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Subject:

FW: road works

Dear Prime Minister

I sincerely hope that you are feeling better and that you have recovered fully.

As you may recall during our meeting with the Cabinet on 21st January I had raised nine issues which in my opinion were a priority and of importance for the locality of Swieqi.

First of all I'd like to thank you because through your direct intervention, the premises of the new Civic Centre have now been passed on to the local council. Moreover, in a short while we should have our own police station.

Since then I have had meetings with all the minister and parliamentary secretaries who could offer us assistance.

Below please find a copy of an e mail that I have sent to Minister Joe Mizzi re very urgent road works that are required in the locality. I had informed Hon Mizzi about the necessity of these works soon after he took office and also during another meeting on 22nd January. I also explained all this to Architect Cachia, at Transport Malta.

However, I got the impression that none of the above mentioned works may be undertaken due to financial constraints.

Whereas I understand that financial means are always a limiting factor, I would kindly beg you to understand that the situation of certain roads in the locality has become unbearable. Moreover, as you may very well know the population, and hence traffic, in the locality is steadily increasing. Hence the necessity to improve accessibility has become a priority.

I am kindly asking you to intervene in the matter so as to help us solve the 'priority' issues in the short term and others in the 'not so long term'!

Once again, I thank you for your kind help and assistance and wish you the best for good health and a successful term in office.

Kind regards

Noel Muscat Mayor - Swiegi

From: Noel Muscat [mailto:noel@noelmuscat.com]

Sent: 10 April 2014 14:49
To: joe.mizzi@gov.mt'
Subject: road works

Dear Hon Mizzi

Re Road Works in Swiegi

Following our meeting a few weeks ago with your good self and with Architect Cachia, I'd like to point out the following:

Schedule of works for 2014

Although a few roads will be surfaced during 2014, It transpires that none of the 'major' roads that are in a pitiful state and totally unrepairable are scheduled to be resurfaced during 2014.

Urgent works are required on:

Triq il-Keffa Triq it Tiben Triq il-Giebja Triq it Tiben

The estimated cost to resurface these roads is about € 1.2M, and there is no way that the council could ever attempt to carry out these works with an annual budget of € 540,000!

Triq il-Keffa is in an unbearable state. Please send someone to have a look at it. This is the only road which presently links the upper part of Swieqi to the lower part. This road has an overload of traffic.

Access

Trig il-Keffa

Triq il-Keffa has an overload of traffic because there are 3 roads in its vicinity which are presently dead end roads. If these roads were to be made accessible, the traffic load in Keffa would decrease substantially. Moreover, as you very well know, due to the continuous development that is going on in Swieqi the population in Swieqi is increasing rapidly. This increases the volume of cars and the flow of traffic. Therefore it is imperative that these roads are made accessible.

These are:

Triq it Terz Triq tal Franciz Triq li Stasija

It would be greatly appreciated were you to assist us make these roads accessible.

Widening of roads

Triq is Swiegi

For the same reason mentioned above, there is an urgent need to widen the upper part of Swieqi Road, the part leading to San Gwann.

This is necessary both for pedestrians and motor vehicles.

As things stand this main road in the locality is without an 'exit' since cars can only enter into Swieqi road through a very narrow path which is not even served with facilities for pedestrians.

As a result, all the residents who live in the upper part of Swieqi road and in the area called 'Upper Gardens' have to drive through triq is Sidra and exit using a very dangerous cross road in triq il-Qasam so as to make their way to San Gwann. Once again this is causing an overload in triq is Sidra and triq il-Qasam.

What is worse is that since there are no facilities for pedestrians, residents find it very difficult to make their way to the 'shopping area' and to Church, particularly old aged people who do not have or cannot make use of a motor vehicle.

Tunnels

The entry into the main road of Swieqi, Swieqi Road, is through a narrow and low tunnel, through which people accompanied by their children or pushing push chairs, old people or people walking their pets have to walk alongside motor vehicles and small vans. This is unacceptable and cannot be tolerated any longer.

The ideal solution would be to open passage ways on either side of the tunnel. However if this cannot be done because of financial reasons, then this tunnel must be turned into a 'one way'. This is not the ideal solution since Swieqi' entries and exits are already not very functional.

Triq il-Qasam

Triq il-Qasam is another important road in Swieqi, and it too has a narrow entry/exit where two cars hardly pass simultaneously.

Conclusion

There are other works that need to be done in the locality. In my opinion the order of urgent priority are:

Triq il-Keffa – resurfacing of the whole road (including the pavements). Triq is Swieqi – widening of a section of the road Access to triq it Terz/Franciz and Stasija

I would greatly appreciate if works on the above start immediately.

The other works may be planned for next year.

Your kind assistance and cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Should you require any further information or explanations, kindly do not hesitate to contact me.

Many thanks and kind regards

Noel Muscat Mayor - Swiegi

Swieqi Local Council at DLG

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Subject: FW: FW: Gieh Is-Swiegi Annual Award

Gieh is-Swiegi Award

The award of this honour represents a symbolic public gesture of thanks and appreciation to an individual and/or a group of individuals distinguishing themselves within the sectors of Culture, Philanthropy, Sport or in recognition of an Achievement and/or Contribution towards the welfare of the local community.

Applicable conditions and regulations:

a. Those eligible, whether an individual and/or a group of individuals, will have resided in the locality for a minimum of ten years

b. Still serving Politicians, Mayors and Councillors do not qualify

- c. Nominations are to be submitted using form 'A' by a resident and/or a group of residents (the latter considered as one) whose name appears on the current local council electoral register. This should be signed by the proposer and contain details (approx 100/150 words) of the individual and/or group of individuals being nominated.
- d. Nominations are to be accompanied by a separate form 'B' signed by the proposer and ten seconders.
- e. Eligibility of a group of proposers (to be considered as one) subject to the individuals concerned not living collectively in the same residence of the nominee.
- f. Every year, there will be a maximum of five finalists. The individual chosen will receive a gold medal engraved with the Local Council's logo and incorporating the words 'Gieh is-Swieqi'. The other finalists will be given a Diploma of Merit
- g. Presentation of the award to be made during the organization of SwieqiFest activities during September.
- h. Withdrawal of the award may be considered on the recommendation of the Selection Board but subject to the Local Council's final decision.
- i. A register will be maintained by the Local Council with the name and photo of each recipient
- j. Recipients of this honour will be invited to all official Local Council activities.
- k. Selection Board, the duration of which not to exceed a period of two years, made up of a chairperson and five or seven persons, one of whom ideally the locality's Parish Priest.
- l. The local Council's decision is final.
- m Nominations to be submitted by the 30th June of each year.