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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE
ANTIQUITIES ADVISORY BOARD**

**HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT IN RESPECT OF
SITE FORMATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE WORKS FOR
PUBLIC HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT
A KUNG NGAM VILLAGE, EASTERN –
INVESTIGATION, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION**

PURPOSE

This paper seeks Members' views on the findings of the Heritage Impact Assessment ("HIA") in respect of the Site Formation and Infrastructure Works for Public Housing Development at A Kung Ngam Village, Eastern – Investigation, Design and Construction by the Civil Engineering and Development Department ("CEDD").

HIA MECHANISM

2. The HIA in respect of the Site Formation and Infrastructure Works for Public Housing Development at A Kung Ngam Village was conducted in accordance with the HIA mechanism of the Development Bureau under Technical Circular (Works) No. 1/2022. The HIA mechanism highlights that every effort should be made to minimise the possible adverse impact on "Heritage Site". In the submission to the Public Works Subcommittee of the Legislative Council, the works agent is required to include a "Heritage Implications" paragraph to be cleared by the Antiquities and Monuments Office ("AMO"), stating clearly whether the project will affect any "Heritage Sites" and if so, the mitigation measures, as endorsed by the Antiquities Advisory Board ("AAB") to be implemented.

THE PROJECT

3. The project is undertaken by CEDD for provision of essential infrastructures and site formation allowing for the spatial layout (including residential blocks and other facilities) and the development parameters supporting the future public housing development by the Hong Kong Housing Authority (“HKHA”).

4. One declared monument, namely Old Lei Yue Mun Barracks, Block 7, Lei Yue Mun, Chai Wan, Hong Kong, is identified within the HIA study area but outside the works boundary. The Old Lei Yue Mun Barracks is among the earliest strategic military fortifications built in Hong Kong. Block 7 at the north end of the main barracks was built between 1890 to 1895 and was among the earliest buildings built. The Royal Artillery first used it as officers’ quarters. In the post-war period, the Hong Kong Military Service Corps used the site as a training centre.

5. Besides, two graded historic buildings, namely the Main Building and Villa of Salesian Mission House, No. 18 Chai Wan Road, Hong Kong (both are Grade 2 historic buildings), are identified within the HIA study area but outside the works boundary. The Salesian Mission House was formally established by Salesian Society of Hong Kong in 1933. During the Japanese invasion in December 1941, the Salesian Mission House was used by the British Army as an Army Medical Store and later occupied by the Japanese Army. The Salesian Mission House reopened in 1946.

HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT

6. CEDD has submitted the HIA report on the Site Formation and Infrastructure Works for Public Housing Development at A Kung Ngam Village, Eastern based on the preliminary master layout plan agreed with HKHA. Given that the declared monument and the two graded historic buildings will be preserved in-situ and that the impact on them will be kept to a minimum through the proposed measures, AMO considers the works proposal agreeable from the heritage conservation perspective. The salient points of the HIA report and AMO’s comments are set out in Annexes A and B respectively. The full HIA report can be accessed via

the link: https://www.aab.gov.hk/filemanager/aab/common/203meeting/HIA_report_AKNV.pdf.

7. Representatives of CEDD and their project heritage consultants will present the HIA report at the meeting.

ADVICE SOUGHT

8. Members are invited to comment and advise on the findings of the HIA.

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