

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE
ANTIQUITIES ADVISORY BOARD**

**HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT IN RESPECT OF THE
LUNG TSUN STONE BRIDGE PRESERVATION CORRIDOR
AT KAI TAK**

PURPOSE

This paper seeks Members' views on the findings of the Heritage Impact Assessment ("HIA") in respect of the Lung Tsun Stone Bridge Preservation Corridor ("LTSBPC") at Kai Tak.

HIA MECHANISM

2. The HIA in respect of the LTSBPC at Kai Tak was conducted in accordance with the HIA mechanism introduced by the Development Bureau ("DEVB") vide Technical Circular (Works) No. 6/2009. Since its implementation from 1 January 2008, the HIA mechanism for capital works projects emphasises that every effort should be made to avoid or minimise adverse impact by the proposed works arising from Government's capital works projects on "heritage sites"¹. In the submission to the Public Works Subcommittee of the Legislative Council, the works agent is required to include a "Heritage Implications" paragraph to be cleared by the Antiquities and Monuments Office ("AMO"), stating clearly whether the project will affect any "heritage sites" and if affirmative, what mitigation measures will be taken and whether the public, in particular the Antiquities Advisory Board ("AAB"), are in support of the proposed measures in the public engagement process.

¹ Heritage sites include:

- (i) all declared monuments;
- (ii) all proposed monuments;
- (iii) all sites and buildings graded by the Antiquities Advisory Board;
- (iv) all recorded sites of archaeological interest; and
- (v) Government historic sites identified by the Antiquities and Monuments Office.

THE SITE

3. The excavation of the Lung Tsun Stone Bridge (“LTSB”) and its historical background was reported to Members vide Board Paper AAB/60/2007-08 in June 2008. Members’ views on the recommendations of the Conservation Management Plan were sought in December 2009 vide Board Paper AAB/30/2009-10. The information about the public engagement exercise which aimed to collect views from the public on the preservation and interpretation of the LTSB was provided for Members’ discussion vide Board Papers AAB/42/2009-10 and AAB/6/2011-12 in May 2010 and March 2011 respectively. An area zoned “Open Space (3)” was subsequently designated for *in-situ* preservation of the LTSB remnants on the Kai Tak Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/K22/4 which was gazetted in September 2012.

THE PROJECT

4. The project aims to provide landscape open space within a 30-meter wide preservation corridor for heritage conservation and public appreciation of the LTSB remnants *in-situ* at Kai Tak. The project covers two sites, namely Site A and Site B. Site A (the “Site”), where the LTSB Site of Archaeological Interest (“SAI”) is situated, will be developed into a 30-meter wide LTSBPC with display of LTSB remnants. Site B involves modification of existing facilities at Shek Ku Lung Road Playground and Shek Ku Lung Road Rest Garden. While AMO is providing Architectural Services Department (“ArchSD”) with advice on the project from the heritage conservation perspective, ArchSD is responsible for the design of the LTSBPC, which will be managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department upon its completion.

THE HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT

5. Considering the scope of the project, ArchSD is required to conduct an HIA for the Site to identify any direct and indirect impacts on the LTSB SAI at the planning stage of the project and formulate conservation policy and mitigation measures for due protection of the remnants within the Site.

6. AGC Design Ltd, the heritage consultant commissioned by ArchSD, has prepared an HIA report on the LTSBPC at Kai Tak according to the Study Brief for the HIA agreed with AMO. Key points of the HIA report and AMO's comments are set out in **Annexes A and B** respectively. The full HIA report can be accessed via the following link:
http://www.aab.gov.hk/form/HIA_Report_LTSBPC.pdf.

ADVICE SOUGHT

7. Members are invited to offer comments and advice on the findings of the HIA.

Antiquities and Monuments Office
Leisure and Cultural Services Department
September 2017

Ref: LCSD/CS/AMO 22-3/0