

**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, and endorsing the proposed grading of three items set out in paragraph 6 below.

BACKGROUND

2. As at the meeting held on 6 September 2018, Members have confirmed the grading of 1 446 buildings as follows:

- (a) 180 buildings with Grade 1 status;
- (b) 373 buildings with Grade 2 status;
- (c) 541 buildings with Grade 3 status;
- (d) 327 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 6 September 2018, Members endorsed the proposed grading of the Pound Lane Public Toilet and Bathhouse in Sai Ying Pun as well as the Steps of Prince's Terrace at Mid-Levels 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 Pound Lane Public Toilet and Bathhouse was

received. Regarding the Steps of Prince's Terrace, one written submission supporting its proposed Grade 3 status 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 6 September 2018, under the list of 1 444 historic buildings, the proposed grading for 67 of them has been endorsed by the Board but yet to be confirmed due to objection(s) received during public consultation earlier. 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) No. 20 Hollywood Road, Central (Item 1 listed at Annex B)
- (b) No. 75 Un Chau Street, Sham Shui Po (Item 2 listed at Annex B)
- (c) No. 75 Shung Ching San Tsuen, Shap Pat Heung, Yuen Long (Item 3 listed at Annex B)

5. The Board proposed to accord No. 20 Hollywood Road, No. 75 Un Chau Street and No. 75 Shung Ching San Tsuen with Grade 3 status in March 2009. Objections from the respective owners of the three buildings were received during public consultation earlier. The relevant objection letters and replies have been provided to Members for consideration before the meeting.

New Items for Grading Assessment

- 6. The independent Historic Buildings Assessment Panel has completed the grading assessment and recommendations of the Entrance Gate in San Wai, Ha Tsuen, the Lo Ancestral Hall in Wo Hop Shek Village, and No. 17 Yuk Sau Street in Happy Valley 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

7. Members are invited to:
 - (a) consider confirming the proposed grading of the items set out in paragraphs 3 and 5 above; and
 - (b) consider endorsing the proposed grading of the items set out in paragraph 6 above.

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