

**For discussion
on 7 September 2023**

**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 two items set out in paragraphs 4 and 5, and endorsing the proposed grading of the seven items set out in paragraphs 6 to 8 below.

BACKGROUND

2. Members are invited to note the position in assessing historic buildings as at the last meeting held on 8 June 2023:

- (a) 200 items with Grade 1 status;
- (b) 407 items with Grade 2 status;
- (c) 619 items with Grade 3 status;
- (d) 347 items with no grading;
- (e) 46 items with no further processing due to their declaration as monuments; and
- (f) 27 items with no further processing due to their demolition or substantial alteration.

3. The grading system is administrative in nature and does not affect the ownership, usage, management and development rights of the buildings concerned.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Proposed Grading Endorsed at the Last Meeting

4. At the meeting on 8 June 2023, Members endorsed the proposed grading of the following two items as listed at **Annex A**:

- (a) The Residence of Tang Pak Kau, No. 20 Tsz Tong Tsuen, Kam Tin, Yuen Long, New Territories (item 612); and
- (b) Battery Path Steps and Balustrades, Central, Hong Kong (item N4).

5. Following the established practice, a one-month public consultation on the proposed grading of the aforesaid two items was carried out. A total of two submissions on item (a) were received during the public consultation period. Both submissions support the proposed Grade 1 status while expressing some comments on the grading boundary. The submissions have been presented to the Historic Buildings Assessment Panel (“the Assessment Panel”) which, having considered all information gathered, recommends keeping the grading boundary of item (a) unchanged. No submissions were received for item (b). All submissions received have been provided to Members for consideration before the meeting. Members are invited to confirm the grading of the two items set out in paragraph 4 above.

Review of Grading and Assessment of New Item

6. The grading of the following item has been reviewed by the Assessment Panel and suggested to be upgraded from Grade 2 to proposed Grade 1 in view of some new and reliable historical information obtained:

- (a) Po Leung Kuk, Main Building, No. 66 Leighton Road, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong.

7. In addition, the Assessment Panel has assessed the heritage value and completed the grading assessment of the following six items:

- (a) Stone Steps of Shing Wong Street, Sheung Wan, Hong Kong;
- (b) No. 30 Kam Shan, Tai Po, New Territories;
- (c) To Kwa Wan Substation, No. 82 To Kwa Wan Road, Kowloon;
- (d) Dam of the Former Jordan Valley Reservoir, Kwun Tong, Kowloon;

- (e) Hung Hom (Three Districts) Kaifong Association, No. 66 Gillies Avenue South, Hung Hom, Kowloon; and
- (f) Hung Hom Clinic, No. 22 Station Lane, Hung Hom, Kowloon.

8. The recommendations of the Assessment Panel for items in paragraphs 6 and 7 above are at **Annex B**. 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. Members will be informed if any views are received for further consideration before finalising their grading.

ADVICE SOUGHT

9. Members are invited to:
- (a) consider confirming the grading of the two items set out in paragraphs 4 and 5 above; and
 - (b) consider endorsing the proposed grading of the seven items set out in paragraphs 6 to 8 above.

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