APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

APPLICATION NO. A/TM-LTYY/384

(for 3rd Deferment)

Applicant : Mr Wong Fuk Yee

<u>Site</u>: Short Term Tenancy No. 563, Government Land (GL), Lam Tei, Tuen

Mun, New Territories

Site Area : About 1,000 m²

Land Status : GL

Plan : Approved Lam Tei and Yick Yuen Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No.

S/TM-LTYY/10

Zoning : "Green Belt" ("GB")

Application: Temporary Workshop of Construction Machinery and Storage of Parts

for a Period of 3 Years

1. Background

- 1.1 On 27.8.2019, the applicant sought planning permission to use the application site (the Site) for temporary workshop of construction machinery and storage of parts for a period of 3 years (**Plan A-1**).
- 1.2 On 17.12.2019 and 20.3.2020, 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, to allow time for the applicant to prepare further information (FI) to address departmental comments. After the last deferment, the applicant submitted FI on 15.5.2020 providing responses to departmental comments. The application was scheduled for consideration by the Committee at this meeting.

2. Request for Deferment

On 24.6.2020, the applicant wrote to the Secretary of the Board and requested the Board to defer making a decision on the application for two months so as to allow time for preparation of FI to address the further departmental comments (**Appendix I**).

3. Planning Department's Views

- 3.1 The application has been deferred twice for a total of four months at the request of the applicant to allow more time to address departmental comments. Since the last deferment, the applicant has submitted FI providing responses to departmental comments. The applicant needs more time to resolve the comments from government departments.
- 3.2 The Planning Department has <u>no objection</u> to the request for deferment as the justification 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 address 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 FI 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. Since it is the third deferment of the application, the applicant should be advised that the Board has allowed a total of six months for preparation of submission of FI, and no further deferment would be granted unless under very special circumstances.

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 to the Committee for consideration at the next meeting.

5. Attachments

Appendix I E-mail of 24.6.2020 from the applicant

Plan A-1 Location Plan

PLANNING DEPARTMENT JULY 2020