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Press Release: A Regional Planning Policy for the Island of Gozo

The Gozo Business Chamber welcomes with satisfaction the announcement by the Minister for Gozo and Planning of a new design policy for the island of Gozo. This would see the introduction of stone facades for all new buildings on the island, including the back of buildings which are at the perimeter of building zones. The Chamber also reacts positively to Gozo being considered as a test-bed for this new policy, given its small size, distinctiveness, and homogeneity. It believes that this is an important first step whereby a regional outlook is adopted to policy making, not one which is national, but one which is place-based, and which takes into consideration the context of the island and preserves its distinct characteristics. Many a times in fact Gozo has been impacted negatively from national policies which did not take into consideration the particular characteristics and needs of this island region.

Consequently the Chamber believes that this initiative should pave the way for further consultation with all the stakeholders on such an important aspect as planning, where clear rules and guidelines are required, underlined by a sustainable vision for the island. The Chamber believes that this initiative is the first building block towards a holistic planning perspective for the island which takes into considerations its needs, preserves the environment, and creates an equitable situation for all. While this is a very delicate balance the Chamber believes that through collaboration between all the stakeholders involved this can be achieved.

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Stqarrija għall-Istampa: Politika tal-Ippjanar Reġjonali għal Ghawdex

Il-Kamra tan-Negozju għal Ghawdex tilqa' b'sodisfazzjon dak li ġie mħabbar mil-Ministru għal Ghawdex u l-Ippjanar dwar politika ġidida tad-disinn għall-għażira. Din se tara bħala rekwiżit l-introduzzjoni tal-ġebla Maltija fil-faċċati tal-binjet ġodda, u fuq in-naħha ta' wara ta' dawk il-binjet li jisabu fil-limiti tal-iżvilupp. Il-Kamra tilqa' wkoll b'mod pozittiv il-fatt li Ghawdex qed jiġi kkunsidrat bħala post fejn din il-politika tista' tīgi mħaddma għall-ewwel darba f'pajjiżna minħabba č-ċokon tiegħi, d-distintivita' u l-omoġġeneita' tiegħi. Hija temmen li dan huwa pass importanti fejn qed tiġi adottatha perspettiva reġjonali għall-mod kif qed issir il-politika, mhux perspettiva nazzjonali, imma perspettiva bbażata fuq il-post u li tieħu f'kunsiderazzjoni il-kuntest tal-għażira u li tippreserva il-karakteristiċi distintivi tagħha. Hafna drabi Ghawdex ġie impattat negattivament minn politika nazzjonali li ma tikkunsidrax il-karakteristiċi u l-bżonnijiet partikolar ta' din il-għażira reġjun.

Għalhekk il-Kamra temmen li din l-inizjattiva għandha twassal għall-iktar konsultazzjoni mal-imsieħba kollha fuq aspetti importanti bħalma hu l-Ippjanar, fejn hemm il-ħtieġa ta' regoli u linji gwida ċari mibnija fuq viżjoni sostenibbi tal-għażira. Il-Kamra temmen li din l-inizjattiva għandha tkun l-ewwel skalluna lejn perspettiva ħolista tal-Ippjanar għall-għażira li tieħu in konsiderazzjoni il-bżonnijiet tagħha, tippreserva l-ambjent, u toħloq sitwazzjoni ta' ekwita' għal kulħadd. Dan huwa bilanċ delikat li l-Kamra temmen li jista' jintlaħaq permezz tal-kollaborazzjoni tal-imsieħba kollha.