

**For discussion  
on 12 December 2019**

**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 the six items set out in paragraphs 3 to 5, and endorsing the proposed grading of the two items set out in paragraph 6 below.

**BACKGROUND**

2. Members are invited to note the position in assessing historic buildings as at the last meeting held on 12 September 2019:

- (a) 185 items with Grade 1 status;
- (b) 381 items with Grade 2 status;
- (c) 564 items with Grade 3 status;
- (d) 328 items with no grading;
- (e) 46 items with no further processing due to their declaration as monuments; and
- (f) 26 items with no further processing due to their demolition or substantial alteration.

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**Proposed Grading Endorsed at the Last Meeting**

3. At the meeting on 12 September 2019, Members endorsed the proposed grading of Nos. 88 and 90 Staunton Street, Sheung Wan, the “Hoi Tin

Yat King” *pai-fong*, Ngong Ping, Lantau Island, and the masonry wall and earthenware pipes at Caroline Hill Road, Causeway Bay as listed at **Annex A**. Following the established practice, a one-month public consultation on the proposed grading of the three items was carried out. No written submission on the proposed grading of the “Hoi Tin Yat King” *pai-fong*, and the masonry wall and earthenware pipes at Caroline Hill Road was received. One written submission on the future conservation approach of Nos. 88 and 90 Staunton Street, with no indication on the proposed grading, was received during the public consultation period. All submissions have been passed to Members for consideration before the meeting.

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

4. As at 12 September 2019, under the list of 1 444 historic buildings, the proposed grading for 42 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) St. Andrew’s Church Compound, No. 138 Nathan Road, Tsim Sha Tsui  
(Item 1 at Annex B)**

**(b) No. 60 Mount Kellet Road, The Peak (Item 2 at Annex B)**

**(c) No. 578 Canton Road, Yau Ma Tei (Item 3 at Annex B)**

5. The Board endorsed the proposed Grade 1 status for the St. Andrew’s Church Compound, the proposed Grade 2 status for No. 60 Mount Kellet Road, and the proposed Grade 3 status for No. 578 Canton Road in March 2009. Objections from the respective owners of the three items were received during public consultation earlier. The relevant objection letters and replies have been provided to Members for consideration before the meeting. Members are invited to confirm the proposed grading of the three items.

### **New Items for Grading Assessment**

6. The independent Historic Buildings Assessment Panel has completed the grading assessment of the former The Salvation Army Kwai Chung Girls' Home at No. 1 Lei Muk Road, Kwai Chung and Confucius Hall at No. 77 Caroline Hill Road, Causeway Bay. The recommended proposed grading for the items is at **Annex C**. Subject to Members' views, AMO will upload the proposed grading of the 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 grading of the items set out in paragraphs 3 to 5 above; and
  - (b) consider endorsing the proposed grading of the items set out in paragraph 6 above.

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