

MEMORANDUM FOR CABINET BY THE HON. MINISTER OF
WORKS AND HOUSING

Removal of a section of Wignacourt Acqueduct

That part of the Wignacourt Acqueduct between Fleur-De-Lys and Hamrun, is not serving any useful purpose. Its only "use" is historical and a great length of this acqueduct still stands between Fleur-De-Lys and Rabat.

There seems to be very little, if any, scope in not removing that part of the acqueduct which is hindering the widening of a heavily trafficked road and which is screening buildings of relatively modern construction.

The widening of the road is considered essential because of the present day volume of traffic, which is bound to increase in the future.

The Antiquities Committee have on several occasions consistently refused requests for the removal of the acqueduct in whole or in part. It is pointed out, however, that in this instance, only a part of this is affected, the remaining unaffected position would, it is suggested, adequately retain the historical importance of the acqueduct without causing inconvenience to traffic.

Hon. Members are asked to agree that that part of the Wignacourt Acqueduct running between Fleur-De-Lys and Hamrun be removed with a view to the widening of the road.

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