

MEMORANDUM TO CABINET BY THE HON. MINISTER OF PUBLIC
BUILDING AND WORKS

Erection of a Restaurant and Lounge Bar at near
St. Rocco Baths, Marsamxett Harbour

An application has been filed for the construction of a restaurant and Lounge Bar on a Government owned site, near the old St. Rocco Baths at Marsamxett Harbour.

The Director of Public Works considers that a building of the type proposed by applicant, that is entirely below road level - except possibly for the access stairs - and not encroaching on the sea, would not harm the view of Valletta and its bastions even when viewed from the sea.

Moreover this particular strip of coast is not used for bathing and so the erection of a restaurant would not take away from the citizens an existing amenity.

In time, and with the growing need for utilizing every useable stretch of coast, the strip from St. Rocco Bath to the old ferry landing stage could be turned into a rock beach. Perhaps the solution would be to grant the base of a plot of land for development as a restaurant on condition that another stretch of coast be turned into a beach for public use.

Hon. Ministers are kindly requested to decide whether the erection of a restaurant is objectionable.

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