

**For discussion
on 9 September 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 18 items set out in paragraphs 3 to 6, and endorsing the proposed grading of the four items set out in paragraphs 7 to 8 below.

BACKGROUND

2. Members are invited to note the position in assessing historic buildings as at the last meeting held on 10 June 2021:

- (a) 196 items with Grade 1 status;
- (b) 391 items with Grade 2 status;
- (c) 581 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 10 June 2021, Members endorsed the proposed grading of the following four items as listed at Annex A –

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

4. Following the established practice, a one-month public consultation on the proposed grading of the items was carried out. Three submissions with nine views were received. Amongst the nine views, six support the proposed grading for items (a) to (c); and three support Nil Grade for item (d). All written submissions received during the public consultation period have been passed to Members for consideration before the meeting.

Confirmation of Grading for Cases where Objections have been Received

5. As at 10 June 2021, under the list of 1 444 historic buildings, the proposed grading for 24 of them has been endorsed by the Board but has yet been confirmed due to objections or views received during the 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 14 buildings at Kau Wa Keng in Kwai Tsing:

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- (a) Yeung Ching Study Hall, No. 1 Kau Wa Keng (Item 1 at **Annex B**);
 - (b) Nos. 4-5 Kau Wa Keng (Item 2 at **Annex B**);
 - (c) No. 10 Kau Wa Keng (Item 3 at **Annex B**);
 - (d) No. 14 Kau Wa Keng (Item 4 at **Annex B**);
 - (e) No. 15 Kau Wa Keng (Item 5 at **Annex B**);
 - (f) No. 30 Kau Wa Keng (Item 6 at **Annex B**);
 - (g) No. 32 Kau Wa Keng (Item 7 at **Annex B**);
 - (h) No. 39 Kau Wa Keng (Item 8 at **Annex B**);
 - (i) No. 42 Kau Wa Keng (Item 9 at **Annex B**);
 - (j) No. 42A Kau Wa Keng (Item 10 at **Annex B**);
 - (k) No. 43 Kau Wa Keng (Item 11 at **Annex B**);
 - (l) Yiu Kung Ancestral Hall No. 26A Kau Wa Keng (Item 12 at **Annex B**);
 - (m) Tsang Ancestral Hall, No. 13 Kau Wa Keng (Item 13 at **Annex B**); and
 - (n) Tsang Ancestral Hall, No. 28B Kau Wa Keng (Item 14 at **Annex B**).

6. The Board endorsed the proposed Grade 3 status for items (a) to (l), and proposed Nil Grade for items (m) and (n) in March 2009. Objection from the owners were received during the public consultation in 2009. 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 14 items.

New Items for Grading Assessment

7. The Assessment Panel has completed the re-assessment / grading assessment of the following four items -

- (a) Albany Fresh Water Pumping Station, Magazine Gap Road, Mid-Levels (re-assessment);
- (b) Ex-Tai O Waterworks Depot, Shek Tsai Po Street, Tai O ;
- (c) Our Lady of the Seven Sorrows Chapel, Sheung Yiu, Pak Tam Chung, Sai Kung, and
- (d) Nativity of Our Lady Chapel, Long Ke, Sai Kung.

8. The recommended proposed grading for the four 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

9. Members are invited to:

- (a) consider confirming the grading of the 18 items set out in paragraphs 3 to 6 above; and
- (b) consider endorsing the proposed grading of the four items set out in paragraphs 7 to 8 above.

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