RNTPC Paper No. A/NE-TKLN/24A For Consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee on 17.1.2020

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

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(for 2nd Deferment)

Applicant: Wallis Engineering Limited

Site : Lots 1356 RP, 1357 S.B RP and 1360 RP in D.D. 78 and adjoining Government

Land, Lin Ma Hang Road, Ta Kwu Ling North, New Territories

Site Area : About 8,248.8 m² (including about 796.1 m² of Government land)

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

(about 7,452.7 m² or about 90.4% of the Site)

(ii) Government land

(about 796.1 m² or about 9.6% of the Site)

Plan : Approved Ta Kwu Ling North Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/NE-TKLN/2

Zoning : "Recreation" ("REC")

Application: Temporary Open Storage of Construction Machinery and Container with Repair

Workshop for a Period of 3 Years

1. Background

The applicant seeks planning permission for temporary open storage of construction machinery and container with repair workshop for a period of three years at the application site (**Plan A-1**). On 1.11.2019, the Rural and New Town Planning Committee (the Committee) of the Town Planning Board (the Board) agreed to defer making a decision on the application for two months, as requested by the applicant, to allow time for the applicant to prepare further information (FI) to address the departmental comments. The application is scheduled for consideration by the Committee on 17.1.2020.

2. Request for Deferment

On 31.12.2019, the applicant wrote to the Secretary of the Board and requested the Board to defer making a decision on the application for two months in order to allow time for the applicant to prepare further information (FI) to address the comments from Government departments (**Appendix I**).

3. Planning Department's Views

- 3.1 The application has been deferred once for two months at the request of the applicant to allow more time to address the departmental comments. Since the last deferment in November 2019, the applicant has been liaising with relevant Government departments as part of the Site involves the under-bridge area of Heung Yuen Wai Highway. More time is required for the applicant to prepare further information to address the departmental comments.
- 3.2 Planning Department <u>has no objection</u> to the request for 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. 33) in that the applicant needs more time to prepare FI to address the departmental comments, the deferment period is not indefinite, and the deferment would not affect the interests of other relevant parties.
- 3.3 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 FI 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 four months for preparation of submission of FI, and no further deferment would be granted unless under very special circumstances.

4. Decision Sought

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 Email dated 31.12.2019 from the applicant

Plan A-1 Location Plan

PLANNING DEPARTMENT JANUARY 2020