



# NORTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL

## POLICY MANUAL

### SHIPPING CONTAINER

**Originated Date:** 16 April 2018

**Amended Date/s:**

**Applicable Legislation:** Northern Midlands Council Interim Planning Scheme 2013  
*Land Use Planning & Approvals Act 1993*

**Objective** To regulate a time period for developers to place a shipping container on premises under the exemption in the Northern Midlands Council Interim Planning Scheme 2013

**Administration:** Community and Development

**Review Cycle/Date:** Every 2 years. Next review 2020.

#### 1. BACKGROUND

The following is exempt from requiring a permit under *the Northern Midlands Council Interim Planning Scheme 2013*.

*The erection of temporary buildings or works to facilitate development for which a permit has been granted or for which no permit is required provided they are not occupied for residential use and are removed within 14 days of completion of development.*

A shipping container to be used by a developer may therefore be placed on a site that is to be developed in accordance with a planning permit, or in accordance with the no permit required criteria of the planning scheme.

#### 2. PURPOSE AND APPLICATION

The purpose of this policy is to stipulate a timeframe, prior to development commencing, for shipping container to be placed on land, as well as the location of the container, to ensure containers are not left on land for prolonged periods.

A person must take a written application to the General Manager to place a shipping on a premises before development commences. The application must include a site plan to scale showing the intended location of the shipping container and the date that the development is to commence. The shipping container must not be placed on site unless written approval is given by the General Manager.

#### 3. REASONABLE TIME

A shipping container can be placed on premises no more than 3 months prior to the work commencing in accordance with (clause 5.6.1 of the *Northern Midlands Council Interim Planning Scheme 2013*.)

#### 4. LOCATION AND USE

A shipping container must be located in an unobtrusive location, and must not be used for any other purpose, such as advertising.

#### 5. REMOVAL

If a shipping container has been on a premises more than 3 months prior to work commencing, Council will commence enforcement action under the *Land Use Planning & Approvals Act 1993* for its removal.

#### 6. REVIEW

This policy is due for review every two years.