For discussion on 4 June 2015

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE ANTIQUITIES ADVISORY BOARD

# HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT IN RESPECT OF THE PROPOSED YOUTH HOSTEL AT 122A HOLLYWOOD ROAD HONG KONG

## SUPPLEMENTARY PAPER ON THE REVISED DESIGN OF THE YOUTH HOSTEL

### PURPOSE

This paper seeks Members' advice on the revised design of the proposed youth hostel at 122A Hollywood Road, Hong Kong (<u>Annex</u>) in connection with the respective Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA).

### BACKGROUND

2. On 4 March 2015, the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals (TWGHs) presented the findings of the HIA in respect of the proposed Youth Hostel to Members vide Board Paper AAB/4/2015-16. Members expressed their concerns on the design of the proposed youth hostel and the possible visual impact on the Man Mo Temple Compound, a declared monument.

3. The project team was advised to review the design of the proposed youth hostel with a view to minimise the adverse impacts of the development on the Man Mo Temple Compound for Members' further consideration. The TWGHs and their heritage consultant have thus revised their design of the proposed youth hostel according to the advice of the Members.

#### THE REVISED DESIGN SCHEME

4. TWGHs has prepared two revised design options (Option 1 and Option 2) for the proposed youth hostel (<u>Annex</u>). Both options have taken into account Members' comments, i.e. to replace the W-shaped column on the ground floor with vertical columns and to improve the Heritage Bazaar design and its choice of materials so as to make it visually harmonious with the Man Mo Temple Compound. Regarding the set back of the proposed youth hostel building, both options can fulfil the requirement, but with set back of different extent from Hollywood Road.

5. The AMO has studied both revised design options and agreed that they can further minimise the adverse impact of the proposed youth hostel on the Man Mo Temple Compound. The AMO is satisfied with the proposals in both revised design options for the proposed youth hostel. However, given the stair core on the ground floor will be further set back to align with the façade of the Man Mo Temple Compound under Option 2, the AMO considers that Option 2 is more preferable from a heritage conservation perspective.

#### **ADVICE SOUGHT**

6. Members are invited to comment and advise on the revised design of the proposed youth hostel in connection with the respective HIA.

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