

## **10. CULTURAL HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

### **10.1 Background**

The Study Area includes several sites of special archaeological significance. A study has been conducted by the Antiquities and Monuments Office (AMO) to determine the known or potential significance of these areas with respect to the Project. This involves field investigations of archaeological potential and will include proposals for salvage operations in case of significant finds, identification and full recording of all buildings, other artefacts or man-made or culturally significant landscape features, and assessments of the potential for their preservation in situ or by relocation.

### **10.2 Findings**

The Report produced by AMO (see Appendix 10) highlighted some sites which could be impacted directly or indirectly by the Project. A review of the report was carried out by MCL and a summary of the findings is presented below.

#### ***10.2.1 Ha Wun Yiu***

This comprises the village of Ha Wun Yiu which is reported as a known archaeological kiln site. The report concludes that care must be taken in the design and implementation stages to ensure that they are not impacted directly or indirectly in any way by the proposed works as areas closest to the highway may still be infringed upon during the works. In this regard specification clauses will need to be included in the construction contract to ensure that: construction works in the proximity is carried out as unobtrusively as possible to avoid damage to the site and discouragement of the visitors to the site. Moreover, monitoring during the construction works is required.

#### ***10.2.2 Mui Shui Hang***

This comprises a fairly flat area of land at the base of gently sloping foothills. The report concludes the unit has medium archaeological impact and should be monitored if it will be affected directly.

#### ***10.2.3 West of Lam Kam Roundabout***

The report indicates that the area is private and is currently the site of a number of commercial nurseries. The report concludes the unit has medium archaeological impact and should be

monitored if it will be affected directly.

#### **10.2.4 Wai Tau Village**

This encompasses the area of the Wai Tau archaeological site. The report concludes the unit is a listed archaeological site although no archaeological material was encountered. The report recommends that the site be monitored if road widening are to be impacted.

#### **10.2.5 Kiu Tau**

The southern portion of the unit is currently being utilised for a commercial nursery and is covered in cultivated plants whilst the northern portion is overgrown with trees and shrubs. The report concludes that the unit has medium archaeological impact and should be monitored if it will be affected directly.

#### **10.2.6 North of Tai Wo Village**

This area located to the north of Tai Wo village and part of the land is currently used for parking and contains a sizeable area of largely abandoned fields. The report concludes that the area falls outside the area that will be impacted by the works and that it should be monitored if the works are to impact it indirectly. In our opinion the works will not affect the unit indirectly.

#### **10.2.7 Tai Hang to Nam Wa Po**

This unit consists of housing and agricultural plots and various areas used for storage. The report concludes the unit has medium archaeological impact and should be monitored if it will be affected directly.

#### **10.2.8 Wai Tau to Tai Hang**

Most of this area is built up or under cultivation. The report concludes the unit has medium archaeological impact and should be monitored if it will be affected directly.

#### **10.2.9 Yuen Chau Tsai**

This unit is the archaeological site of Yuen Chau Tsai. The report concludes that this unit is a listed archaeological site as well as a declared a monument. Monitoring during the construction is required. Moreover specification clauses will need to be included in the construction contract to ensure that construction works in the proximity is carried out unobtrusively as possible to

avoid damage to the site and discouragement of visitors to the site.