For discussion on 7 March 2024

# MEMORANDUM FOR THE ANTIQUITIES ADVISORY BOARD

### ASSESSMENT OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

#### PURPOSE

This paper invites Members to consider confirming the grading of the four items set out in paragraphs 4 and 5, and endorsing the proposed grading of the three 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 14 December 2023:

- (a) 202 items with Grade 1 status;
- (b) 408 items with Grade 2 status;
- (c) 620 items with Grade 3 status;
- (d) 349 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 14 December 2023, Members endorsed the proposed grading of the following four items as follows:

- (a) Hung Hom (Three Districts) Kaifong Association, No. 66 Gillies Avenue South, Hung Hom, Kowloon (item N74) – proposed Grade 3;
- (b) "Birds Bridge", Queen's Road West, Hong Kong (item N1) proposed Grade 2;
- (c) Village house, No. 19 Muk Wu, Ta Kwu Ling, New Territories (item N91) – proposed Grade 3; and
- (d) "The Nest", No. 21 Ling Shan Road, Fanling, New Territories (item N204) – proposed Grade 3.

5. Following the established practice, a one-month public consultation on the proposed grading of the aforesaid four items was carried out. No submissions were received. Members are invited to confirm the grading of the four 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 it is suggested to revise its grading as follows in view of some new and reliable information obtained:

 (a) Kwong Fook Tsz, No. 40 Tai Ping Shan Street, Sheung Wan, Hong Kong (item 1092) – from Grade 2 to proposed Grade 1.

7. In addition, the Assessment Panel has assessed the heritage value and completed the grading assessment of the following two items and thus recommended their proposed grading as follows:

(a) Nos. 386 and 388 Lai Chi Kok Road, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon (item N365) – proposed Grade 3; and

(b) Nos. 53 and 55 Shantung Street, Mong Kok, Kowloon (item N366) – proposed No Grading.

8. 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 four items set out in paragraphs 4 and 5 above; and
  - (b) consider endorsing the proposed grading of the three items set out in paragraphs 6 to 8 above.

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