

## 68-74 THOMSON ROAD

- Four-storey building, plus one-storey backyard, built in 1964
- Four commercial units at the first storey (all tenanted)
- 12 residential units (10 tenanted, two occupied by owners)

## Building to be demolished for safety reasons

- The four-storey mixed-use building at 68 to 74 Thomson Road slated for demolition was built in 1964 on shallow foundation. Part of the foundation was altered in 1994 as a section of the building had to be propped up by piles after an adjacent building was demolished.
- In 2013, it was assessed that the impact of the upcoming North-South Corridor (NSC) project on the building would be manageable.
- A civil contract was awarded in 2018 to build an underground tunnel for the NSC 6m away from the building. A 2020 assessment found that the building's foundation, which is not uniform and is built on soft ground, needed to be strengthened to withstand excavation works for the tunnel.
- In September last year, building occupants were asked to vacate the premises temporarily. All moved out by February this year.
- In January, it was found that the building's concrete was too weak to allow for foundation strengthening works. The Building and Construction Authority's own assessment in February concurred with the finding.
- The Government acquired the building on April 16 as it was impractical and risky to strengthen it. The building's 16 units must be returned to the state by end-July and the building will be demolished by end-2021.

