

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE
ANTIQUITIES ADVISORY BOARD**

**CONSERVATION PLAN FOR THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL FEATURES
DISCOVERED AT THE WORKS SITE OF THE TO KWA WAN STATION OF
THE SHATIN TO CENTRAL LINK**

PURPOSE

This paper seeks Members' comments and advice on the different conservation options for two Song-Yuan archaeological findings, namely an ancient well ('Well J2') together with the associated 20th century stone water channel and a stone structure discovered at the works site of the To Kwa Wan Station of the Shatin to Central Link (SCL).

BACKGROUND

2. Members were given a comprehensive account of the discoveries at the SCL works site, with particular reference to some newly discovered archaeological findings, and their conservation proposals at the Antiquities Advisory Board (AAB) Special Meeting held on 20 November 2014 via AAB Board Paper AAB/45/2013-14 (Annex refers).

3. While as many as possible of the archaeological features uncovered, including two stone wells (i.e. Wells J1 and J5) with higher heritage value, will be preserved in-situ, the conservation options for Well J2 which is associated with an early 20th century stone water channel and a stone structure of Song-Yuan period, require further consideration and discussion by Members. Well J2 and the associated water channel are located directly within the proposed station concourse while the stone structure is within a proposed pedestrian walkway connecting Pak Tai Street to the proposed To Kwa Wan Station. In order to strike a balance between heritage conservation and the SCL works, four conservation options for Well J2 and the associated water channel (as set out in paragraph 8 and Annex III of the AAB Board Paper AAB/45/2013-14) and two conservation options for the stone structure (as set out in paragraph 9 and Annex IV of the AAB Board Paper AAB/45/2013-14) were proposed.

4. Subsequent to the special meeting on 20 November 2014, a visit to the works site of the To Kwa Wan Station of the SCL was arranged on 26 November 2014 to update Members on the latest archaeological finds unearthed, including Well J2

with the associated water channel and the stone structure mentioned in paragraph 3. At both the special meeting and the site visit, Members have requested the provision of additional information, such as further details of the technical assessment as well as the cost and time implications, to facilitate their deliberation on the pros and cons of the different conservation options to be adopted. In response to Members' request, MTRCL will do a PowerPoint presentation at this meeting in order to provide supplementary information about the different conservation options for Members' reference.

ADVICE SOUGHT

5. Members are invited to offer their views on the conservation options for Well J2 and the stone structure concerned.

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