

**For discussion
on 21 June 2018**

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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 six items set out in paragraphs 3 to 9, and endorsing the proposed grading of two items set out in paragraph 10 below.

BACKGROUND

2. As at the meeting held on 22 March 2018, Members have confirmed the grading of 1 435 buildings as follows:

- (a) 179 buildings with Grade 1 status;
- (b) 370 buildings with Grade 2 status;
- (c) 536 buildings with Grade 3 status;
- (d) 325 buildings with no grading; and
- (e) 25 buildings with no further processing due to their demolition or substantial alteration.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

3. At the meeting on 22 March 2018, Members endorsed the proposed grading of No. 92 Blue Pool Road (alias “But Lo”) in Wan Chai and the Building of The Garden Company Limited in Sham Shui Po as listed at **Annex A**. Following the established practice, a one-month public consultation on the proposed grading of the two items was carried out. All written submissions on the proposed grading of the two items received during the public

consultation period have been issued to Members before the meeting. The number of submissions and their stance on the proposed grading are set out in the ensuing paragraphs.

———— **No. 92 Blue Pool Road (alias “But Lo”), Wan Chai (Item 1 listed at Annex A)**

4. On the proposed Grade 2 status of No. 92 Blue Pool Road, one written submission supporting the proposed grading of the building was received during the public consultation period.

———— **Building of The Garden Company Limited, Sham Shui Po (Item 2 listed at Annex A)**

5. On the proposed Grade 2 status of this item, a total of 384 written submissions were received during the public consultation period, with two supports, two without indicating their views and 380 objections (of which 378 are identical petitions).

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

6. As at 22 March 2018, under the list of 1 444 historic buildings, the proposed grading for 74 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) CLP Power Hong Kong Limited Administrative Building (also known as China Light and Power Company Limited Head Office) at Argyle Street (Item 1 listed at Annex B)**

7. The Board proposed to accord the CLP Power Hong Kong Limited Administrative Building (including the clock tower building) at Argyle Street

Grade 1 status in March 2009. Objections from the owner were received during public consultation. The relevant objection letters and replies have been provided to Members for consideration before the meeting.

———— (b) **No. 3 Li Kwan Avenue, Tai Hang (Item 2 listed at Annex B)**

———— (c) **No. 4 Li Kwan Avenue, Tai Hang (Item 3 listed at Annex B)**

8. The Board proposed to accord Nos. 3 and 4 Li Kwan Avenue Grade 3 status in March 2009. One objection from the owner of both items was received during public consultation. The relevant objection letter and reply have been provided to Members for consideration before the meeting.

———— (d) **No. 44 Conduit Road, Mid-Levels (Item 4 listed at Annex B)**

9. The Board proposed to accord No. 44 Conduit Road Grade 3 status in March 2009. Objections from the owner were received during public consultation in 2009, and again in 2011. The relevant letters and replies have been provided to Members for consideration before the meeting.

New Items for Grading Assessment

———— 10. The independent Historic Buildings Assessment Panel has completed the grading assessment and grading recommendations of two items related to the early campus of Chung Chi College of The Chinese University of Hong Kong listed at Annex C. Subject to Members' views, AMO will upload the proposed grading of these items and their respective heritage appraisals to the website of the Board for a one-month public consultation in accordance with the established practice. We will report to Members the views received for further consideration before finalising their grading.

ADVICE SOUGHT

11. Members are invited to:

(a) consider confirming the proposed grading of the items set out in

paragraphs 3 to 9 above; and

- (b) consider endorsing the proposed grading of the items set out in paragraph 10 above.

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