

**Antiquities and Monuments Office's Comments on
the Heritage Impact Assessment in respect of
Block 3 at Old Lei Yue Mun Barracks**

The Antiquities and Monuments Office (AMO) has reviewed the findings detailed in the Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) report in respect of Block 3 at old Lei Yue Mun Barracks, and has the following comments:

- (a) we note that the proposal has preserved all key character defining elements of the building and adopted the principles of minimum intervention and reversibility so that changes / disturbance to the historic building would be kept to the minimum. As such, the proposal is agreeable from the heritage conservation perspective;
- (b) we note that the later added structure at the front of the historic building will be demolished. This approach is commendable as it can maximise the vista of the historic building;
- (c) we note that the new water tank and pump room will be placed at the side of the historic building. This approach is commendable as it can save much space for accommodating the building services installations;
- (d) we note that the intrusive building services installations like the air-conditioning system will be located to the rear verandah which is a less conspicuous location in an organised manner. This arrangement will minimise the visual impact to the historic building;
- (e) we note that cartographic and photographic surveys will be conducted to ensure proper documentation of the existing features of the site and that a set of the records will be sent to AMO for keeping, which is considered appropriate; and
- (f) in addition to the mitigation measures devised in the HIA report, we would like to propose the followings for further enhancement:
 - (i) structural monitoring should be carried out and the

proposal should be submitted to AMO for comment and to the satisfaction of AMO;

- (ii) any new openings for building services facilities should be located in less prominent locations of the building so as to avoid adverse visual impact. The design should be submitted to AMO for comment and to the satisfaction of AMO; and
- (iii) 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 compiled by the heritage consultant and sent to AMO for noting and action as appropriate.

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