

## Changes to new Parliament House approved



**The original impression of the new Parliament House.**

Changes to the facade of the new Parliament House in Freedom Square were approved by the Malta Environment and Planning Authority this morning.

The main changes are to the facade where louvers carved out of large hard stone will now be used. The louvers will be made to look like eroded stone, shading the windows behind them.


The building will also be 45 centimetres higher and 25 centimetres lower.

Parliament House will consist of two blocks, of which one will be the Chamber of Parliament and the other will be offices. The blocks will be built on columns to give an impression of space at the City entrance. They will be separated to allow pedestrians to see St James Cavalier behind them.


Other changes include the relocation of an access staircase, previously located externally between the two buildings, to the internal part of the office block.

At all levels of the chamber block, the facade overlooking the office block will be extended in a straight line up to the facade overlooking Republic Street and the photovoltaic cells at roof level will be laid flat on the roof, as opposed to being laid at an angle in the previous approved design.

## Comments

Mike Magri(2 hours, 34 minutes ago) 


"...The building will also be 45 centimetres higher and 25 centimetres lower...." What is going to be `Higher` and `Lower`.. The front, the back, where...?? Does this mean then that we are going to have to Pay MORE to Renzo Piano for this change in his plans etc...?? Any way.... As far as i am concerned, the way this whole project is planned, is totaly A Big Fat Eye Sore..... Period....

P.Cassar(3 hours, 18 minutes ago) 


AND WE'RE PAYING MILLIONS FOR THIS MONSTROSITY ON ENTERING VALLETTA.

WHAT SHALL WE SAY TO VISITORS.....THIS IS A SUBLIME WORK.....IMAGINE LA VALETT SEEING THIS !!!!!!!  
POOR MALTA.

POOR MALTA AND THE MALTESE

anton borg(4 hours, 2 minutes ago) 


This design surely deserves the "Carbuncle of the year" award. It's absolutely ghastly.

ASpiteri(5 hours, 24 minutes ago) 

[www.stopprojectpiano.com](http://www.stopprojectpiano.com)

DVella(4 hours, 28 minutes ago)

[www.notofalsenostalgiconbsessions.com](http://www.notofalsenostalgiconbsessions.com)

Stefan Spiteri(6 hours, 4 minutes ago) 

I'm not criticizing our gov but at this time you have to adapt crises are every were you think we are not going to get hit


Spain,Uk,Greece and many more and these are better country then us! so why we are acting as heroes if we never know what will strike us next..

apgrech(6 hours, 27 minutes ago) 

Look at the baroque architecture - the sculpture and beautiful columns. Who designed this? Was it Lorenzo Gafa'? It matches the beauty of our capital.

DVella(4 hours, 49 minutes ago)


Are you aware that we are not living in the seventeenth century?? . . . then again, perhaps not!

Dylan Olliver(7 hours, 14 minutes ago) 

Could someone kindly explain how the building can be 45 centimetres higher and 25 centimetres lower ???

john vella(1 hour, 58 minutes ago)


Dear Dylan Oliver the answer is very elementary. It is being PLANNED to accommodate the tall persons if they prefer to stand in the front, and accommodate the short persons if they prefer to stand at the back. It is very simple logic! ):

john vella(7 hours, 18 minutes ago) 

Sorry! Is this Flash News!

Can anyone doubt that the outcome could have been different!

Only in Malta

Manuel Cassar(7 hours, 29 minutes ago) 

The usual gemgem is back again. Whilst I do understand that every individual has a particular idea of how the Valletta Entrance project should have been done, I cannot understand how everyone is failing to understand that this project will not only be much better than the current slum-like entrance and square, but it will also breathe new life into our capital city. We should never forget that whilst Valletta is a historical jewel, it is not a museum city like Mdina, and therefore we must protect what is left of the past but also embrace the future through contemporary design and architecture. Modern architecture has been shown to embrace the past and compliment it in many projects such as in Athens, Graz and London and I therefore cannot understand why this cannot happen in Valletta.

Adrian Borg cardona(7 hours, 14 minutes ago)

Is it sdifficult to understand that Valletta is tiny when compared to Athens, Graz and London (!! ) and that therefore an ultra-modern building in a baroque city as Valletta is, will stand out like a carbuncle on the face of a beauty?

DVella(6 hours, 58 minutes ago)

Baroque my eye!! The only people that insisently refer to Valletta as a Baroque city are invariably those whose grasp and knowledge of Architecture (and their relevant qualifications in the subject) are non-existent!!!

Valletta happens to be a Renaissance city (Baroque came more than a century later!) and the architectural typology of the city ranges from neo-classical to baroque (yes there is some) and even art nouveau . . . but the self-appointed experts with their baroque obsession are totally blind to this ! !


C. Borg(7 hours, 41 minutes ago) 

Who really cares if it's a few centimetres higher or lower. What difference does it make.


It's place is surely not in Valletta, and not in any old town or village either. Maybe in some by-pass or

Ta Qali, somewhere where it doesn't clash with it's surrounding.


However that seems too late now.

J Mallia(7 hours, 48 minutes ago) 

Was there anybody on this island who had a doubt that these changes were not going to be approved by MEPA ??? Tad dahk :)

D. Scerri(7 hours, 55 minutes ago) 

Rubber-stamp parliament rubber-stamped.


Adriano Spiteri(8 hours, 2 minutes ago) 

The promised 'Cultural Project'.


This will become a shameful monument for Dr Gonzi. It will remind us of a shameful PM.

The Open 'Opera house' is costing far less than the gate breach and the unnecessary Parliament.

This Project will ruin our Capital City.

mario gellel(8 hours, 8 minutes ago) 

MELA L-EWWEL NOQODU NIFTAHRU LI QABBADNA IL- FAMUZ PIANO LI SEWA IL-MILJUNI, BIEK ISSA BIDDILNA IL-PJANTI. TGHID ANKE L-ISTIMA SE TKUN DIFFERENTI ?????

M. Busuttil(8 hours, 23 minutes ago) 

I had my doubts regarding the changes that they would not be approved :-P

Kemm huma fast il-Mepa meta jridu !!

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