For discussion on 16 April 2010

MEMORANDUM FOR MEMBERS OF THE ANTIQUITIES ADVISORY BOARD

ASSESSMENT OF 1,444 HISTORIC BUILDINGS FINALISATION OF THE GRADINGS OF PROPOSED GRADED BUILDINGS

PURPOSE

This paper requests Members to consider endorsing the gradings of the items as detailed in paragraphs 2 to 4 below.

BACKGROUND

2. At the 144th Meeting held on 2 March 2010, Members continued to discuss Board Paper AAB/35/2009-10 which listed out the proposed gradings of the additional historic buildings for which no adverse comments have been received from the owners/ public, and items with queries about the proposed gradings and further reviewed by the Expert Panel. Members endorsed at the meeting the gradings of 22 proposed Grade 2 buildings and one proposed Grade 3 building as listed in the aforementioned paper. Up to the present, 523 historic buildings have been accorded with Grade 1, Grade 2 or Grade 3 status including -

- (a) 93 buildings with Grade 1 status;
- (b) 202 buildings with Grade 2 status; and
- (c) 228 buildings with Grade 3 status

At the meeting on 16 April 2010, Members will proceed to consider the gradings of the remaining 27 buildings listed in Annex B to the aforementioned paper.

MORE ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

3. In addition to those listed in the aforementioned paper, there are 56 other buildings for which notification letters have successfully reached the owners and no adverse comment has been received by the Antiquities and

Monuments Office (AMO) . They are set out at <u>Annex A</u> for Members' consideration of the proposed gradings.

4. As advised by Members at the 139^{th} Meeting on 9 September 2009, as the next step Members may proceed to consider those proposed graded buildings with queries/ requests for delisting/ upgrading/ downgrading. There are also requests for items situated in the same compound be combined for consideration of their grading. The gradings of these items which have been reviewed by the Expert Panel are listed at <u>Annex B</u> (29 buildings) and <u>Annex C</u> (17 buildings) with the Panel's recommendations for Members' consideration.

ADVICE SOUGHT

5. Members are invited to consider endorsing the proposed gradings of those items mentioned in paragraphs 2 to 4 above. Members are also welcome to provide views as to whether site visits to any of the proposed Grade 1 items are necessary before the endorsement of the gradings.

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