

**For discussion
on 4 March 2015**

**BOARD PAPER
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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE
ANTIQUITIES ADVISORY BOARD**

ASSESSMENT OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

PURPOSE

This paper invites Members to consider confirming the grading of the buildings as detailed in paragraphs 3 and 4 and to consider the proposed grading of the buildings set out in paragraph 6 below.

BACKGROUND

2. As at the meeting held on 4 December 2014, Members have endorsed the grading of 1 304 buildings as set out below –

- (a) 169 buildings with Grade 1 status;
- (b) 348 buildings with Grade 2 status;
- (c) 481 buildings with Grade 3 status;
- (d) 288 buildings with no grading; and
- (e) 18 buildings with no further processing due to their demolition or substantial alteration.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

3. At the meeting held on 4 December 2014, Members decided to defer the discussion of the 3 items listed at Annex A to the next meeting. Of these 3 items, the owner of Sai Kung Lok Yuk Kindergarten, No. 19E Po Tung Road, Sai Kung, has expressed objections to the grading proposal. On the other hand, the Antiquities and Monuments Office (AMO) received objections from the owners of No. 86 and No. 88 Stanley Main Street, Stanley and a member of the public to the grading proposal which is, however, supported by another member

of the public. AMO will further discuss with the owners of Sai Kung Lok Yuk Kindergarten, No. 19E Po Tung Road, Sai Kung and Nos. 86 and 88 Stanley Main Street respectively to address their concerns.

4. As regards the proposed grading of No. 118 Wellington Street, Central, a member of the public has suggested preserving in-situ the balconies with calligraphy. Another member of the public commented that No. 118 Wellington Street does not deserve Grade 3 status, while the Central and Western Concern Group expressed strong support to preserve the shophouse. Another member of the public commented that the shophouse deserves a status higher than Grade 3. After reviewing the suggestions, the Assessment Panel maintained their views that the building be recommended a Grade 3 status.

5. A full copy of the written submissions received by AMO has been delivered to Members well before the meeting for their information and consideration of the grading of the items.

6. The Assessment Panel has further completed the heritage assessment and grading recommendations of 4 new items at **Annex B**. 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 the Antiquities Advisory Board 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 finalising the grading of these items.

ADVICE SOUGHT

7. Members are invited to consider confirming the grading of those items detailed in paragraphs 3 and 4 above and endorsing the proposed grading of the new items mentioned in paragraph 6 above.

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