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**MEMORANDUM FOR MEMBERS OF THE
ANTIQUITIES ADVISORY BOARD**

**HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT
ON CHAI WAN FACTORY ESTATE AT
NO. 2 KUT SHING STREET, CHAI WAN**

PURPOSE

This paper presents to Members the preliminary findings of the Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) on the Chai Wan Factory Estate (CWFE) at No. 2 Kut Shing Street, Chai Wan.

HIA MECHANISM

2. Implemented from 1 January 2008, the HIA mechanism introduced by the Development Bureau vide Technical Circular (Works) No. 6/2009 for capital works projects emphasises that every effort should be made to avoid or minimise adverse impact by the proposed works arising from Government's capital works projects on "heritage sites"¹. If there is any adverse impact, the project proponent / works agent should introduce mitigation measures and engage the public in particular the AAB. Although the Hong Kong Housing Authority (HA) is not covered by the HIA mechanism, HA has volunteered to conduct an HIA on its CWFE project in view of the Grade 2 historic building status of CWFE.

¹ Heritage sites include:
(i) all declared monuments;
(ii) all proposed monuments;
(iii) all sites and buildings graded by the Antiquities Advisory Board (AAB);
(iv) all recorded sites of archaeological interest; and
(v) Government historic sites identified by the Antiquities and Monuments Office (AMO).

THE PROJECT

3. In order to increase the supply of public rental housing, HA proposes to convert the CWFE into a block of about 180 public rental housing flats and some space for community or retail facilities.

The HIA

4. HA has engaged a heritage consultant to conduct an HIA with a view to examining to what extent the proposed works would affect the historic building and devising mitigation measures if adverse impact is unavoidable.

5. HA has submitted an HIA report to the Antiquities and Monuments Office (AMO) for consideration. Given that the major key character-defining elements of the historic building will be preserved and new additions and alterations to the CWFE, if necessary, will be kept to the minimum, AMO considers the proposed works agreeable from the heritage conservation viewpoint and is satisfied generally with the recommended mitigation measures.

— The main points of the HIA report are summarised at **Annex A** and AMO's
 — comments are set out at **Annex B**. The full HIA report can be accessed via the link http://www.amo.gov.hk/form/HIA_Report_CWFE.pdf.

6. Representatives from HA as well as their heritage consultant will present the HIA report at the meeting. They will further refine the proposal with reference to Members' comments.

ADVICE SOUGHT

7. Members are invited to offer comments and advice on the findings of the HIA.

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