

**For discussion
on 10 September 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 four items set out in paragraphs 3 to 5, and endorsing the proposed grading of the three 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 11 June 2020:

- (a) 187 items with Grade 1 status;
- (b) 385 items with Grade 2 status;
- (c) 569 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 11 June 2020, Members endorsed the proposed grading of Bonham Road Government Primary School at No. 9A Bonham Road,

— Sai Ying Pun as listed at **Annex A**. Following the established practice, a one-month public consultation on the proposed grading of the item was carried out. No written submission on the proposed grading was received.

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

4. As at 11 June 2020, under the list of 1 444 historic buildings, the proposed grading for 36 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) Pedder Building, No. 12 Pedder Street, Central (Item 1 at Annex B)**

— **(b) Stone Manor, No. 33 Sassoon Road, Pok Fu Lam (Item 2 at Annex B)**

— **(c) Garage, No. 33 Sassoon Road, Pok Fu Lam (Item 3 at Annex B)**

5. The Board endorsed the proposed Grade 1 status for Pedder Building, and proposed Grade 2 status for Stone Manor and Garage at No. 33 Sassoon 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 Item for Grading Assessment

6. The independent Historic Buildings Assessment Panel has completed the grading assessment of (a) Second Street Public Bathhouse, Sai Ying Pun; (b) No. 112 Jervois Street, Sheung Wan; and (c) No. 24 Nga Tsin Long Road, Kowloon City. 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 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 four items set out in paragraphs 3 to 5 above; and
 - (b) consider endorsing the proposed grading of the three items set out in paragraph 6 above.

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