

Progress Update

Amendments to First Edition of the Resource Kit for the Blue House Cluster

The second edition of the resource kit for the Blue House cluster, incorporating three amendments to the first edition, was placed onto Development Bureau's heritage conservation website on 30 September 2009 for downloading by interested parties. For easy reference, the three amendments made to the first edition of the resource kit are listed as follows:

(1) Section II, sub-section 2.1.1, third paragraph

- Original text in first edition:

“Apart from providing living accommodation for the lower class Chinese community, 1/F also accommodated Yat Chong College, the only English School in the area before the Second World War. Kang Ham Free School, which offered free education for children throughout the territory, has been located on 2/F to 3/F of 72 Stone Nullah Lane. The Chamber of Commerce for Fishmongers also had a meeting place on 3/F of 74 Stone Nullah Lane.”

- Amended text (in italics) in second edition:

“Apart from providing living accommodation for the lower class Chinese community, *1/F of 72 Stone Nullah Lane also accommodated Kang Ham Free School, which offered free education for children throughout the territory. Yat Chong College, the only English School in the area before the Second World War, has been located on 2/F to 3/F of the same block.* The Chamber of Commerce for Fishmongers also had a meeting place on 3/F of 74 Stone Nullah Lane.”

(2) Section X, sub-section 10.3(b), first paragraph

- Original text in first edition:

With reference to the examples of uses in paragraph 10.1, uses as Chinese medicine shop/ shop and services, social service/ community centre (Social Welfare Facility), education/ visitor centre and exhibition space (Exhibition or Convention Hall) are under Column 1 of the Notes to the Urban Renewal Authority Development Scheme Plan in which uses are always permitted. Uses as art studio (Office), residential flats for sitting occupants and hostel

(Flat) are under Column 2 in which case approval from the TPB is required. For all uses, it is required to provide a public open space of a minimum of 220 sq. metres within the site.

- Amended text (in italics) in second edition:

With reference to the examples of uses in paragraph 10.1, uses as Chinese medicine shop/ shop and services, social service/ community centre (Social Welfare Facility), education/ visitor centre and exhibition space (Exhibition or Convention Hall) are under Column 1 of the Notes to the Urban Renewal Authority Development Scheme Plan in which uses are always permitted. *Uses such as art studio (i.e. regarded as 'Office') and residential flats are under Column 2 in which case approval from the TPB is required. However, if accommodation is provided to the staff of, for example, art studio, educational institutional or religious institution, such hostel is permissible if planning approval for the above uses is obtained under Section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance.* For all uses, it is required to provide a public open space of a minimum of 220 sq. metres within the site.

(3) Appendix IV, table on “summary of building information”, “Original Use”, description under “72-74A Stone Nullah Lane”

- Original text in first edition:

“Worshipping (Wah To Temple on G/F), medical (Lin Chun Hin Clinic on G/F), educational (Yat Chong College on 1/F, Kang Ham Free School on 2/F & 3/F), commercial (Kwong Wo Ho and Len Hing Chinese Wine Shop on G/F, Chamber of Commerce for Fishmongers on 3/F) and residential uses;”

- Amended text (in italics) in second edition:

“Worshipping (Wah To Temple on G/F), medical (Lin Chun Hin Clinic on G/F), *educational (Kang Ham Free School on 1/F and Yat Chong College on 2/F & 3/F)*, commercial (Kwong Wo Ho and Len Hing Chinese Wine Shop on G/F, Chamber of Commerce for Fishmongers on 3/F) and residential uses;”