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I SUPPORT the Antiquities Advisory Board confirming Heritage Grade 1 on the Central Government Offices site and all its buildings and that the Board recommends Monument Status to the Antiquities Authority.

In my mind, the entire precinct – between Upper Albert Road, Glenealy, Ice House Street, Queens Road Central and Garden Road – has a unique historical and cultural character formed by various historic structures, mature vegetation, and historic stone walls; in its entirety, Government Hill has a clear place in the Hong Kong's "cognitive map" and has undeniable heritage value in the hearts and minds of the people of Hong Kong.

The grading of the CGO site is necessary to protect the West Wing from redevelopment, which would permanently scar and compromise the integrity of this historical site.

Sincerely yours,

Oren Thatcher