	6.11.2015 (on temporary basis for a period of 3 years) [revoked on 6.5.2016]	(1), (2), (4), (5), (6), (10), (11), (12)
10	A/YL-KTN/489	Temporary Animal Boarding Establishment with Ancillary Facilities for a period of 3 years	5.2.2016	(1), (2), (4), (5), (6), (9), (10), (13)
11	A/YL-KTN/519	Animal Boarding Establishment (Cattery) for a period of 3 years	24.6.2016	(1), (2), (4), (5), (6), (10), (13)

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12	A/YL-KTN/543	Proposed Temporary Animal Boarding Establishment (Cattery) for a Period of 3 Years	23.12.2016 [revoked on 23.12.2017]	(1), (2), (4), (5), (6), (10), (13), (14)
13	A/YL-KTN/556	Proposed Temporary Animal Boarding Establishment (Dog Kennel cum Dog Recreation Centre) for a Period of 3 Years	28.4.2017	(1), (2), (6), (10), (14), (15)

Approval Conditions:

- (1) Submission / implementation of landscaping / tree preservation proposals / replacement of tree planting.
- (2) Submission / implementation of drainage proposal / facilities.
- (3) Provision of a 9-litre water type/3 kg dry powder fire extinguisher
- (4) Revocation of planning approval for non-compliance with conditions by a specified date or during the planning approval period.
- (5) Reinstatement of the application site upon expiry of planning permission.
- (6) Submission/ provision of fire service installations (FSIs) and/or Emergency Vehicular Access (EVA)
- (7) Maintenance of existing drainage facilities
- (8) Maintenance of existing landscape planting
- (9) Submission/implementation of appropriate mitigation measures in order not to cause any disturbance/contamination to the fish ponds nearby
- (10) Restriction on operation time
- (11) no activity that would generate dog barking noise shall be carried out in the outdoor area of the Site.
- (12) The boundary fencing of the Site shall be maintained at all times
- (13) No reversing of vehicles into or out of the Site is allowed at all times
- (14) No queuing back of vehicles to public road from the Site is allowed at any time
- (15) No public announcement system and whistle blowing at all times

**Detailed Comments from the Chief Town Planner/Urban Design and Landscape,  
Planning Department (CTP/UD&L, PlanD)**

Comments on landscape proposal:

1. In view that the Site is in close proximity to the “Conservation Area” (“CA”) zone, an effective tree buffer, i.e. double row of trees in staggered pattern, should be provided along the northern boundary to minimize potential disturbance to the “CA” zone.
2. All hard-paved area, planting area and drainage design should be specified on plan.
3. The applicant should clarify whether the proposed trees will be planted at-grade. A tree pit of 1m x 1m x 1.2m soil depth should be provided for at-grade planting. For Chinese Banyan tree, a min. spacing of 4m should be provide for sustainable tree growth.
4. For trees locate near vehicle access, a fence and/or kerb or bollard at a min. distance of 1m around the planting areas should be provide to guard against damage to the trees due to vehicular trespassing.
5. According to the landscape proposal, some of the proposed tree location is too close to the proposed parking space and temporary structures. For sustainable tree growth, the proposed tree should have a min. 3m distance from the structure, min. 600mm from the boundary fence and min. 1m away from any impermeable surface. The applicant should revise the tree planting location accordingly.



**Advisory Clauses**

- (a) resolve any land issue relating to the development with the concerned owner(s) of the Site;
- (b) note DLO/YL, LandsD's comments that the Site comprises an Old Schedule Agricultural Lot 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 Site is accessible to Kong Tai Road via Government Land (GL) and private land. His office provides no maintenance work for the GL involved and does not guarantee any right-of-way. The Site falls within Shek Kong Airfield Height Restriction Area (SKAHRA). The height of the proposed structures shall not exceed the relevant airfield height limit within SKAHRA. The lots owner(s) will need to apply to his office to permit the structures to be erected or regularize any irregularities on Site. Such application(s) will be considered by LandsD acting in the capacity of 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 premium or fee, as may be imposed by LandsD.;
- (c) 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 TD. 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;
- (d) note CHE/NTW, HyD's comments that his department is not responsible for the maintenance of Kong Tai Road. Adequate drainage measures should be provided to prevent surface water running from the Site to the nearby public roads and drains;
- (e) note DEP's comments that the design details of the animal boarding establishment have not been provided by the applicant. The applicant is strongly advised to properly design and maintain the facilities to minimize any potential environmental nuisance, e.g. the kennel and cattery will be enclosed with proper soundproofing materials and provision of 24-hour mechanical ventilation & air-conditioning system, the outdoor activity area will be located away from adjacent sensitive receivers and / or provided with necessary mitigation measures, etc.;
- (f) note CTP/UD&L, PlanD's comments at **Appendix IV** of the RNTPC paper;
- (g) note DAFC's comment that the Site does not associate with any licence granted by his department, and his department has not received any application regarding this address. Under the current legislation, 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;
- (h) 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, and the location of where the proposed FSI 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;

- (i) 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 BD, they are unauthorized building works (UBW) under the 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 BD's 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 and land filling) are to be carried out on the Site, prior approval and consent of the BD 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. If the Site does not abut on a specified street of not less than 4.5m wide, its permitted development intensity shall be determined under Regulation 19(3) of the B(P)R at the building plan submission stage;
- (j) note CE/C, WSD's comments that for provision of water supply to the development, the applicant may need to extend his/her inside services to the nearest suitable government water mains for connection. The applicant shall resolve any land matter (such as private lots) associated with the provision of water supply and shall be responsible for the construction, operation and maintenance of the inside services within the private lots to WSD's standards; and
- (k) note DFEH's comments that proper licence / permit issued by his Department 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, no environmental nuisance should be generated to the surroundings. Also, for any waste generated from the commercial/trading activities, the applicant should arrange its disposal properly at their own expenses. If any FEHD's facility is affected by the development, FEHD's prior consent must be obtained. Reprovisioning of the affected facilities by the applicant up to the satisfaction of FEHD may be required. Besides, the applicant should provide sufficient amount of additional recurrent cot for management and maintenance of the reprovisioned facilities to FEHD.