



THE GOZO BUSINESS CHAMBER

The Brokerage, Level 4A, St Marta Street, Victoria VCT 2551, Gozo, Malta

Tel: (+365) 21550305

E-mail : info@gozobusinesschamber.org

Website : www.gozobusinesschamber.org

PR GBC02/2021

Date: 25/02/21

Protecting Gozo from Unsustainable Development

The Chamber notes and supports the Gozitan mayors and the Gozo Regional Council in voicing its concerns on the unsustainable development currently happening in Gozo, and supports its request for the Planning Authority to take effective action.

The present rate of development is ruining the village cores of the island of Gozo and the urban fabric, which development does not take into consideration the needs and concerns of our local communities. Large development projects in villages and other localities in Gozo are unsustainable. This type of development does not take into consideration the impact this is having on the urban fabric of our villages and towns, and the impact on local communities.

While the Gozo Business Chamber does support development, this should be sustainable, in line with what can be accommodated within our localities, and which respects the urban texture and traditional character of our villages and towns. While the Chamber acknowledges the importance of the construction industry for our economy, the Chamber believes that through a sustainable model of development new economic niches can be created for this industry, such as in the renovation of old buildings to make them more sustainable. To this end the Chamber has already made a number of proposals to the Government. It is important that our heritage is respected and that adverse impacts on our communities are avoided.

Incorporated by Public Deed on 20th December 1999