

**Antiquities and Monuments Office's Comments on
the Heritage Impact Assessment
for the Former Central Government Offices (Main Wing and East Wing)
in Central**

The Antiquities and Monuments Office (AMO) has reviewed the findings set out in the Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) report for the relocation of the Department of Justice to Main Wing and East Wing of Former Central Government Offices (CGO) and has the following comments:

- a) We note that the proposal has preserved all character defining elements of the buildings and adopted the principles of minimum intervention and reversibility such that changes/disturbance to the building would be kept to the minimum. As such, the proposal is agreeable.
- b) We note that a green roof and non-reflective solar panels will be erected with no excessive loading. The proposed works can enhance the greenery space and improve the building environment, which is commendable.
- c) We note that some internal areas will be designated as heritage route for public access in scheduled open days. This arrangement should be able to help the public appreciate the cultural significance of the building.
- d) We note that new lifts and dumb waiters will be constructed to provide barrier free access and improve the vertical circulation and the proposed facilities are reversible.
- e) We note that cartographic and photographic surveys will be conducted to ensure proper documentation of the existing features.
- f) In addition to the mitigation measures devised in the HIA report, we would like to propose the following for further enhancement:

- (i) The installations and ductings for the building services facilities at the Main Wing and East Wing of the Former CGO should be at less prominent locations to minimise the visual impact to the front elevations. The routings should also be carefully designed to minimise the damage to the existing building fabric. The design should be submitted to AMO for comment.
- (ii) The design of the green roof and solar panels as mentioned in b) above should be submitted to AMO for comment.
- (iii) To ensure that the mitigation measures recommended in the HIA report are properly implemented, a heritage consultant should be appointed by the project proponent to monitor the implementation of the mitigation measures and record any changes and variations.
- (iv) The finalised HIA report should be accompanied with plans, sections, elevations and/or photo-montages, showing clearly the proposed alteration/addition works to the building.

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