

MEMORANDUM TO CABINET BY THE HON MINISTER OF PUBLIC BUILDING AND WORKSErection of a Hotel at Salini Bay

An application has been received for the erection of a 300 bed-room hotel on the site of a war time battery at "Il-hodba l-Bajda" overlooking Salini Bay, shown edged blue on enclosed site plan.

This application has been examined by the Town Planning Board who do not object to a hotel being up this site provided the building does not exceed 4 storey in height.

The Director of Public Works agrees that a hotel should be allowed on this site, but does not agree as regards the height of four storeys. A building of this magnitude if raised some 40 to 50 feet, would dominate the landscape and would quite overpower the hill on which it stands. The Director of Public Works is of the opinion that the Building should be made to hug the hill and to follow contours, it should be broken up as much as possible usually into small units, and none of those should be allowed to rise more than 25 feet above the site levels. The design must be such as to give the impression of a cluster of small buildings rather than one large dominating structure.

Construction should be in stone on the outside and door and window openings should approximate traditional style and dimensions as much as possible.

The site is Government owned, and if the Hon Ministers approve the development of this site, a public call for tenders will be issued.

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