MEMORANDUM FOR MEMBERS OF THE ANTIQUITIES ADVISORY BOARD

ASSESSMENT OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

PURPOSE

This paper invites Members to consider confirming the grading of the buildings as detailed in paragraph 3 below and to consider the proposed grading of the buildings set out in paragraphs 4 and 5 below.

BACKGROUND

2. As at the last meeting on 10 September 2013, Members have endorsed the grading of 1 267 buildings as set out below –

- (a) 168 buildings with Grade 1 status;
- (b) 340 buildings with Grade 2 status; and
- (c) 457 buildings with Grade 3 status; and
- (d) 284 buildings with no grading.
- (e) 18 buildings with no further proceeding due to their demolition or substantial alteration.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

3. At the meeting held on 10 September 2013, Members accorded the village houses at Nos. 35-37 Fung Wong Wu, Ta Kwu Ling, New Territories with a proposed Grade 3 status and started a one-month public consultation. After the one-month public consultation, no adverse comment has been received for this new item. Members may wish to confirm the grading of this new item at **Annex A**.

4. Members decided at the meeting held on 10 September 2013 to defer the discussion on the 20 items listed in <u>Annex B</u> and the 13 items within Yuen Long Kau Hui listed in <u>Annex C</u> to the next meeting. In fact, 16 items within Yuen Long Kau Hui have already been assessed. Details are listed in <u>Annex D</u> for Members' reference and comparison when considering the grading of the 13 items in Yuen Long Kau Hui as listed in Annex C.

5. The Assessment Panel has further completed the heritage assessment and grading recommendations of two items in Fanling, New Territories (at <u>Annex E</u>). Following the usual practice, subject to Members' views, AMO will upload the information and the proposed grading of the new items to the website of AAB for a one-month public consultation. AMO will also write to the owners of the privately-owned items to inform them of the proposed grading. We shall report to Members on any information or views received for further consideration before finalizing the grading of these items.

ADVICE SOUGHT

6. Members are invited to consider endorsing the grading of those items as detailed in pargraph 3 above and the proposed grading of those items mentioned in paragraphs 4 and 5 above.

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