

## **Final Heritage Impact Baseline Report**

### **Executive Summary**

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Literature review supplemented by built heritage survey has identified that there are rich cultural heritage resources within the Study Area. 1 declared monument, 1 Grade I, 4 Grade II and 1 Grade III historic buildings, 3 archaeological sites and part of the Lung Yeuk Tau Heritage Trail are located within the NDAs. In addition, 21 pre-1950 and 10 post-1950 historic buildings, 83 pre-1950 and 59 post-1950 landscape features, 3 sites of cultural/historical events, 3 fung shui woodlands/trees and 28 areas or spots of archaeological interests are identified within the NDAs. Potential impacts to these cultural heritage resources would be a concern.

To supplement the desk-top review, separate grave survey is being conducted. The need for archaeological investigation will also be assessed. In case archaeological investigation is required, the scope will be defined and a qualified archaeologist will be employed to obtain the field data for the cultural heritage impact assessment. The NDA development proposals will be formulated making reference to the findings of these surveys.

Cultural heritage resources provide rich information reflecting the local history and architectural characters of a place. Such resources provide opportunities for cultural tourism development and places of recreation. Abandoned heritage resources could also be revitalised to provide new use for education, tourism or recreation purposes. Cultural/historical events could sustain the intangible cultural heritage and attract tourists.

The cultural heritage resources within the area will be taken into account when formulating the development proposals for the NDAs. Potential impact to the declared monument will be avoided. Protection of the pre-1950 historic buildings and landscape features will also be taken into account during the planning process.