

**Antiquities and Monuments Office's Comments on
the Heritage Impact Assessment in respect of
the Proposed Youth Hostel at 122A Hollywood Road, Hong Kong**

The Antiquities and Monuments Office (AMO) has reviewed the findings set out in the Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) report in respect of the proposed Youth Hostel at 122A Hollywood Road, HK and has the following comments:

- a) We note that the architectural design of the new Youth Hostel development will be played down so as to respect the presence of Man Mo Temple Compound (MMTC) nearby. AMO considers such a design approach acceptable as it will not override the declared monument and can minimise the visual impact;
- b) We note that the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals (TWGHs) has proposed to increase the headroom of the heritage bazaar on the ground floor and construct a “W” shaped column to echo with the pitched roof of the Man Mo Temple. The high headroom will minimise the obstruction to viewing the MMTC from the east of Hollywood Road;
- c) We note that an interpretation area on the history of the Man Mo Temple and the site is proposed at the heritage bazaar on the ground floor. This will help promote the understanding and appreciation of the history of the site as well as the interpretation of the MMTC;
- d) We note that a treatment plant has been planned to be included in their new development so as to improve the air-flow and ventilation of MMTC. The proposed installation of the treatment plant would improve the conditions of the declared monument; and
- e) We welcome the condition survey and structural monitoring to be carried out so as to ensure the structural stability of the MMTC and Ladder Street during the course of the works.

2. In addition to the mitigation measures devised in the HIA report, we would like to propose further enhancement measures as follows:

- (a) A detailed monitoring proposal should be prepared for better protection of the declared monument and submitted to the AMO for comment before implementation;
- (b) The condition survey report and the structural monitoring proposal for the MMTC and Ladder Street should be submitted to the AMO for comment; and
- (c) To ensure that the mitigation measures recommended in the HIA report are properly implemented, a heritage consultant should be appointed by the project proponent to monitor the implementation of the mitigation measures and record any changes and variations. Progress reports should be prepared by the heritage consultant for AMO's noting and action as appropriate.

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