

**Relevant extracts of the Town Planning Board Guidelines No. 34C for
“Renewal of Planning Approval and Extension of Time for Compliance with Planning
Conditions for Temporary Use or Development”
(TPB PG-No. 34C)**

1. The criteria for assessing applications for renewal of planning approval include:
 - (a) whether there has been any material change in planning circumstance since the previous temporary approval was granted (such as a change in the planning policy/land-use zoning for the area) or a change in the land uses of the surrounding areas;
 - (b) whether there are any adverse planning implications arising from the renewal of the planning approval (such as pre-emption of planned permanent development);
 - (c) whether the planning conditions under previous approval have been complied with to the satisfaction of relevant Government departments within the specified time limits;
 - (d) whether the approval period sought is reasonable; and
 - (e) any other relevant considerations.

2. Under normal circumstances, the approval period for renewal should not be longer than the original validity period of the temporary approval. In general, the Board is unlikely to grant an approval period exceeding three years unless there are strong justifications and the period is allowed for under the relevant statutory plans. Depending on the circumstances of each case, the Board could determine the appropriate approval period, which may be shorter than the time under request.

Previous s.16 Applications covering the Application Site

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-TYST/706*	Proposed Temporary Shop and Services (Real Estate Agency) for a Period of 3 Years	13.3.2015	(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9)
2	A/YL-TYST/872*	Renewal of Planning Approval for Temporary “Shop and Services (Real Estate Agency)” for a Period of 3 Years	26.1.2018	(1), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10)

* Zoned “Undetermined” at the time of consideration by the RNTPC

Approval Conditions

- (1) No operation between specific hours is allowed on the site.
- (2) No open storage activity is allowed on the site.
- (3) No vehicle is allowed to be park/stored on or enter/exit the site.
- (4) Provision and/or maintenance of boundary fencing.
- (5) Submission, implementation and/or maintenance of landscape and tree preservation proposal.
- (6) Submission, implementation and/or maintenance of drainage proposal and/or drainage record.
- (7) Submission, implementation and/or maintenance of fire services installations proposal.
- (8) Revocation of planning approval for non-compliance with conditions by a specified date/at any time during the approval period.
- (9) Reinstatement of the site upon expiry of planning permission.
- (10) No queue back and/or reverse movement of vehicles on public road.

Advisory clauses

- (a) to resolve any land issues relating to the development with the concerned owner(s) of the application site (the Site);
- (b) to note the comments of the District Lands Officer/Yuen Long, Lands Department 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. Lot No. 2849 RP in D.D. 120 is covered by a Short Term Waiver (STW) No. 4038 to permit structures erected thereon for the purposes of “Temporary Shop and Services (Real Estate Agency)”. The STW holder(s) will need to apply to her office for modification of the STW conditions where appropriate. Besides, given the proposed use is temporary in nature, only application for regularisation or erection of temporary structure(s) will be considered. Applications for any of the above will be considered by her department 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 her department;
- (c) to note the comments of the Commissioner of Transport that the land status of the access road/path/track leading to the Site from Kung Um Road shall be checked with the lands authority. The management and maintenance responsibilities of the access road/path/track shall be clarified with the relevant management and maintenance authorities accordingly. Sufficient space should be provided within the Site for manoeuvring of vehicles. No parking of vehicles on public road are allowed;
- (d) to note the comments of the Chief Highway Engineer/New Territories West, Highways Department that the approval is based on the understanding that there is and will be no vehicular access to/from the Site;
- (e) to note the comments of the Director of Environmental Protection that the relevant mitigation measures and requirements in the latest “Code of Practice on Handling the Environmental Aspects of Temporary Uses and Open Storage Sites” issued by the Environmental Protection Department should be followed to minimise any environmental nuisance on the surrounding areas;
- (f) to note the comments of the Chief Building Surveyor/New Territories West, Buildings Department (BD) that if the existing structures are erected on leased land without approval of BD (not being a New Territories Exempted House), they are unauthorised under the Buildings Ordinance (BO) and should not be designated for any approved use under the application. Before any new building works (including containers/open sheds as temporary buildings) are to be carried out on the Site, the prior approval and consent of the BD should be obtained, otherwise they are unauthorised building works (UBW). An Authorised Person (AP) should be appointed as the co-ordinator for the proposed building works in accordance with the BO. 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. 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 B(P)R at the

building plan submission stage; and

- (g) to note the comments of the Project Manager (West), Civil Engineering and Development Department that the Site falls within the boundary of Yuen Long South (YLS) Development – Stage 1 (the project). To meet the target first population intake under the project by Q4 of 2028, land clearance is planned to commence in mid 2022 subject to Executive Council’s authorisation on land resumption and Finance Committee’s funding approval of the project by Q4 2021 and Q1 2022 respectively. The programme of land resumption would follow the project programme notwithstanding the validity period of the planning permission to be granted. The Site might be subject to land resumption for the implementation of the YLS Development – Stage 1 which might take place at any time before the expiry of the temporary planning permission. No substantial works should be carried out in view of the planned project. His department will give sufficient notice to relevant department(s) for early resumption of the Site if his department's works commence early.