

**Notes on the Previous AAB Discussions on the Wan Chai Market**

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| 28 September 1990<br>Historical Buildings<br>and Structures<br>Committee (HBSC)<br>Meeting | Committee Minutes<br>AAB(HB)/6/89-90 | Grading of the Wan Chai Market.   | Wan Chai Market was accorded a Grade III status.  |
| 16 April 1991<br>HBSC Meeting  | Committee Minutes<br>AAB(HB)/1/91-92 | To inform Members of the development proposal of Land Development Cooperation (LDC) which might affect the Wan Chai Market. | On the issue of whether or not to preserve the market, “Members agreed that it was not of great historical value” as the LDC completed a detailed photographic survey.  |
| 2 May 1991<br>AAB Meeting  | Board Minutes<br>AAB/2/91-92         | Progress Report by Committee Chairman on Wan Chai Market  | The Wan Chai Market was “not regarded as having great historical significance but efforts should be made to salvage useful material and fabric” of the building before demolition.  |
| 17 November 1993<br>HBSC Meeting   | Committee Minutes<br>AAB(HB)/4/93-94 | Progress Report of the redevelopment proposal of Wan Chai Market  | The Chairman indicated that “Members had discussed the proposed demolition of Wan Chai Market in 1991 and considered then that the market building was of no historical merit. Members all felt that there was no significant change in the circumstance and re-confirmed their previous recommendation”. |
| 1 March 1994<br>HBSC Meeting   | Committee Minutes<br>AAB(HB)/5/93-94 | Progress Report of Wan Chai Market  | It was noted that the LDC’s proposed development scheme had not yet been finalized.   |

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| 19 October 1999<br>HBSC Meeting  | Committee Minutes<br>AAB(HB)/2/1999-2000 | Progress Report on Wan Chai Market as the Urban Watch made a strong pledge to LDC and Planning Department for its preservation. | Chairman remarked that “the Wan Chai Market was of similar design as the Central Market and the Kowloon Market. Now that the Kowloon Market had been demolished, the preservation value of the Wan Chai Market should have been increased”. The meeting suggested a heritage trail could be established to link up various historic landmarks in the region. |
| 26 October 1999 AAB Meeting      | Board Minutes<br>AAB/10/1999-2000        | Progress Report on Wan Chai Market as the Urban Watch made a strong pledge to LDC and Planning Department for its preservation. | AAB was informed of a site visit to the Market by the HBSC and the Committee’s support to its preservation at meeting on 19 October 1999.  |
| 17 April 2000<br>HBSC Meeting    | Committee Minutes<br>AAB(HB)/3/1999-2000 | Progress Report on Wan Chai Market  | The HBSC voted and agreed “the Committee would seek the preservation of the building and, failing which, the preservation of the façade”.  |
| 27 April 2000<br>AAB Meeting     | Board Minutes<br>AAB/3/1999-2000         | Progress Report on the preservation of historical buildings, including Wan Chai Market.   | ES(AM) reported “AMO had followed up on the expressed wish of the HBSC to preserve the Wan Chai Police Station, Wan Chai Market..”.  |
| 13 December 2002<br>HBSC Meeting | Committee Minutes<br>AAB(HB)/4/1999-2000 | Progress Report on Wan Chai Market  | LDC, then Planning and Lands Bureau and the Planning Department confirmed that “since the project was at a very advanced stage, the Committee’s request could not be entertained”. The Chairman concluded that “the Committee felt that greater efforts  |

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|                                  |  |  | should be made to preserve the Wan Chai Market as it was never too advanced a stage before a building was actually demolished”.  |
| 15 December 2000<br>AAB Meeting  | Board Minutes<br>AAB/4/99-00           | Progress Report on Wan Chai Market   | The Board “noted the opinion of the HBSC that greater efforts should be made to preserve the building as it was never too advanced a stage before a building was actually demolished”.   |
| 16 November 2001<br>HBSC Meeting | Committee Minutes<br>AAB(HB)/1/2001-02 | Progress Report on Wan Chai Market   | The Chairman agreed that “the whole issue of conservation should be taken up at a higher level”.   |
| 13 March 2002<br>AAB Meeting     | Board Minutes<br>AAB/3/2001-02         | Progress Report on Wan Chai Market   | The developer had advised that URA would follow the contract signed with the LDC to develop the site. Should the developer change his plan, he would keep the Board informed and consider the Board’s suggestion.                                  |
| 10 March 2004<br>AAB Meeting     | Board Minutes<br>AAB/5/2003-2004       | Progress Report on Wan Chai Market with proposed preservation options and their findings | The three proposed options were found to be infeasible as advised by URA. Members suggested to initiate a PR strategy to its preservation. Also, discussion on the declaration and its implications were touched. No solid conclusion was arrived. |
| 15 September 2004<br>AAB Meeting | Board Minutes<br>AAB/7/2003-2004       | Preservation of the Wan Chai Market  | No Members recommended declaring the Market as a Monument. However, many Members supported the proposal of writing to the developer, appealing to him to consider  |

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|                                |                                |              | the community's view of preserving the Market in whatever way possible.                                       |
| 10 October 2007<br>AAB Meeting | Board Minutes<br>AAB/3/2007-08 |              | The Chairman requested Mr Billy Lam to inform the AAB of the outcome of URA's negotiation with the developer. |