RNTPC Paper No. <u>A/YL-TYST/1000</u> For Consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee on 20.3.2020

### APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

# APPLICATION NO. A/YL-TYST/1000 (for 1<sup>st</sup> Deferment)

<u>Applicant</u>	:	Mr. TSOI Tak Lee represented by Goldrich Planners & Surveyors Limited
<u>Site</u>	:	Lot 1162 RP (Part) in D.D. 119 and Adjoining Government Land (GL), Kung Um Road, Yuen Long, New Territories
<u>Site Area</u>	:	3,220 m <sup>2</sup> (about) (including about 163 m <sup>2</sup> of GL)
<u>Lease</u>	:	Block Government Lease (demised for agricultural use)
<u>Plan</u>	:	Approved Tong Yan San Tsuen Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/YL-TYST/12
Zoning	:	"Undetermined" ("U")
<u>Application</u>	:	Temporary Warehouse for Storage of Construction Materials and Household Materials with Ancillary Office for a Period of 3 Years

#### 1. Background

- 1.1 On 18.12.2019, the applicant sought planning permission to use the application site (the Site) for temporary warehouse for storage of construction materials and household materials with ancillary office for a period of 3 years (**Plan A-1**).
- 1.2 In light of the special work arrangement for government departments due to the novel coronavirus infection, the meeting originally scheduled for 7.2.2020 for consideration of the application has been rescheduled, and the Town Planning Board (the Board) has agreed to defer consideration of the application. The application is now scheduled for consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee (the Committee) of the Board at this meeting.

#### 2. <u>Request for Deferment</u>

On 16.1.2020, the applicant's representative wrote to the Secretary of the Board and requested the Board to defer making a decision on the application for 2 months so as to

allow time to address departmental comments (Appendix I).

# 3. <u>Planning Department's Views</u>

- 3.1 The 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 further information in response to departmental comments, the deferment period is not indefinite and the deferment would not affect the interests of other relevant parties.
- 3.2 Should the Committee agree to defer a decision on the application, the application will be submitted to the Committee for consideration within 2 months upon receipt of further submission from the applicant. If the further information 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 2 months for preparation of submission of further information, 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. <u>Attachments</u>

Appendix ILetter dated 16.1.2020 from the applicant's representativePlan A-1Location plan

PLANNING DEPARTMENT MARCH 2020