

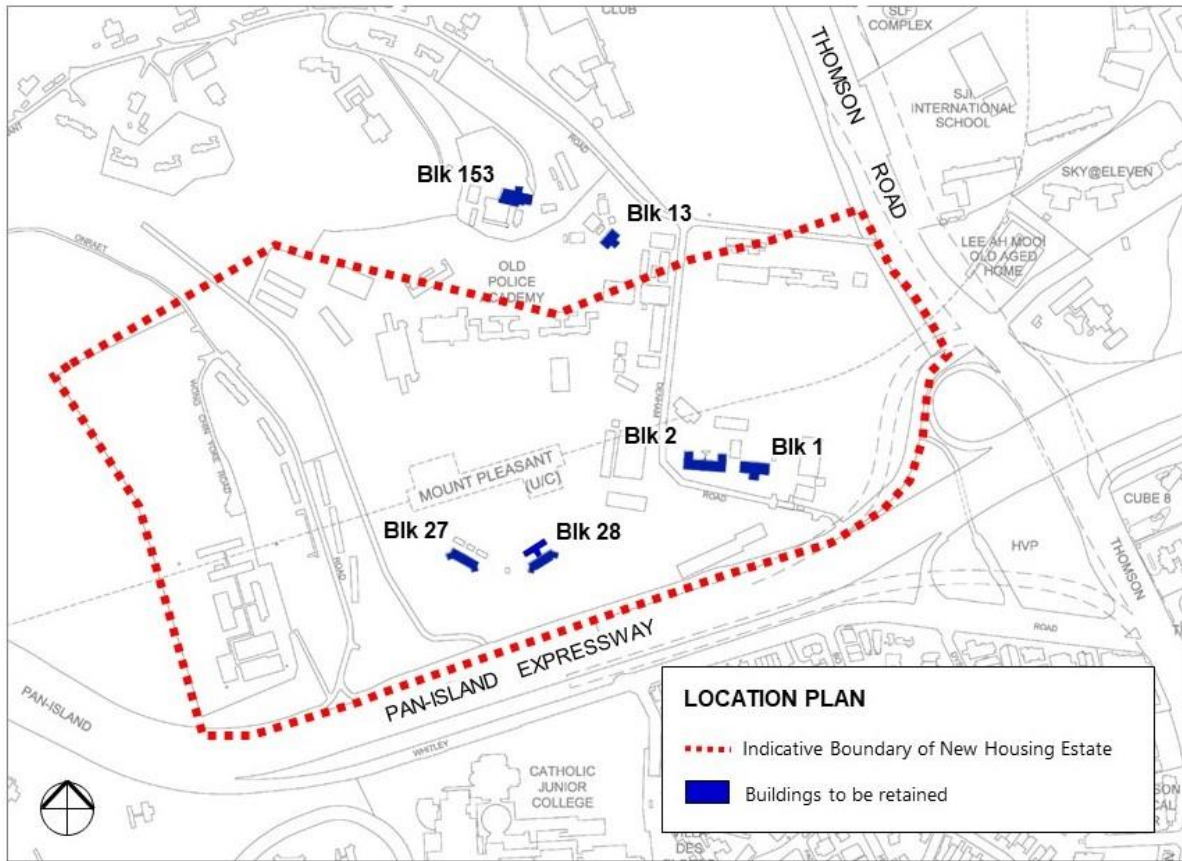
## **ANNEX B**

### **Summary of heritage study findings**

The study yielded the following key findings:

- The Old Police Academy played a vital role in the development of the Straits Settlements police force. It marked the first time Singapore had a permanent institution to train and professionalise its law enforcement body. As a centre for innovation in police training and education of recruits, the Old Police Academy played a vital role in the professional development of police officers from the 1920s to 2005 until its closure in 2005.
- The layout of the buildings, grounds and associated features reflects the history of police training and education, institutional design, social attitudes and economic development over eight decades. These buildings and structures have substantial and unique associations with particular communities, such as current and former Singapore Police Force (SPF) personnel, SPF National Servicemen and Singaporeans.

Based on the assessment of the significance of all buildings and open areas at the Old Police Academy, Blocks 1, 2, 27, 28, 153, the Old Drill Shed, Swimming Pool, Parade Square and the Recreation Field are considered the most significant buildings and open areas in the history of the police force in Singapore. This is due to their strong organisational and historical associations, architectural and aesthetic values, as well as deep communal associations with the police in Singapore and Malaysia.



**Blocks 1, 2, 13, 27 and 28** were built between 1926 and 1930 as part of the original Old Police Academy. Their geographical distribution reflects how the buildings had been laid out according to the terrain: administrative and training functions were located on flat lower grounds, while accommodation and medical facilities were placed on higher and hillier grounds.

The Neoclassical **Blocks 1 and 2** were the main administrative buildings situated at the original main entrance of Old Police Academy at Whitley Road. They were physical, visual, and symbolic landmarks for trainees, providing the backdrop for parade ground events and graduation photoshoots.



*Block 1*



*Block 2*

**Blocks 27 and 28** are a pair of colonial-style bungalows used as senior officers' accommodation. Each bungalow features a unique butterfly-shaped semi-detached layout with full-length verandahs, and were designed with tropical sensibilities while retaining its English roots. Situated on high ground, they overlook the academy and are visible from the Pan-Island Expressway (PIE).



*Block 27*



*Block 28*

**Block 13** is a unique building in the Old Police Academy which began construction in 1928 as a clinic and hospital ward. It also served as the primary entry point to the medical centre. Built in the style of plantation houses raised on masonry piers, the building was designed with surrounding verandahs and large timber shutters for natural ventilation.



*Block 13*

Just outside the academy is an art deco bungalow at 153 Mount Pleasant Road known as the **Senior Police Officers' Mess (SPOM)**. Built in 1931, this building is deemed as a foundation of the force's esprit-de-corps, having hosted many formal gatherings, official functions and events, such as Dining-In, festive celebrations, weddings, networking and socialisation events for serving and retired officers.



*Blk 153 - Senior Police Officers' Mess (SPOM)*