

For discussion
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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 7, and endorsing the proposed grading of the three items set out in paragraphs 8 to 9 below.

BACKGROUND

2. Members are invited to note the position in assessing historic buildings as at the last meeting held on 9 September 2021:

- (a) 199 items with Grade 1 status;
- (b) 391 items with Grade 2 status;
- (c) 593 items with Grade 3 status;
- (d) 331 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 9 September 2021, Members endorsed the proposed grading of the following four items as listed at Annex A –

- (a) Albany Fresh Water Pumping Station, Magazine Gap Road, Mid-

levels;

- (b) Ex-Tai O Waterworks Depot, Shek Tsai Po Street, Tai O, Lantau Island;
- (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.

4. Following the established practice, a one-month public consultation on the proposed grading of the items was carried out. No submissions were received.

Confirmation of Grading

5. As at 9 September 2021, under the list of 1 444 historic buildings, the proposed grading for 10 of them has been endorsed by the Board but has yet been confirmed due to various reasons, such as objections or views received during the public consultation earlier, inability to reach the owners, and proposed redevelopment or planning application related to the buildings. 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 two items:

- (a) No. 12 Lee Yick Street, Yuen Long Kau Hui, Yuen Long (Item 1 at **Annex B**); and
- (b) Entrance Tower, Tai Kiu Tsuen, Shap Pat Heung, Yuen Long (Item 2 at **Annex B**).

6. The Board endorsed the proposed Grade 2 status for item (a), and proposed Grade 3 for items (b) in March 2009. We have made various attempts to contact the owner of item (a) since 2009 but in vain. As set out in paragraph 5 above, the grading system is administrative in nature. Moreover, under the established arrangement, if new information is received after the grading of an item is confirmed and such information has not been considered during the original assessment, the Historic Buildings Assessment Panel (“Assessment Panel”) and the Board will review all the relevant information and the proposed grading. Given the above, Members are invited to confirm the proposed grading of item (a).

7. Regarding item (b), a planning application for a proposed development involving item (b) was approved by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee of the Town Planning Board in 2010. The planning application subsequently lapsed in 2018. Members are invited to confirm the proposed grading of item (b).

New Items for Grading Assessment

8. The Assessment Panel has completed the grading assessment of the following three items -

- (a) No. 95 Kat Hing Back Street, Tai O, Lantau Island;
- (b) Staff Quarters of the Old Tai Po District Office North, No. 20 Wan Tau Kok Lane, Tai Po; and
- (c) Ex-Lamma Police Post, Hung Shing Yeh Wan, Lamma Island.

9. The recommended proposed grading for the three 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

10. Members are invited to:

- (a) consider confirming the grading of the six items set out in paragraphs 3 to 7 above; and
- (b) consider endorsing the proposed grading of the three items set out in paragraphs 8 to 9 above.

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