

**Antiquities and Monuments Office's Comments on
the Heritage Impact Assessment in respect of
the Rear Portion of the Cattle Depot**

The Antiquities and Monuments Office (AMO) has reviewed the findings set out in the Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) report in respect of the rear portion of the Cattle Depot, and has the following comments:

- (a) AMO notes that the design approach of the rear portion of the Cattle Depot is to preserve some significant historic fabrics for future interpretation and not to reconstruct any historic building which no longer survives. AMO considers such a design approach acceptable as it follows the international practice;
- (b) AMO notes that the new Visitor Centre will be built at the corner area by cutting the existing slope in order to reduce the overall visual impact on the Cattle Depot site. This is a mitigation measure but vibration and ground movement arising from the associated piling and excavation works should be closely monitored;
- (c) AMO notes that there will be new entrances at the rear portion and connection points to the front portion of the Cattle Depot. This can enhance the accessibility of the historic site;
- (d) AMO notes that an interpretation area will be incorporated into the project site. The proposal can help promote understanding and appreciation of the history of the Cattle Depot site;
- (e) AMO welcomes that the structural stability of the historic buildings of the Cattle Depot will be closely monitored during the course of the works; and
- (f) AMO notes that cartographic, topographic and photographic surveys will be conducted to ensure proper documentation of the existing features of the project site. A set of the records will be sent to AMO for keeping.

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

- (a) excavation and lateral support measures should be able to minimise the ground movement caused by construction activities within the Cattle Depot site and its vicinity, in particular, the existing paper factory structure. The detailed proposal should be submitted to AMO for comment before implementation;
- (b) the condition survey report and detailed site monitoring proposal for the Cattle Depot site should be submitted to 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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