

**For discussion
on 11 June 2020**

**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 five items set out in paragraphs 3 to 5 and endorsing the proposed grading of the item 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 December 2019:

- (a) 186 items with Grade 1 status;
- (b) 384 items with Grade 2 status;
- (c) 566 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 December 2019, Members endorsed the proposed grading of Confucius Hall at No. 77 Caroline Hill Road, Causeway

Bay and the former The Salvation Army Kwai Chung Girls' Home (the main building, the garage and the corps hall) at No. 1 Lei Muk Road, Kwai Chung 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 their proposed grading was received.

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

4. As at 12 December 2019, under the list of 1 444 historic buildings, the proposed grading for 39 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. 54 Village Road, Happy Valley (Item 1 at Annex B)

(b) No. 9 Ching Lin Terrace, Kennedy Town (Item 2 at Annex B)

(c) Nos. 49 and 50 Shui Hau, Lantau Island (Item 3 at Annex B)

5. The Board endorsed the proposed Grade 3 status for No. 54 Village Road, No. 9 Ching Lin Terrace and Nos. 49 and 50 Shui Hau 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 Item for Grading Assessment

6. The independent Historic Buildings Assessment Panel has completed the grading assessment of Bonham Road Government Primary School at No. 9A Bonham Road, Sai Ying Pun. The recommended proposed grading for the item is at Annex C. Subject to Members' views, AMO will upload the proposed grading of the item and its heritage appraisal 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 its grading.

ADVICE SOUGHT

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

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