

## Karozzini have to go, ADT insists

The Malta Transport Authority (ADT) this morning filed a reply to an application for a warrant of prohibitory injunction filed by horse-drawn cab *karozzini* owners to stop the ADT from relocating their stand in Palace Square Valletta.

The ADT is arguing that the cabs have to move for the government to implement a public project in St George's Square. The horse-drawn cabs were incompatible with a pedestrian zone due to inconveniences they created in the form of smells and dangers.

It said it believed the cabs would cause congestion inside Valletta and there had to be a balance between a tourist attraction and practical needs.

For this reason the authority wanted to establish routes from where the cabs could pass and show tourists the panorama of the city.

ADT was also planning to set up various shelters to serve as protection for the animals around Valletta, it said.

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## Comments

mary bugeja (1 hour, 56 minutes ago)

ADT needs to sort out the horse with karettun on the double carriage at Zebbug, in Qormi, Marsa and Rabat the trouble, and the accidents they could cause for traffic. I love to know if they are insured if the horse goes mad and damage any cars. ADT check these horses out first, not the tradition Maltese Karozzin in Valletta and other tourists areas.

Anthony Magri (2 hours, 51 minutes ago)

Why not suggest instead of criticising the cabmen. A place for these horse drawn vehicles could be found on one or several bastions on the outer side: just outside St. Mark street, (is-sur tal-hadidin), not far from Baviera, or Saint Elmo, or even Sta Lucia bastion. These may be out of the way, but one cannot have everything at arms reach.

smifsud (3 hours, 3 minutes ago)

@Grima.....Valletta is a modern city ???....please understand what Mr Portelli and I are saying. We love the Karozzin and I at least think Valletta is Heritage site protected against any change to it..so to keep comparing shoes, electricity is not fair and it's not the same issue...the Karozzin and horse was a way of life with no pollution or noise

..yes we and must improve the faults about it and we will ....but to take a tradition and historical part of our past is a mistake...this is my humble opinion with all respect to everyone on here in what they think.

joe briffa (3 hours, 9 minutes ago)

Karozzini have to be banned once and for all,they are only a nuisance and no attraction at all,filthy horses,and hazardous..just ban them

Charles Micallef (3 hours, 49 minutes ago)

Do we really need a cabby service inside Mdina to take tourist around the 300 meters inside the city and in the meantime making all that damage to the recently installed cobbled road surface? I am sure that there are other interesting parts of Rabat that the Karozzins can sell!

ABorg (4 hours, 1 minute ago)

Well done ADT. The smell of urine and dung permeates the open-air cafes and shops in the corner in front of the Palace. Brand Malta indeed. X'misthija! The bullish attitude, indicipline and foul language of karozzini owners have not endeared them to the general public. Our sympathy goes to the poor horses.

Charles Sammut (4 hours, 44 minutes ago)

How about Mdina. The recently laid paving is all but ruined by horseshoes and steel rims.

Joe Grima (4 hours, 54 minutes ago)

J Portelli. One of my two grandfathers wore sandals (qorq) but my father went to school wearing a pair of shoes. When I was a little child I studied with the help of paraffin lamp. We did not have electricity in our home yet. My kids studied with electricity in the home and with airconditioners on. Changing from a paraffin lamp to elctricity is not cutting oneself from the past . It is called progress. Keeping horses that leave putrid smells wherever they stand is an inconsonant past conflictiing with Valletta as a modern city. For once one of our institutions has had the gumption to do what is right.

g.c.Forte (4 hours, 55 minutes ago)

@ A.D.T. It is about time to stop planning and act. planning, planning and never acting. To make some organized shelters (tents ), you do not need to have advisors, experts managers, n.g.o`s so a tent costs 200.00 euros it will come priced 2000.00.e. May I ask, when there will be a function were the President will be needed to be escorted by the police horses cavalry, does the horses drops ? I think that we need to eliminate these horses, and invests in RICKSHAWS. I will suggests that Merchant street will be the entrance and Old Bakery street will be the exit.

D Vella (5 hours, 8 minutes ago)

@ J.Portelli . . . if you are nostalgic for the stench of urine and miss meeting stinking piles of horse dung in practically every street, I am sure some special arrangement could be made to accommodate you, just give the Karozzini owners your street address

!! On the other hand, please stop this inane insistence that anchors our Capital city in the middle ages !!!

If the owners of the horse drawn carriages treated their animals properly, respected other people, including tourists and fitted the bibs to their carriages just as their counterparts in several European cities did MORE THAN A CENTURY AGO they would find that people would be more inclined to sympathise with them.

A. Zahra (5 hours, 21 minutes ago)

@jportelli.

So you are nostalgic for times past including the stench of horse urine. I am not. I crave a future where all yesterday's and today's unpleasant things are gone.

smifsud (5 hours, 39 minutes ago)

@J.Portelli .....haha ur right my freind we are losing everything ....next is Hobz biz-zejit and Biggila .....haw sad it it ...well i hope a compromise is reached and the Karrozin and the horses are treated well ...and the drivers are trained in people skills to be polite and dont CHEAT !!!

j portelli (5 hours, 59 minutes ago)

Why everyone in this small Island is trying to cut all the ties we have with our past.

Valletta was a place where karozzini used to be the only transportation available.

Who is going to protect the Maltese history and even cuisines. First no Mazzit(blood pudding), then no Kirxa(cow stomach), and in the future no Karozzini, no Fireworks and what else we are going to misssssssssss.....

D Vella (6 hours, 59 minutes ago)

Hear Hear . . . Maybe now we can enjoy our capital city without having to put up with the smell of horse urine and excrement all over the streets!! If these people are uncivilised and don't want to cooperate, then they have to go . . . nobody owes them a living after all and they need to drag themselves out of their eighteenth century mentality!!

Charles Micallef (7 hours, 9 minutes ago)

@Pamela Hansen

and so say all of us who frequent Valletta and have to avoid the areas where these cabs are standing, again to avoid the urine and stench that they bring along with them especially on a hot day!

Paul Vella (7 hours, 28 minutes ago)

Whatever happened to the regulatory loin sack there was so much hype about when it was introduced? Walking through the streets of Valletta on any day is like walking through a stable, it is already bad enough with all the pigeon droppings which piles up for months. By the way, has anyone ever seen the streets of our city (built by gentlemen for gentlemen) getting watered down or thoroughly cleaned? I happened to be in Sevilla a couple of years ago and there the streets are washed every other night. Some might argue that we cannot have water wasted away like that..but what about second or even

third grade water..should be good enough and surely worth keeping the streets of Valletta clean both for locals and tourists alike. Bring back the loin sacks or else bar the karozzini from even stepping into the streets..after all they are a very small minority who are also damaging the streets with the horses hooves and metal wheel rings..look at the once so beautiful Mdina paving for evidence!! This whole project cost us the tax payers millions and is now being ruined by an outdated touristic transport system.

Edward de Gray (8 hours, 43 minutes ago)

It Is about time ADT keeps it word and rid Valletta of the nuisance and damage the horses hoofs are doing to the streets. The smell in front of the palace is most times unbearable.

Joe Azzopardi (8 hours, 44 minutes ago)

For once ADT is absolutly right.

Pamela Hansen (8 hours, 49 minutes ago)

About time that the karozzini drivers were made to tow the line.

They are arrogant and think they own the road. They leave their horses droppings for the street cleaners to clear up creating a stinking mess in the meantime.

They (the men) are an eyesore in the square and the smell of horse urine is dreadful.

The ADT should have acted long ago.

Just as they should have done about the buses and coaches emissions, which are still appalling. Try walking up Tower Road from the Ferries. At least we now have a bit of open space so that you can wait at the bottom, under the shade of the trees, until the fumes disperse.

The water feature is also very nice and the square is now an oasis, with no fast food outlets.

So far anyway!

C.Sammut (9 hours, 3 minutes ago)

Well done! This should benefit both karozzini owners, the tourists, the public and the horses!