

**Antiquities and Monuments Office's Comments on
the Heritage Impact Assessment in respect of
the Landslip Prevention and Mitigation Works for
Slope Features Nos. 11SW-B/FR7 and 11SW-B/CR13 within/near
Former Central Government Offices, Site**

The Antiquities and Monuments Office (“AMO”) has reviewed the findings detailed in the Heritage Impact Assessment (“HIA”) report in respect of the landslip prevention and mitigation works for slope features nos. 11SW-B/FR7 and 11SW-B/CR13 within/near the “Former Central Government Offices, Site” (Grade 1) and has the following comments:

- (a) the proposal has preserved all key character defining elements (“CDEs”) of the site and adopted the principles of minimum intervention so that changes/disturbance to the site and nearby heritage assets would be kept to the minimum. As such, the proposal is agreeable from the heritage conservation perspective;
- (b) the methodology adopted for fill replacement along the slope crest will be designed to avoid adverse impact on existing trees and the registered Old and Valuable Tree. The proposal will retain the generally green appearance of the slope and minimise visual impact on nearby heritage assets in long term;
- (c) wall thickening is proposed at the back of the existing retaining wall instead of at the front of the retaining wall. This approach can preserve the appearance of the existing masonry retaining wall along Battery Path;
- (d) recessed soil nail with grillage beam system is adopted for the slope works and landscaping measures including hydroseeding and native planting will be provided upon completion of slope works. This approach can avoid exposure of bare concrete on the slope and will minimise long-term visual impact on surrounding heritage assets;
- (e) pre- and post- condition 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; and

- (f) in addition to the mitigation measures devised in the HIA report, AMO proposes further enhancement measures as follows:
- (i) to ensure that the mitigation measures recommended in the HIA report are properly implemented, a qualified consultant should be appointed by the project proponent to monitor the implementation of the mitigation measures and record any changes/variations and submit to AMO for approval. Progress reports should be compiled and submitted to AMO;
 - (ii) regular site monitoring and protection measures will be implemented to protect the CDEs against damage during the works. The monitoring and protection proposal should be submitted to AMO for comments; and
 - (iii) vibration and ground movement monitoring system will be installed and maintained during the works. The monitoring record should be submitted to AMO.

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