RNTPC Paper No. A/HSK/84 For Consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee on 3.8.2018

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

APPLICATION NO. A/HSK/84

<u>Applicant</u>	:	Gainman Development Limited represented by Land Chartering Limited		
<u>Site</u>	:	Lots 1094 (Part), 1095 (Part), 1096 (Part) and 1097 (Part) and adjoining Government Land in D.D. 124, Hung Shui Kiu, Yuen Long, New Territories		
<u>Site Area</u>	:	About 6,160 m ² (including government land of about 117.5 m ²)		
<u>Lease</u>	:	Block Government Lease (demised for agricultural use)		
<u>Plan</u>	:	Draft Hung Shui Kiu and Ha Tsuen Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/HSK/1		
<u>Zoning</u>	:	"Government, Institution or Community" ("G/IC") (about 60%); and [Restricted to maximum building height of 8 storeys]		
		"Village Type Development" ("V") (about 40%) [Restricted to maximum building height of 3 storeys (8.23m)]		
Application	:	Temporary Cargo Handling and Forwarding Facility with Ancillary		

Application : Temporary Cargo Handling and Forwarding Facility with Ancillary Warehouses and Car Parking Facilities for a Period of 3 Years

1. <u>The Proposal</u>

- 1.1 The applicant seeks planning permission to use the application site (the Site) for temporary cargo handling and forwarding facility with ancillary warehouses and car parking facilities for a period of 3 years (**Plan A-1**). The Site is being used for the applied use without valid planning permission.
- 1.2 The Site straddles areas partly zoned "G/IC" and partly zoned "V" on the draft Hung Shui Kiu and Ha Tsuen OZP No. S/HSK/1 (the OZP). According to the Notes for the "G/IC" and "V" zones of the OZP, 'Cargo Handling and Forwarding Facility' is neither a Column 1 nor Column 2 use. According to the covering Notes of the OZP, temporary use or development of any land or building not exceeding a period of three years requires permission from the Town Planning Board (the Board), notwithstanding that the use or development is not provided for in terms of the OZP. The applicant currently seeks temporary permission for a period of 3 years.
- 1.3 The Site is the subject of one previous application (No. A/YL-PS/541) for the same use of the current application but was rejected by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee (the Committee) of the Board on 13.10.2017. Details of the previous application are summarised at paragraph 6 below and at **Appendix III**.

1.4 The major development parameters of the current application and the previously rejected application No. A/YL-PS/541 are the same as follows:

Site Area	About 6,160m ² (including Government Land of about				
	117.5m ²)				
Applied Use	Temporary Cargo Handling and Forwarding Facility with				
	Ancillary Warehouses and Car Parking Facilities for a				
	Period of 3 Years				
Total Floor Area	$2,528 \text{ m}^2$				
No. of Structures	2 (for warehouse use)				
No. of Parking	16 in total				
Spaces	4 (for private cars)				
	4 (for light goods vehicles)				
	6 (for heavy goods vehicles)				
	2 (for container vehicles)				
No. of Loading/	12 in total				
Unloading Spaces	4 (for light goods vehicles)				
	6 (for heavy goods vehicles)				
	2 (for container vehicles)				
Operation Hours	7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. (Mondays to Saturdays)				
	8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (Sundays and Public Holidays)				

- 1.5 The lot index plan and vehicular parking layout plan are at **Drawings A-1** and **A-2** respectively.
- 1.6 According to the applicant, the Site is only accessible from a local track leading from Hung Chi Road. The operation hours are from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Mondays to Saturdays and 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Sundays and Public Holidays.
- 1.7 In support of the application, the applicant has submitted the following documents:
 - (a) Application form received on 12.6.2018 (with replacement page incorporated)
 (b) Supplementary planning statement with lot index plan (Appendix Ia)
 - (b) Supplementary planning statement with lot index plan (Appendix Ia) and vehicular parking layout plan (with replacement page incorporated)
 - (c) Letter of 16.7.2018 providing response to the (Appendix Ib) comments of the Transport Department (TD)
 - (d) Letter of 19.7.2018 providing clarification on the traffic flow at Ingress/ Egress M and updated Appendices IV and VI of the supplementary planning statement

2. Justifications from the Applicant

The justifications put forth by the applicant in support of the application are detailed in the Supplementary Planning Statement at **Appendix Ia**. They can be summarized as follows:

- (a) It has been accepted by the Planning Department that warehouse use has been in existence before the enactment of the Town Planning Ordinance within Lots 1096 and 1097 in D.D.124.
- (b) The proposed use does not have adverse environmental (noise and air), traffic, drainage and sewage impacts.
- (c) The surrounding area is dominated by rural workshops and open/covered storage yards. The proposed temporary use for a period of 3 years is compatible with the existing land use of the locality.

3. <u>Compliance with the "Owner's Consent/Notification" Requirements</u>

The applicant is not a "current land owner" but has complied with the requirements as set out in the Town Planning Board Guidelines on Satisfying the "Owner's Consent/Notification" Requirements under Sections 12A and 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance (TPB PG-No. 31A) by posting notice of the application outside the Site and sending a notice to the Ha Tsuen Rural Committee. Detailed information would be deposited at the meeting for Members' inspection.

4. Town Planning Board Guidelines

The Town Planning Board Guidelines for "Application for Open Storage and Port Back-up Uses" (TPB PG-No.13E) are relevant to the application. The Site falls within Category 4 areas under TPB PG-No.13E promulgated by the Board on 17.10.2008. The relevant extract of the Guidelines is attached at **Appendix II**.

5. <u>Background</u>

- 5.1 The Site is subject to on-going enforcement action against an unauthorised development (UD) involving storage use. An Enforcement Notice was issued on 17.1.2017 but the UD was not discontinued. Prosecution action was instigated. The defendants pleaded guilty and were fined \$125,000 on 8.3.2018. The site condition is being monitored. If the requirements of the statutory notice have not been complied with, the concerned parties are subject to further enforcement action.
- 5.2 The "G/IC" portion of the Site falls within an area designated as "Education" use on the adopted Hung Shui Kiu and Ha Tsuen Outline Development Plan (ODP) No. D/HSK/1. According to the ODP, the "G/IC" portion of the Site is reserved for a primary school and a secondary school.

6. <u>Previous Application</u>

- 6.1 The Site is the subject of one previous application No. A/YL-PS/541. Details of the previous application are summarised at **Appendix III** and the location is shown on **Plan A-1**.
- 6.2 Application No. A/YL-PS/541 for the same use by the same applicant of the current application was rejected by the Committee on 13.10.2017 on grounds of no strong planning justification has been given to deviate from the planning

intentions of the zones, the applied use is not compatible with the surrounding land uses which are predominantly residential in nature, the application does not comply with the TPB PG-No.13E and approval of the application would set an undesirable precedent.

7. <u>Similar Application</u>

There is no similar application in the same "G/IC" and "V" zones on the OZP.

8. <u>The Site and Its Surrounding Areas</u> (Plans A-1 to A-4b)

- 8.1 The Site is:
 - (a) currently occupied by the applied use without valid planning permission;
 - (b) fenced and hard-paved with two covered structures; and
 - (c) accessible by a local track leading to the Hung Chi Road.
- 8.2 The surrounding areas have the following characteristics:
 - (a) to the immediate northwest is a food factory which may be tolerated under the Town Planning Ordinance (TPO), and another food factory, a logistic centre, an area for parking of vehicles and open storage of construction materials and machinery which are suspected unauthorised developments (UDs) to the north and further northwest;
 - (b) to the further northeast are an real estate agency and a vehicle repair workshop which are suspected UDs. To the east are vehicle repair workshop, car services and storage use which are suspected UDs, and a residential dwelling at Hung Shui Kiu Main Street;
 - (c) to the southeast is a warehouse and car services which are suspected UDs, and a refuse collection point at Hung Shui Kiu Main Street. To the immediate south and further southeast are residential dwellings and Bellevue Court; and
 - (d) to the southwest is a shrine and residential dwellings. To the west are residential dwellings, Small House under construction, cultivated agricultural land and vacant land.

9. <u>Planning Intentions</u>

9.1 The "G/IC" zone is primarily for the provision of Government, institution or community facilities serving the needs of the local residents and/or a wider district, region or the territory. It is also intended to provide land for uses directly related to or in support of the work of the Government, organisations providing social services to meet community needs, and other institutional establishments.

9.2 The planning intention of the "V" zone is to designate both existing recognised villages and areas of land considered suitable for village expansion. Land within this zone is primarily intended for development of Small Houses by indigenous villagers. It is also intended to concentrate village type development within this zone for a more orderly development pattern, efficient use of land and provision of infrastructures and services. Selected commercial and community uses serving the needs of the villagers and in support of the village development are always permitted on the ground floor of a New Territories Exempted House (NTEH). Other commercial, community and recreational uses may be permitted on application to the Board.

10. <u>Comments from Relevant Government Departments</u>

10.1 The following government departments have been consulted and their views on the application are summarised as follows:

Land Administration

- 10.1.1 Comments of the District Lands Officer/Yuen Long, Lands Department (DLO/YL, LandsD):
 - (a) 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.
 - (b) No permission is given for occupation of government land (GL) (about $117.5m^2$ subject to verification) included in the Site. The act of occupation of GL without Government's prior approval is not allowed.
 - (c) The Site is accessible to Hung Shui Kiu Main Street through GL and private lot(s). His office provides no maintenance works to the GL involved and does not guarantee any right-of-way over the GL to the Site.
 - (d) The private lots which are covered by Short Term Waivers (STW) are listed below:

Lot No(s). in DD 124	STW	Purposes
1094	1159	Food Factory and Quarter
1095	1314	Food Factory

- (e) The Site does not fall within Shek Kong Airfield Height Restriction Area.
- (f) Should planning approval be given to the subject planning application, the STW holders will need to apply to his office for modification of the STW conditions if there are any irregularities on site and the lot owner(s) of the lot(s) without STW will need to apply to his office for permit the structures to be erected or

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regularise any irregularities on site. Besides, the applicant has to either exclude the GL from the Site or apply for a formal approval prior to the actual occupation of the GL. Such application(s) will be considered by the 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 premium or fee, as may be imposed by the LandsD.

(g) According to his record, there is no Small House (SH) application approved or under processing within the Site. There are 10 SH applications under processing and 11 SH applications approved in the vicinity of the Site.

Building Matters

- 10.1.2 Comments of the Chief Building Surveyor/New Territories West, Buildings Department (CBS/NTW, BD):
 - (a) As there is no record of approval by the Building Authority (BA) for the existing structures at the Site, he is not in a position to offer comments on their suitability for the use proposed in the application.
 - (b) If the existing structures (not being a NTEH) are erected on leased land without approval of the BD, they are unauthorised building works (UBW) under the Buildings Ordinance (BO) and should not be designated for any proposed use under the application.
 - (c) 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.
 - (d) 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 Authorised Person (AP) should be appointed as the coordinator for the proposed building works in accordance with the BO.
 - (e) 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.
 - (f) 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.

<u>Traffic</u>

- 10.1.3 Comments of the Assistant Commissioner for Transport/New Territories, Transport Department (AC for T/NT, TD):
 - (a) He has no adverse comment to the application from traffic engineering point of view.
 - (b) Sufficient manoeuvring space should be provided within the Site. No vehicles are allowed to queue back to public roads or reverse back onto/from public roads.
 - (c) The local track leading to the Site is not under TD's purview. The applicant shall obtain consent of the owners/managing departments of the local track for using it as the vehicular access to the Site.
- 10.1.4 Comments of the Chief Highway Engineer/New Territories West, Highways Department (CHE/NTW, HyD):
 - (a) The access arrangement should be commented by TD.
 - (b) Adequate drainage measures should be provided at the Site access to prevent surface water flowing from the Site to nearby public roads/drains.
 - (c) The access between the Site and Hung Chi Road/Hung Shui Kiu Main Street is not and will not be maintained by HyD.

Environment

- 10.1.5 Comments of the Director of Environmental Protection (DEP):
 - (a) He does not support the application because there are sensitive users nearby (the nearest is about 4m away) (**Plan A-2**), and environmental nuisance is expected.
 - (b) Based on the information provided in the application, the temporary use consists of cargo handling and forwarding facility with ancillary warehouses and open parking of heavy vehicles. In this regard, he anticipates that the operation of cargo handling and forwarding facility and the traffic of heavy vehicles so generated will cause environmental nuisance to the nearby sensitive receivers.
 - (c) There is no substantiated environmental complaint pertaining to the Site received in the past 3 years.

Drainage

10.1.6 Comments of the Chief Engineer/Mainland North, Drainage Services Department (CE/MN, DSD):

He has no objection in principle to the proposed application from the public drainage point of view. Should the Board consider that the application is acceptable from the planning point of view, conditions should be stipulated in the approval letter requiring the applicant to submit a drainage proposal and to implement and maintain the drainage proposal for the development to the satisfaction of his Division or of the Board.

Water Supply

- 10.1.7 Comments of the Chief Engineer/Construction, Water Supplies Department (CE/C, WSD):
 - (a) He has no objection to the application.
 - (b) Existing water mains will be affected. A Waterworks Reserve (WWR) within 1.5 metres from the centreline of the water mains shall be provided to WSD.
 - (c) No structure should be built or materials stored within the WWR. Free access shall be made available at all times for staff of the Director of Water Supplies or their contractor to carry out construction, inspection, operation, maintenance and repair works.
 - (d) No trees or shrubs with penetrating roots may be planted within the WWR or in the vicinity of the water mains shown on the plan.
 - (e) The Government shall not be liable to any damage whatsoever and howsoever caused arising from burst or leakage of the public water mains within and in close vicinity of the Site.

Fire Safety

- 10.1.8 Comments of the Director of Fire Services (D of FS):
 - (a) He has no objection in principle to the proposal subject to fire service installations (FSIs) being provided to his satisfaction.
 - (b) In consideration of the design/nature of the proposal, FSIs are anticipated to be required. The applicant is advised to submit relevant layout plans incorporated with the proposed FSIs to his Department for approval.
 - (c) 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.

(d) The applicant is reminded that if the proposed structure(s) is required to comply with the Buildings Ordinance (Cap. 123), detailed fire service requirements will be formulated upon receipt of formal submission of general building plans.

Landscape

- 10.1.9 Comments of the Chief Town Planner/Urban Design and Landscape, Planning Department (CTP/UD&L, PlanD):
 - (a) With reference to the aerial photo of 2018, it is observed that the Site is hard paved with some existing large trees adjoining the west of the application. The applied use appears to be already in operation. The Site is situated in an area of rural landscape character disturbed by open storage yards. Significant change to the landscape character arising from the application is not envisaged.
 - (b) The applicant is advised that approval of the s.16 application by the Board does not imply approval of the tree works such as pruning, transplanting and/or felling. Application for tree works should be submitted direct to DLO for approval.
 - (c) In consideration of the temporary nature of the site and its constraints, the Applicant may propose tree species of short life span habit or with less vigorous roots in lieu of the *Ficus microcarpa*.
 - (d) Useful information on general tree maintenance is available for reference in 護養樹木的簡易圖解(http://www.greening.gov.hk/ filemanager/content/pdf/tree_care/Pictorial_Guide_for_Tree_Main tenance.pdf) and the Handbook of Tree Management (Chinese Version: http://www.greening.gov.hk/tc/tree_care/Handbook_on_ Tree_Management.html) published by the GLTM Section, DEVB.
- 10.1.10 Comments of the Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (DLCS):
 - (a) He has no specific comment on the application.
 - (b) It is noted apparently the application has no tree issues involved. However, the applicant is reminded that from tree preservation point of view, every possible effort should be made to preserve existing trees within and adjacent to the work site and minimize the adverse impact to them during the works period. If trees are inevitably affected, Tree Preservation and Removal Proposal (TPRP) should be submitted for approval in accordance with DevB TC(W) No. 7/2015.

Long Term Development

10.1.11 Comments of the Project Manager (West), Civil Engineering and Development Department (PM(W), CEDD):

He has no objection to the temporary use for 3 years, which should be considered in accordance with the provisions of the existing OZP and infrastructure capacities. However, the Site falls within the "GIC" zone of the Hung Shui Kiu New Development Area (HSK NDA). According to the Planning and Engineering Study (P&E Study) for the HSK NDA, to ensure timely and orderly implementation, the development of HSK NDA and relevant site formation and infrastructure works would be implemented in five stages, viz. Advance Works and Stage 1 to Stage 4. The lot(s) concerned within "G/IC" zone falls under Stage 3 Works stage. While the detailed implementation programme for the project is still being formulated, based on the P&E Study, it is envisaged that clearance of the Site will not be arranged before the first population intake of the HSK NDA expected in 2024.

- 10.1.12 Comments of the Secretary for Education (SED):
 - (a) He understood that the proposal is effective for 3 years and renewal is subject to further approval.
 - (b) The reserved primary/secondary school site is to cater for the population in HSK NDA and the commencement of facilities will tie in with nearby housing development in HSK NDA.
 - (c) Reservation of sites for primary/secondary schools should be made on a district basis. So long as a suitable school site can be identified within the district by the Planning Department, EDB would not have specific preference over the exact location of the school site.

<u>Others</u>

- 10.1.13 Comments of the Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (DFEH):
 - (a) No Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD)'s facilities will be affected and such work and operation shall not cause any environmental nuisance, pest infestation and obstruction to the surrounding.
 - (b) For any waste generated from such activity/operation, the applicant should arrange its disposal properly at her own expenses.
 - (c) Proper licence/permit issued by FEHD is required if there is any catering service/activities regulated by the Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene under the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap. 132) and other relevant legislation for the public.

District Officer's Comments

10.1.14 Comments of the District Officer (Yuen Long), Home Affairs Department (DO(YL), HAD):

His Office has not received any comment from the locals on the application.

- 10.2 The following government departments have no comment on the application:
 - (a) Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (DAFC);
 - (b) Commissioner of Police (C of P);
 - (c) Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services (DEMS); and
 - (d) Antiquities and Monuments Office, Leisure and Cultural Services Department (AMO, LCSD).

11. Public Comments Received During Statutory Publication Period

On 19.6.2018, the application was published for public inspection. During the first three weeks of the statutory public inspection period which ended on 10.7.2018, two public comments from individuals were received objecting to the application (**Appendices IVa and IVb**) mainly on grounds of the previous application for the same use had been rejected by the Committee, the condition had not been changed and the Site could be considered for temporary housing.

12. <u>Planning Considerations and Assessments</u>

12.1 According to the TPB PG-No. 13E, the Site falls within Category 4 areas. The following considerations in the Guidelines are relevant:

Category 4 areas: applications would normally be rejected except under exceptional circumstances. For applications on sites with previous planning approvals, and subject to no adverse departmental comments and local objections, sympathetic consideration may be given if the applicants have demonstrated genuine efforts in compliance with approval conditions of the previous planning applications and included in the applications relevant technical assessments/ proposals to demonstrate that the proposed uses would not generate adverse drainage, traffic, visual, landscaping and environmental impacts on the surrounding The intention is however to encourage the phasing out of such areas. non-conforming uses as early as possible. Since the planning intention of Category 4 areas is to phase out the open storage and port back-up uses, a maximum period of 2 years may be allowed upon renewal of planning permission for an applicant to identify suitable sites for relocation. No further renewal of approval will be given unless under very exceptional circumstances and each application for renewal of approval will be assessed on its individual merit.

12.2 The Site straddles areas zoned "G/IC" (60%) and "V" (40%) on the OZP. The "G/IC" zone is intended primarily for the provision of Government, institution or community facilities serving the needs of the local residents and/or a wider district, region or the territory. It is also intended to provide land for uses

directly related to or in support of the work of the Government, organisations providing social services to meet community needs, and other institutional establishments. The planning intention of the "V" zone is to designate both existing recognised villages and areas of land considered suitable for village expansion. Land within this zone is primarily intended for development of SH by indigenous villagers. According to DLO/YL, there are 10 SH applications under processing and 11 SH applications approved in the vicinity of the Site. The applied use is not in line with the planning intention of the "G/IC" and "V" zones of the OZP. There is no strong planning justification for a departure from the planning intention, even on a temporary basis.

- 12.3 The Site is situated in an area which is mainly planned for Government, institution or community facilities and residential use, and is predominated by residential dwellings, cultivated land and vacant land. Although there are open storage yards, warehouses, workshops and factory uses in the vicinity of the Site, majority are suspected unauthorised developments subject to enforcement actions by the Planning Authority. The applied use, which is industrial in nature, is not compatible with the surrounding environment, in particular the village cluster to the south of the Site.
- 12.4 DEP does not support the application. There are domestic uses in the vicinity of the Site, and the nearest domestic use is located about 4m from the site boundary. DEP anticipates that the operation of the temporary cargo handling and forwarding facility and the traffic of heavy vehicles so generated will cause environmental nuisance to the nearby sensitive users. In this regard, the applicant fails to demonstrate that the development would not generate adverse environmental impact on the nearby sensitive receivers.
- 12.5 The application does not comply with the TPB PG-No.13E in that the Site falls within Category 4 area where applications would normally be rejected except under exceptional circumstances. The Site is not the subject of any previous planning approval for similar cargo handling and forwarding facility use and there is no special circumstance in the application that justify sympathetic consideration; there is adverse departmental comment from DEP and local objections on the application; and the applicant fails to demonstrate that the applied use would not have adverse environmental impact.
- 12.6 The Site is the subject of a previous application (No. A/YL-PS/541) for the same use. The previous application was rejected by the Committee on 13.10.2017 on grounds of no strong planning justifications to support deviation from the planning intentions of the zones, incompatible land uses, not comply with TPB PG-No. 13E and approval of the application would set an undesirable precedent. There is no change in planning circumstances since the last application. The Committee has not approved any application for cargo handling and forwarding facility involving the subject "G/IC" and "V" zones. Approval of the current application would set an undesirable precedent and encourage other applications for similar developments within the subject "G/IC" and "V" zones. The cumulative effect of approving such application would result in a general degradation of the environment of the area.

12.7 There are two public comments received objecting to the application on grounds of land use planning as summarised in paragraph 11 above. The planning considerations and assessments above are also relevant.

13. <u>Planning Department's Views</u>

- 13.1 Based on the assessment made in paragraph 12 above and having taken into account the public comments mentioned in paragraph 11, the Planning Department does not support the application for the following reasons:
 - (a) the planning intention of the "G/IC" zone on the OZP is intended primarily for the provision of Government, institution or community facilities serving the needs of the local residents and/or a wider district, region or the territory. The planning intention of the "V" zone is to designate both existing recognised villages and areas of land considered suitable for village expansion. Land within this zone is primarily intended for development of Small Houses by indigenous villagers. The applied use is not in line with the planning intention of the zones. No strong planning justification has been given in the submission for a departure from such planning intention, even on a temporary basis;
 - (b) the applied use is not compatible with the surrounding land uses which are predominantly residential in nature intermixed with cultivated agricultural land and vacant land;
 - (c) the application does not comply with the Town Planning Board Guidelines No. 13E in that no previous approval has been granted for the Site, and there are adverse departmental comment and local objections against the application. The applicant fails to demonstrate that the applied development would not generate adverse environmental impact; and
 - (d) approval of the application, even on a temporary basis, would set an undesirable precedent for similar applications within the same "G/IC" and "V" zones. The cumulative effect of approving such applications would result in a general degradation of the environment of the area.
- 13.2 Alternatively, should the Committee decide to approve the application, it is suggested that the permission shall be valid on a temporary basis for a period of 3 years until <u>3.8.2021</u>. The following conditions of approval and advisory clauses are also suggested for Members' reference:

Approval conditions

- (a) no operation between 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., as proposed by the applicant, is allowed on the Site during the planning approval period;
- (b) no operation between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. as well as between 1:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. on Sundays and public holidays, as proposed by the applicant, is allowed on the Site during the planning approval period;

- (c) no repairing, recycling, cleansing, dismantling work and workshop activities is allowed on the Site at any time during the planning approval period;
- (d) no vehicle is allowed to queue back to or reverse onto/from public road at any time during the planning approval period;
- (e) the submission of a drainage proposal within 6 months from the date of planning approval to the satisfaction of the Director of Drainage Services or of the Town Planning Board by <u>3.2.2019</u>;
- (f) in relation to (e) above, the implementation of the drainage proposal within 9 months from the date of planning approval to the satisfaction of the Director of Drainage Services or of the Town Planning Board by <u>3.5.2019</u>;
- (g) in relation to (f) above, the implemented drainage facilities on the Site shall be maintained at all times during the planning approval period;
- (h) the submission of a landscape proposal within 6 months from the date of planning approval to the satisfaction of the Director of Planning or of the Town Planning Board by <u>3.2.2019</u>;
- (i) in relation to (h) above, the implementation of the landscape proposal within 9 months from the date of planning approval to the satisfaction of the Director of Planning or of the Town Planning Board by <u>3.5.2019</u>;
- (j) the submission of a fire service installations proposal within 6 months from the date of planning approval to the satisfaction of the Director of Fire Services or of the Town Planning Board by <u>3.2.2019</u>;
- (k) in relation to (j) above, the implementation of the fire service installations proposal within 9 months from the date of planning approval to the satisfaction of the Director of Fire Services or of the Town Planning Board by <u>3.5.2019</u>;
- the provision of boundary fencing within 6 months from the date of planning approval to the satisfaction of the Director of Planning or of the Town Planning Board by <u>3.2.2019</u>;
- (m) if any of the above planning conditions (a), (b), (c), (d) or (g) is not complied with during the approval period, the approval hereby given shall cease to have effect and shall be revoked immediately without further notice;
- (n) if any of the above planning conditions (e), (f), (h), (i), (j), (k) or (l) is not complied with by the above specified date, the approval hereby given shall cease to have effect and shall on the same date be revoked without further notice; and
- (o) upon expiry of the planning permission, the reinstatement of the site to an

amenity area to the satisfaction of the Director of Planning or of the Town Planning Board.

Advisory clauses

The recommended advisory clauses are at Appendix V.

14. Decision Sought

- 14.1 The Committee is invited to consider the application and decide whether to grant or refuse to grant permission.
- 14.2 Should the Committee decide to approve the application, Members are invited to consider the approval condition(s) and advisory clause(s), if any, to be attached to the permission, and the period of which the permission should be valid on a temporary basis.
- 14.3 Alternatively, should the Committee decide to reject the application, Members are invited to advise what reasons for rejection should be given to the applicant.

15. Attachments

Appendix I	Application form received on 12.6.2018 (with replacement page incorporated)
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Appendix Ib	Letter of 16.7.2018 providing response to the comments of the Transport Department (TD)
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