

MEMORANDUM TO CABINET

BY THE

HON. MINISTER OF PUBLIC BUILDING AND WORKS

ERECTION OF A RESTAURANT AT THE OLIVE GROVE, PWALLES, ST PAUL'S BAY

Mr Carmelo Zammit La Rosa has submitted an application for the erection of a restaurant with quarters on part of the olive grove forming Government Tent. No. 1449, Pwales, St Paul's Bay, granted on lease for 8 years from the 9th October, 1962, at £7.10. per annum.

Originally the Town Planning Board was against any erection on the site and preferred to leave the site as an open space. This view was mainly motivated by the drawing presented by applicant which was considered much too large for the site. Because of this the request was refused.

The Town Planning Board re-examined the request which was considered favourably. However, they are of opinion that the site is too large for a restaurant and suggest that the area to be developed should not be more than 135' x 80' inclusive of open space and verandahs. The building should not be more than one storey high, and that no drains should be visible from outside. In view of the proposed by-pass which is designed to cut across Government Tent. 1449 the actual site to be developed will have to be pointed out by this Department.

This application was referred to the Minister of Trade, Industry and Agriculture, who did not find any objection, provided applicant was prepared to comply with certain obligations to be imposed by the Agriculture Department and to defray the cost himself, to carry out these obligations.

Although the application is not for an hotel there is but a certain amount of identity of ideas since a restaurant on this site is considered as another post in the chain of touristic development. Applicant will still have to negotiate with the Commissioner of Land for a revision of the deed of lease.

Hon. Ministers are requested to consider whether further action should be taken on this application, and permit issued.

23rd January, 1968.