For discussion on 24 October 2011

MEMORANDUM FOR MEMBERS OF THE ANTIQUITIES ADVISORY BOARD

ASSESSMENT OF 1 444 HISTORIC BUILDINGS FINALISATION OF THE GRADINGS OF PROPOSED GRADED BUILDINGS AND <u>RESULTS OF ASSESSMENT OF NEW ITEMS</u>

PURPOSE

This paper invites Members to consider endorsing the proposed gradings of the historic buildings as detailed in paragraphs 4-5 below.

BACKGROUND

2. Up to present, Members have endorsed the gradings of 895 historic buildings of the 1 444 including -

- (a) 157 Grade 1 buildings;
- (b) 306 Grade 2 buildings; and
- (c) 432 Grade 3 buildings.

Members have also confirmed that 281 buildings do not warrant a grading.

3. In addition, Members confirmed that 7 historic buildings of the new items should be accorded with gradings listed below –

- (a) 1 Grade 1 building;
- (b) 2 Grade 2 buildings; and
- (c) 4 Grade 3 buildings.

Members have confirmed after consideration that 2 new items do not warrant a grading.

MORE ITEMS ON THE 1 444 LIST FOR CONSIDERATION

4. Members are invited to consider the proposed gradings of 2 historic buildings (at **Annex A**) for which notification letters have successfully reached the owners with no adverse comment received, and the proposed gradings of 16 historic buildings (at **Annex B**) for which queries previously raised have already been addressed.

NEW ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION

5. Based on the assessment of the expert panel, Members preliminarily proposed at its meeting on 21 December 2010 that the building at 23 Coombe Road be accorded with a Grade 3 status. After review of the information and comments received during the public consultation, the expert panel has suggested the item be upgraded to Grade 2 (**Annex C**). Owing to the demolition threat of the building, there is a cogent need to finalise the grading.

ADVICE SOUGHT

6. Members are invited to consider endorsing the proposed gradings of those items mentioned in paragraphs 4-5 above.

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