

MEMORANDUM FOR CABINET BY THE
MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

The forced acquisition of private property for the construction of the Hamrun By Pass has been completed with the exception of the stretch at Hamrun between Canon Road and Quarries Street.

It has now been found expedient to amend the original layout, and it is therefore suggested that the acquisition should be extended to include a larger area of privately owned property.

As originally planned, this By Pass envisaged a 60 foot wide dual carriage way passing in the form of an underground tunnel underneath High Street. Development along its route, was subjected to a setting back of the alignment to allow an open space on either side of the By Pass.

Such open spaces would consist of green open spaces in the stretch between Canon Road and the lane at the back of the Apap Institute grounds, and would take the form of service roads, from this lane on to Quarries Street.

It was also intended to develop the space overlying the underground tunnel by the construction of Government owned dwellings.

The acquisition of privately owned property had therefore been originally limited to the part coloured yellow on attached Plan LD 4/71, reflecting thereby the area actually occupied by the By Pass itself.

It has now been suggested that the extent of the property to be forcibly acquired be made as indicated on attached plan LD 4A/71 to consist as follows:-

1. The inclusion of property (of which only part was previously earmarked for acquisition), which falls within the proposed green space in the stretch between Canon Street and High Road (namely plots 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 11, 12).
2. The acquisition of the area earmarked for a roundabout at the prolongation of Sacred Heart Street.

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3. The acquisition of the above mentioned property will make the planning of the By Pass along this stretch immediately effective.

It is moreover being suggested that the extent of the property being acquired from the Apap Institute be decreased in order to lessen the damaging effect and depreciation of the Institute's value, by altering the scheme as follows:-

1. Exclusion of the roundabout, adjoining the Institute.
2. The proposed green strip on either side of the tunnel between the lane and High Street would be eliminated.
3. No buildings would be built on the area overlying the tunnel, which falls part of the Institute grounds.

These open spaces would revert to the Apap Institute to be retained as the Institute's amenities.

On the other hand, the area hatched violet would be acquired by Government, to be developed by the construction thereupon of housing units.

The implementation of the acquisition of private property as suggested will involve a net increase of about £8000.

Attached Plan LD 4B/71 indicates in yellow colour the Government acquired lands which will be utilised as roads and open spaces.

The parts hatched black and violet will be built upon and developed by Government.

The area bordered blue indicates the residual lands which will eventually be retained by the Apap Institute.

Attached Plan LD 4C/71 shows the Hamrun By Pass in yellow colour, the streets, service roads and ancillary roundabouts in red colour whilst the open green strips are shown in green colour.

Hon. Ministers are asked to decide in principle whether Government should proceed with the planning of the Hamrun By Pass as amended and the compulsory acquisition of the land, coloured yellow on plan LD 4A/71.

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