MEMORANDUM FOR MEMBERS OF THE ANTIQUITIES ADVISORY BOARD

ASSESSMENT OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

PURPOSE

This paper invites Members to process the proposed gradings of the buildings listed in Annexes B and C of the Board Paper AAB/5/2013-14 at **Appendix A** and that of the new items as listed in **Appendix B**.

BACKGROUND

- 2. As at the last meeting on 20 February 2013, Members have finalised the grading of 1 228 buildings as set out below
 - (a) 166 buildings with Grade 1 status;
 - (b) 327 buildings with Grade 2 status;
 - (c) 451 buildings with Grade 3 status; and
 - (d) 284 buildings with no grading.

ITEMS WITH AAB'S QUERIES REVIEWED BY THE ASSESSMENT PANEL AND ITEMS DEMOLISHED / SUBSTANTIALLY ALTERED

- 3. At the meeting on 20 February 2013, Members decided to defer the discussion of the following issues of the Board Paper AAB/5/2013-14 at **Appendix A** to the next meeting:
 - (a) the 10 items listed in Annex B of the above-mentioned paper, whose proposed gradings were queried by Members and have been reassessed by the Assessment Panel; and

(b) the 26 items listed in Annex C of the above-mentioned paper, which have been demolished or substantially altered and considered by the Assessment Panel not warranting any gradings since their heritage merits have been greatly diminished.

Members are invited to consider confirming the latest proposed gradings of the 10 items and the assessment approach for the 26 items as set out in the Board Paper AAB/5/2013-14 at **Appendix A**.

NEW ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 4. Members agreed at the meeting on 20 February 2013 that the new items / categories would be processed alongside the remaining items of the 1 444 buildings.
- 5. The Assessment Panel has started the assessment of the new items. The proposed gradings of 20 new items are at **Appendix B**. Following the usual practice, subject to Members' views on the recommendations on the grading of the new items as set out in **Appendix B**, AMO will upload the information and the proposed grading of these new items to the website of AAB for a one-month public consultation. We will report to Members any information or views received for further consideration by AAB before finalising the grading of these new items.

ADVICE SOUGHT

6. Members are invited to consider the proposed gradings of the items as detailed in paragraphs 3(a) and 5 above and endorse the assessemnt approach for those items mentioned in paragraph 3(b) above.

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