

**For discussion
on 7 December 2017**

**BOARD PAPER
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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE
ANTIQUITIES ADVISORY BOARD**

ASSESSMENT OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

PURPOSE

This paper invites Members to consider confirming the grading of 14 items set out in paragraphs 3 to 6, reviewing the confirmed grading of two items set out in paragraph 7, and endorsing the proposed grading of 31 items set out in paragraph 8 below.

BACKGROUND

2. As at the meeting held on 7 September 2017, Members have confirmed the grading of 1 384 buildings as follows:

- (a) 179 buildings with Grade 1 status;
- (b) 363 buildings with Grade 2 status;
- (c) 513 buildings with Grade 3 status;
- (d) 304 buildings with no grading; and
- (e) 25 buildings with no further processing due to their demolition or substantial alteration.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Confirmation of Grading for 11 Items related to the Old Dairy Farm, Pok Fu Lam

3. At the meeting on 7 September 2017, Members endorsed the proposed grading of 11 silos and manure pits of the Old Dairy Farm in Pok Fu

——— Lam as listed at **Annex A**. Following the established practice, a one-month public consultation on the proposed grading of the 11 items was subsequently carried out. One written submission objecting to the proposed grading of the 11 silos and manure pits was received during the public consultation period, which has been passed to Members for consideration before the meeting.

Confirmation of Grading for Cases where Objection(s) have been Received

4. As at 7 September 2017, under the list of 1 444 historic buildings, the proposed grading for 83 of them has been endorsed by the Board but yet to be confirmed due to objection(s) received during public consultation. The grading system is administrative in nature and it does not affect the ownership, usage, management and development rights of the buildings concerned. With a view to better recognising the heritage value of these historic buildings, and wrapping up the grading of the list of 1 444 historic buildings, the Antiquities and Monuments Office (“AMO”) will continue to invite the Board to review and confirm the proposed grading of these buildings, having regard to the circumstances of individual cases.

- (a) **Precious Blood Convent, No. 86 Un Chau Street, Sham Shui Po (Item 1 listed at Annex B)**
- (b) **Precious Blood Hospital (Caritas), No. 113 Castle Peak Road, Sham Shui Po (Item 2 listed at Annex B)**

5. Precious Blood Convent and Precious Blood Hospital (Caritas) in Sham Shui Po were proposed a Grade 2 and a Grade 3 status respectively by the Board in March 2009. However, objections from the owner were received during public consultation. The relevant objection letters and replies have been sent to Members for consideration before the meeting.

- (c) **Carmelite Monastery, No. 68 Stanley Village Road, Stanley (Item 3 listed at Annex B)**

6. Carmelite Monastery was proposed a Grade 3 status by the Board in March 2009. However, objection from the owner was received during public consultation. The relevant objection letter and reply have been sent to Members for consideration before the meeting.

Review of the Confirmed Grading of the Sanctuary and Bell Tower of the Union Church, Hong Kong (Items 1 and 2 listed at Annex C)

7. The Board confirmed the Grade 3 status of both the Sanctuary and Bell Tower of the Union Church at No. 22A Kennedy Road (the “Church”) at the meeting on 9 March 2017. As reported to the Board at the meeting on 7 September 2017, AMO has received views and new information about the heritage value of the Church. In accordance with the prevailing practice, AMO has studied the new materials and submitted them, together with AMO’s observations, to the independent Historic Buildings Assessment Panel (the “Assessment Panel”) for review. All the views and information received have been passed to Members for consideration before the meeting. AMO will present the findings to the Board at the meeting.

New Items for Grading Assessment

8. As reported to the Board at the meeting on 7 September 2017, the Assessment Panel has completed the grading assessment and recommended proposed grading for the 63 items related to the Old Dairy Farm in Pok Fu Lam. Given that the grading status of 21 items has been confirmed and the proposed grading of 11 items has been endorsed by the Board at the meeting on 7 September 2017, Members are now invited to consider the proposed grading of the remaining 31 items of the Old Dairy Farm (Items 1 to 31 of **Annex D**). Subject to Members’ endorsement on the proposed grading of the 31 items, AMO will upload the proposed grading and the heritage appraisals of these items to the website of the Board for a one-month public consultation as per the usual practice. We will report to Members on the information and views received for further consideration before finalising their grading.

ADVICE SOUGHT

9. Members are invited to:
- (a) consider confirming the proposed grading of the 14 items set out in paragraphs 3 to 6 above;
 - (b) review the confirmed grading of the Sanctuary and Bell Tower of the

Union Church, Hong Kong set out in paragraph 7 above; and

- (c) consider endorsing the proposed grading of the 31 items set out in paragraph 8 above.

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