

**For discussion
on 9 June 2022**

**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 five items set out in paragraphs 3 to 6, and endorsing the proposed grading of the five 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 March 2022:

- (a) 199 items with Grade 1 status;
- (b) 394 items with Grade 2 status;
- (c) 599 items with Grade 3 status;
- (d) 332 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 March 2022, Members endorsed the proposed grading of the following three items as listed at **Annex A** –

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- (a) Stone House, Central Kwai Chung Park, San Kwai Street, Kwai Chung (Proposed Grade 2);
- (b) Ex-Lamma Police Post, Hung Shing Yeh Wan, Lamma Island (Proposed Nil Grade); and
- (c) Ex-Kowloon Docks Memorial School, No. 2 Tsing Chau Street, Hung Hom (Proposed Nil Grade).

4. Following the established practice, a one-month public consultation on the proposed grading of the items was carried out. No submissions were received for items (a) and (c). As for item (b), a total of 15 public views were received, requesting for the preservation and re-use of the ex-Lamma Police Post. The views received have been passed to relevant departments for consideration. Members are invited to confirm the grading of the three items.

Confirmation of Grading

5. As at 10 March 2022, under the list of 1 444 historic buildings, the proposed grading for six of them has been endorsed by the Board but has yet been confirmed due to various reasons, such as objections, views or enquiries 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:

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- (a) No. 60 Hollywood Road, Central (Proposed Grade 2, Item 1 at **Annex B**); and
 - (b) No. 43 Tseng Lan Shue, Sai Kung (Proposed Grade 3, Item 2 at **Annex B**).

6. The Board endorsed the proposed Grade 2 status for item (a) and proposed Grade 3 status for item (b) in March 2009. Regarding item (a), the owner, through his representative, raised objections to the proposed grading and the grading system in 2009 and between 2018 and 2020. For item (b), AMO was informed in 2011 that the owners had decided to redevelop the building. As no redevelopment has been carried out at the building so far, the owners were

informed about AMO's plan to invite AAB to consider the proposed grading of item (b) at this meeting. Objection letter was received from the owners' representative in May 2022. The Assessment Panel, after reviewing and discussing the objection letters, concluded that there was no new and reliable information on the heritage value of items (a) and (b) in the objection letters, and recommended that the proposed grading of both items should be maintained. The relevant objection letters and replies on the two items have been provided to Members for consideration before the meeting. Members are invited to confirm the grading of the two items.

New Items for Grading Assessment

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

- (a) Village houses, Nos. 24-25 Fung Wong Wu, Ta Kwu Ling, New Territories;
- (b) Lee Kee Memorial Dispensary, No. 99 Carpenter Road, Kowloon City, Kowloon;
- (c) Our Lady of Perpetual Help Chapel, No. 112 Tai O Tai Ping Street, Tai O, Lantau Island;
- (d) Epiphany of Our Lord Chapel, Sham Chung, Tai Po, New Territories; and
- (e) Sung Ming School, Tan Ka Wan, Tai Po, New Territories.

8. The proposed grading recommended by the assessment panel for items (a) - (e) are at **Annex C**. Subject to Members' endorsement, 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 five items set out in paragraphs 3 to 6 above; and

- (b) consider endorsing the proposed grading of the five items set out in paragraphs 7 to 8 above.

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