

**For discussion
on 6 September 2018**

**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 five items set out in paragraphs 3 and 5-7, and endorsing the proposed grading of three items set out in paragraph 8 below.

BACKGROUND

2. As at the meeting held on 21 June 2018, Members have confirmed the grading of 1 441 buildings as follows:

- (a) 180 buildings with Grade 1 status;
- (b) 372 buildings with Grade 2 status;
- (c) 539 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 21 June 2018, Members endorsed the proposed grading of Staff Quarters D and the former Clinic (now Staff Quarters Block G) of Chung Chi College of The Chinese University of Hong Kong 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. No written submission on the proposed grading of the two items was received

during the public consultation period.

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

4. As at 21 June 2018, under the list of 1 444 historic buildings, the proposed grading for 70 of them has been endorsed by the Board but yet to be confirmed due to objection(s) received during earlier public consultation. The grading system is administrative in nature and 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) Former Chatham English School, No. 1 Chatham Path, The Peak (Item 1 listed at Annex B)**

5. The Board proposed to accord No. 1 Chatham Path Grade 2 status in March 2009. Objection from the owner was received during public consultation. The relevant objection letters and reply have been provided to Members for consideration before the meeting.

———— **(b) No. 3 May Road, The Peak (Item 2 listed at Annex B)**

6. The Board proposed to accord No. 3 May Road Grade 3 status in March 2009. Objection from the owner was received during public consultation. The relevant objection letter and reply have been provided to Members for consideration before the meeting.

———— **(c) No. 190 Nathan Road, Tsim Sha Tsui (Item 3 listed at Annex B)**

7. The Board proposed to accord No. 190 Nathan Road Grade 3 status in March 2009. Objection from the owner was received during public consultation. The relevant objection letter and reply have been provided to Members for consideration before the meeting.

New Items for Grading Assessment

8. The independent Historic Buildings Assessment Panel has completed the grading assessment and recommendations of the Steps of Pound Lane, the Pound Lane Public Toilet and Bathhouse in Sai Ying Pun, as well as the Steps of Prince's Terrace at Mid-Levels 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

9. Members are invited to:
- (a) consider confirming the proposed grading of the items set out in paragraphs 3 and 5-7 above; and
 - (b) consider endorsing the proposed grading of the items set out in paragraph 8 above.

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