

Soon-to-be excavated Freedom Square gets new pavement

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Valletta Mayor Alexiei Dingli has defended the construction of a pavement in Freedom Square even though it does not form part of Renzo Piano's City Gate regeneration and will be removed in a few months' time.

The concrete pavement can be found at the bottom of the stairs leading up to St James Cavalier where the park and ride mini vans stop to disembark and pick up passengers.

Patrons of St James Cavalier and park and ride users have for years been complaining about the poor state of the pavement and operators in the area said it has been the cause of several injuries.


However, Dr Dingli said the construction of pavements in Valletta was costly because they had to be built using hard stone and according to an established master plan.

"Concrete cannot be used unless it is a real emergency or the works are of a temporary nature. Over the years we had different priorities to cater for. The Freedom Square pavement can be done in concrete because it is temporary until the works on the Piano project start," Dr Dingli said.

The work on the pavement carried out over the past few days coincided with a flurry of activity by government entities to spruce up public spaces and patch up roads the Pope will be passing through when visiting in six days' time.

Other pavement works were carried out near the Granaries in Floriana where the Pope will be celebrating Mass on Sunday.

Comments


Steve M. Engerer(3 weeks ago) 

@ all


Iva anka fuq naqra cement teqirdu!!??

Nahseb kieku wiehed minkom ikun qed jistenna il-van tal Park & Ride u ssibu l-bankina imkissra teqirdu li ghal naqra cement ma ghamluhx..

X'apatija!!!

Amy Joan Zahra(3 weeks, 1 day ago) 


what a waste of money which could have been put to good use elsewhere.....unbelievable!

Igalea(3 weeks, 1 day ago) 

Another typical example of squandering of taxpayers taxes by the incompetent and arrogant PN administration whether at national or local level.

victor pulis(3 weeks, 1 day ago) 

Will this pavement have to be dug up once works on the New Parliament Project starts? How much did it cost? could'nt it have waited another few months? Are we coming or going?!

Danika Vella(3 weeks, 1 day ago) 

Oh great! at least something is being done about that nasty pavement... who does this renzo think he is to destroy the council's newest creation? quick... stop him before he destroys that lovely pavement!!!

a typical case of onlyinmalta.com ... who in his right mind would start constructing something that is going to be destroyed later? it's all taxpayer's money, so who cares?!