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Mr. Yida Zhang  
Owner  
YIDA International Investment Antigua Ltd.  
Crabs Peninsula  
St. Peter's  
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**Re: YIDA International Investment Antigua Ltd.**  
**20 Year Development Plan**

Dear Sir,

The Development Control Authority (DCA) received drawings for your masterplan of the above captioned proposed development on 14<sup>th</sup> August 2015, and the Application # G14-2015 was ascribed to it. Subsequently, you submitted a Strategic Environmental Impact Assessment Report (SEIA) dated 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017, which was reviewed by the Department of Environment (DoE) and the Fisheries Division. Both agencies made recommendations regarding your development in their review reports, and so you had your master plan revised to satisfy these recommendations.

The YIDA development revised masterplan was then submitted to Cabinet for discussion, and it was ratified in a Cabinet letter dated 30<sup>th</sup> August 2017. Consequently, this masterplan was granted Approval in Principle (AIP) by the DCA on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019.

Based on further recommendations made by the DoE and the Fisheries Division, and on research and recommendations in reports produced by beach and mangrove expert consultants, the YIDA Group had proceeded to make changes to the AIP master plan, thereby producing a second revised masterplan. The DCA granted approval to this second revised master plan on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019. The YIDA Group therefore, is free to proceed with development works while they receive monitoring and guidance from the relevant government authorities: Fisheries Division, DoE and DCA.

The DCA acknowledges that the *Antigua and Barbuda Special Economic Zone (YIDA International Investment Antigua Limited) Licence Order* of 2015, gives your company the prerogative to establish a Zone Advisory Board or Zone Committee which can scrutinize and approve all development proposals and environmental assessments within your development compound, henceforth. This is once the Government of Antigua and Barbuda had provided approval of your masterplan and environmental protection related matters (i.e. the SEIA) in a

single instant – which has been done. The Licence Order of 2015 goes on to state that copies of all approvals and permits for construction of projects within the Zone shall be delivered to the DCA and the Environmental Planning Division (i.e. DoE and Fisheries Division) for filing.

The DCA again notes the 30<sup>th</sup> August 2017 letter of permission from Cabinet, which elucidates as follows: *“Cabinet ... agreed that the Ministers of Health and the Environment and Fisheries should take immediate steps to facilitate the development to take place under the strict supervision of the Environment and Fisheries Divisions and other relevant government authorities to ensure that any adverse impacts on the environment is minimized; that the ecosystem is not only preserved but enhanced; and that the building codes and other laws of Antigua and Barbuda are observed and enforced.”*

*“Cabinet further agreed that YIDA Group’s development ... proceed subject to the project [being] monitored by the Environment and Fisheries Division.”*

Please be aware that the DCA has appointed Building Inspector Mr. Owren Smith to liaise with the YIDA Zone Advisory Board/Committee to ensure that development proceeds smoothly and error-free.

Please be guided accordingly.

Sincerely,



Frederick Southwell  
Chief Town and Country Planner

- CC: Hon. Maria Browne, Minister of Housing, Lands and Urban Renewal.  
Hon. Steadroy Benjamin, Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs, National Security and Labour.  
Hon. Molwyn Joseph, Minister of Health, Wellness and the Environment.  
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Hon. Charles Fernandez, Minister of Tourism and Investment.  
Hon. Asot Michael, Parliamentary Representative for the St. Peter’s Constituency.  
Mr. Konata Lee, Cabinet Secretary, Cabinet of Antigua and Barbuda.  
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Mr. Colin James, Chairman of the DCA Board.  
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