

MEMORANDUM TO CABINET BY THE
HON. MINISTER OF WORKS & HOUSING

Provision of alternative accommodation
to the tenants of premises affected by
the Sliema Regional Road project

Attached herewith is a set of four plans marked I, II, III and IV showing in detail the premises at Palm Square, Msida, which are affected by or proposed for the replanning which is due to take place in connection with the Sliema Regional Road project. The existing premises are marked A, B, C, D, E, F, G and H on Plan II. Also shown on this plan are a test room (X), a sub-station (Y) and a petrol filling station (Z)

The sites acquired by Government to house the evictees are shown marked A and B on Plan I. The detailed layout of the buildings for sites A and B is shown on Plans III and IV respectively. The block proposed to be erected on Site C on Plan I is not meant to provide alternative accommodation to the displaced tenants (excluding the Empire Bar and store room for Shell Filling Station) but to hide from view the sub-standard development at l-Ghajj Tal-Hasselin and to provide a fitting entry to the road. In regard to this block the proposal has been put forward, because of difficult and costly foundations, to grant the site on lease after a call for tenders for development by private enterprise. This proposal is still under consideration.

Tenants of affected premises are proposed to be allocated in the new premises as follows.

Plan I

- Site A. No. 1 Palm Square, Empire Bar will eventually be provided with premises in Block C Plan I
- Site B. No. 2 Palm Square/195 Valley Road. Tenanted by Mr. Anthony Buhagiar and family. Accommodation in Block B plan I, detail in plan III Flat J Third Floor.
- Site C Occupied by Labour Party Club. May be provided with premises at Site A plan I detail as per plan IV.
- Site D. No. 6 Palm Square tenanted by Mr. George Xuereb and Family will be taking up flat K at First floor as per plan III.
- Site E No. 7 Palm Square at present a Grocer and Butcher shop run by Mr. Michael Abela and his brother who will be provided with sites E and E on plan III
- Site F. No. 210 Immaculate Conception Street a green grocer and tenement by Mrs. Carmela Stivala and family who will be given shop F and flat J at first floor as per plan III.

- Site G Ground floor occupied by carpenter Bajada who will be given shop G on plan III.
- Site H The first floor is at present occupied by Mr. E. Zerafa and family who will be given flat J on the second floor as per plan III.
- Site X Will be shifted to test room X as shown on plan III
- Site Y Will be shifted to sub-station marked Y on plan IV
- Site Z Petrol Filling Station. Will be provided with a store room in Block C on Plan II and will be given the alternative site indicated on same plan. Details are being worked out.

Mrs. Gatt and family formerly of St. Louis Street who was evicted due to her house becoming a dangerous structure as a result of the blasting in the Regional Road will be given flat K on second floor as per plan III.

The plans are self explanatory. No written agreement has been entered into with any of the tenants about the allocation of alternative accommodation and a reshuffling of the tenants proposed to be housed in Block B (Plan I) is still possible if considered essential or desirable.

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