

**For discussion
on 10 June 2021**

**BOARD PAPER
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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE
ANTIQUITIES ADVISORY BOARD**

ASSESSMENT OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

PURPOSE

This paper invites Members to consider the grading of four items set out in paragraphs 3 to 9, and endorsing the proposed grading of the five items set out in paragraphs 10 to 11 below.

BACKGROUND

2. Members are invited to note the position in assessing historic buildings as at the last meeting held on 11 March 2021:

- (a) 194 items with Grade 1 status;
- (b) 390 items with Grade 2 status;
- (c) 580 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 March 2021, Members endorsed the proposed grading of the following three items as listed at **Annex A** –

- (a) Steps of Pound Lane, Sai Ying Pun;
- (b) Ex-Sham Shui Po Service Reservoir (commonly known as Mission Hill Service Reservoir / Woh Chai Shan Service Reservoir), Sham Shui Po; and
- (c) Ex-Yaumati Service Reservoir, King's Park, Yau Ma Tei.

4. Following the established practice, a one-month public consultation on the proposed grading of the items was carried out. All written submissions received during the public consultation period have been passed to Members for consideration before the meeting. The number of submissions and their stance on the proposed grading are set out in the ensuing paragraphs.

———— **Steps of Pound Lane, Sai Ying Pun (Item 1 listed at Annex A)**

5. No written submission on the proposed Grade 2 status of the Steps of Pound Lane was received during the public consultation.

———— **Ex-Sham Shui Po Service Reservoir (commonly known as Mission Hill Service Reservoir / Woh Chai Shan Service Reservoir), Sham Shui Po (Item 2 listed at Annex A)**

6. 12 written submissions on the item were received during the public consultation, with six supporting and one objecting to the proposed grading, and five without indicating views on the proposed grading.

———— **Ex-Yaumati Service Reservoir, King's Park, Yau Ma Tei (Item 3 listed at Annex A)**

7. Two written submissions supporting the proposed Grade 1 status of this item were received during the public consultation.

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

8. As at 11 March 2021, under the list of 1 444 historic buildings, the proposed grading for 25 of them has been endorsed by the Board but has yet been confirmed due to objection(s), view(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 taking forward the grading of the list of 1 444 historic buildings, the Antiquities and Monuments Office (“AMO”) invites the Board to review and confirm the proposed grading of the following building:

- (a) Nos. 30-31 Sun Chun Street, Tai Hang, Causeway Bay (Item 1 at **Annex B**)

9. The Board endorsed the proposed Grade 3 status for Nos. 30-31 Sun Chun Street in March 2009 and objection from the then owner was received during public consultation in 2009. The relevant objection letter and reply have been provided to Members for consideration before the meeting. Members are invited to confirm the proposed grading of this item.

New Items for Grading Assessment

10. The Assessment Panel has completed the grading assessment of the following five items -

- (a) Albany Fresh Water Service Reservoir, Magazine Gap Road, Mid-levels;
- (b) Albany Fresh Water Pumping Station, Magazine Gap Road, Mid-levels;
- (c) Peak Fresh Water Service Reservoir, Mount Austin Road, The Peak;
- (d) Mount Gough Fresh Water Service Reservoir, Pollock’s Path, The Peak; and
- (e) Shek Kip Mei Health Centre, No. 2 Berwick Street, Sham Shui Po.

11. The recommended proposed grading for each of the individual item 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

12. Members are invited to:

- (a) consider confirming the grading of the four items set out in paragraphs 3 to 9 above; and
- (b) consider endorsing the proposed grading of the five items set out in paragraphs 10 to 11 above.

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