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Dear Sirs/Madams,

I am writing to urge the Antiquities Advisories Board to consider designating the building as a Grade 1 building.

My view is that the entire Government Hill has a unique meaning to Hong Kong, being once the centre of political administration. The buildings of the 1950s have their own aesthetic values. On Ice House Street, we can see the simple but elegantly shaped West Wing with its admirable granite facade.

In view of the vast scale of demolition which has taken place in Central, and recent demolition of large number of older buildings, e.g. On Lan Street, 2 Kennedy Road, the continued existence of the West Wing becomes particularly valuable.

I do not see any reason why we cannot refurbish the West Wing, rather than destroying it creating tonnes of construction wastes. The benefit of yet another modern office building here will at most be marginal.

There are vast opportunities that we conserve what still remain in Central and integrate them into a unique network of heritage. In this respect, the Government Hill including the West Wing, Central Police Station, the Botanical and Zoological Park, the older Central business area, Sheung Wan ... will form part of the historical district of Hong Kong. Moreover, there is vast opportunity to integrate all these through a better walking network, streetscape, landscaping and low speed zones. Cutting a piece out of the already small Government Hill will be a great pity.

I therefore urge the AAB not to lose this opportunity to redesignate the West Wing as Grade 1, and to acknowledge that the entire building complex of Government Hill is a single entity.

Yours faithfully,

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