



# Living in Valletta: the liveability of a historic city

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## Valletta: Beyond 2020

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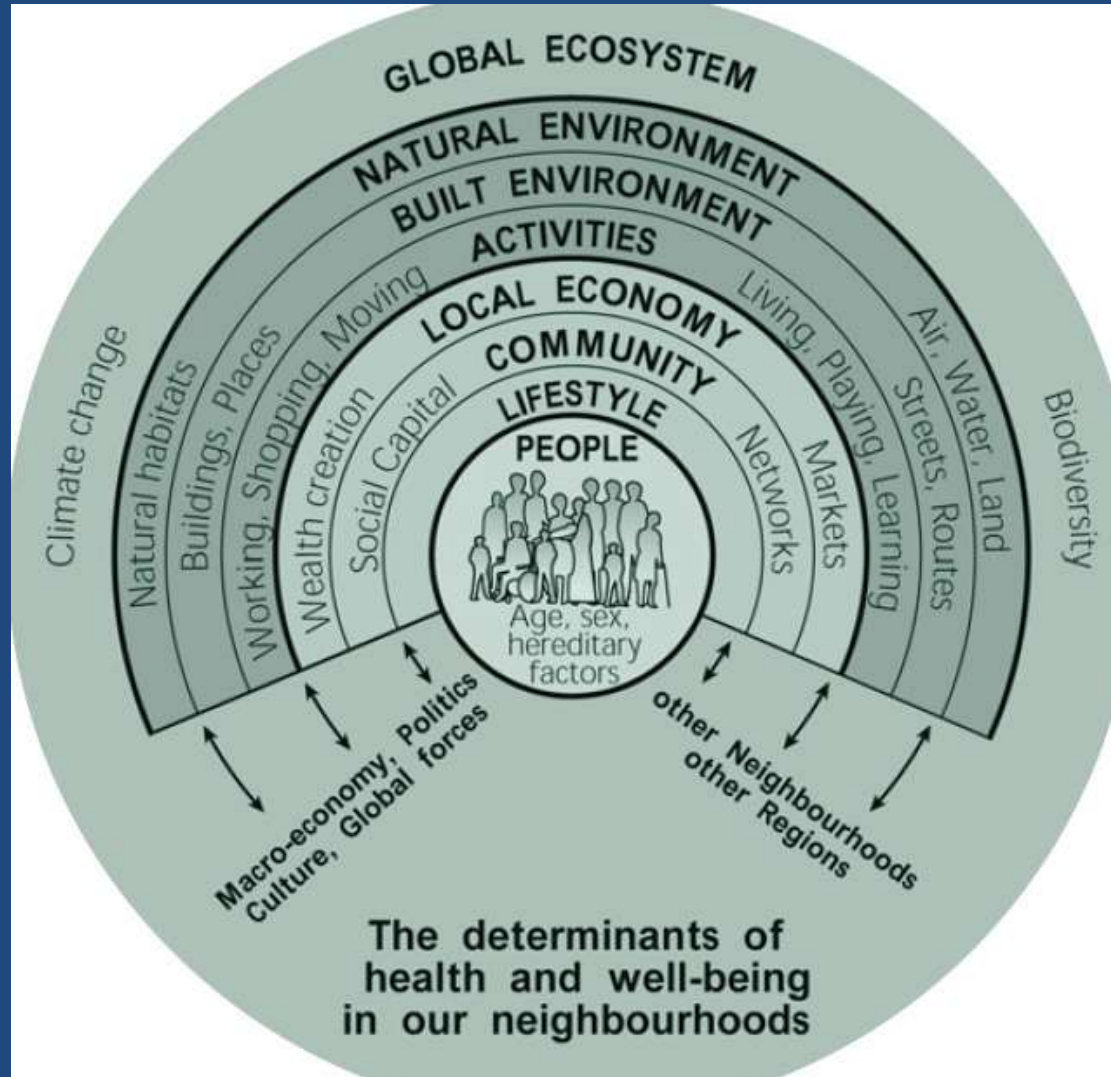
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Valletta is under siege... again!

# Is Valletta's liveability at risk?

liner  
cruise  
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nightlife  
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extensions  
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restaurants  
traffic  
catering  
noise  
night  
pools  
shopping  
tourists

# DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH



developed by Dahlgren and Whitehead, adapted by Barton & Grant to include built environment

[http://healthimpactassessment.blogspot.com: Health Impacts of the Built Environment](http://healthimpactassessment.blogspot.com:Health%20Impacts%20of%20the%20Built%20Environment)

Some ingredients of liveability...

Shorelines

Soundscapes

Viewscales

Social fabric & affordable  
housing

# Shorelines



# Not enough coaches to meet cruise passengers growth

Monday, May 6, 2008, 15:35



A longstanding problem over a shortage of tourist coaches needs to be tackled with urgency as the number of cruise liner passengers visiting Malta increases, a leading tour operating company has said.

# Lascaris quay to be extended

Monday, August 16, 2010, 10:39



# Plans for cruise liners



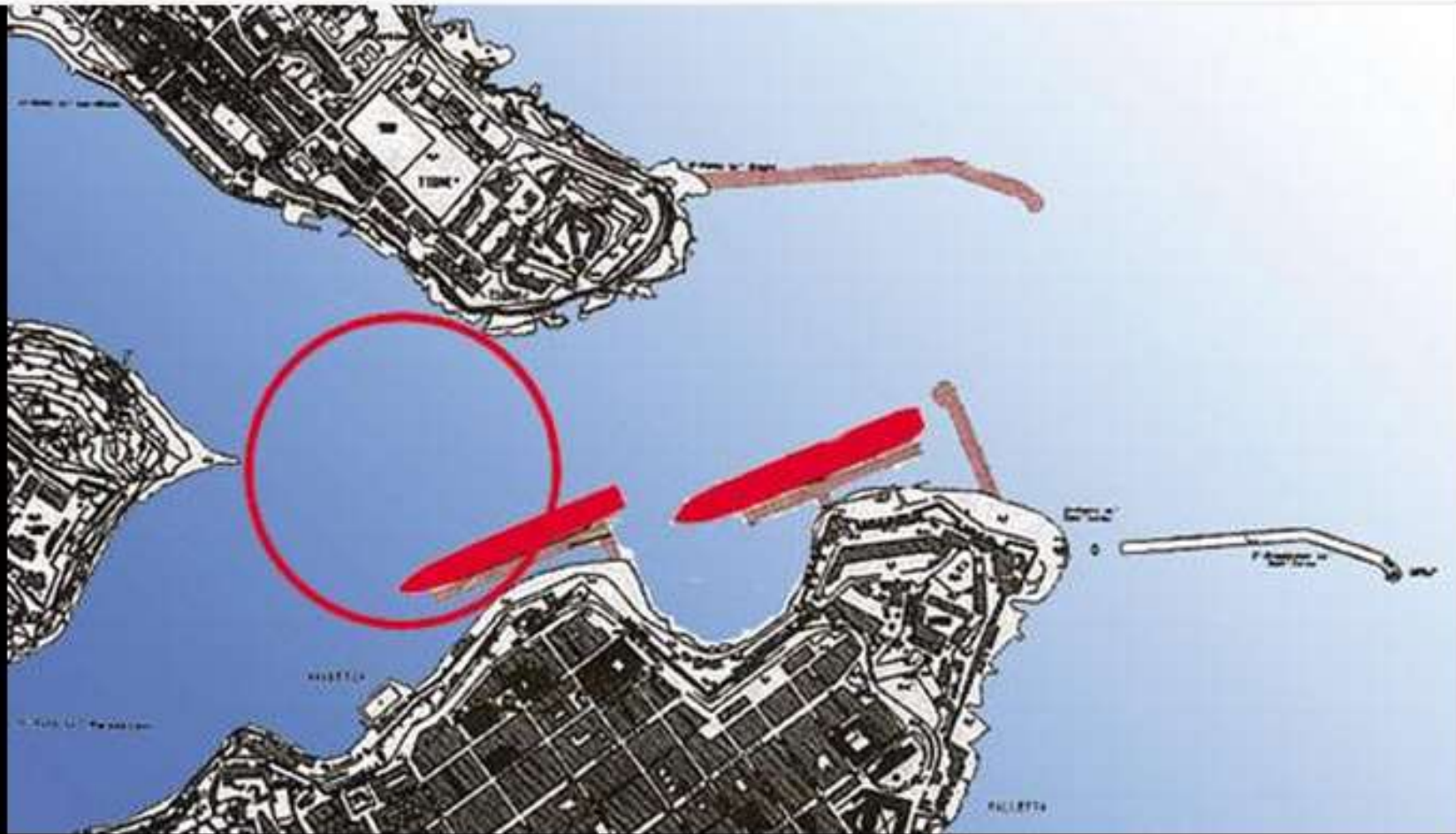
Monday, 09:07



Pinto Wharf quay in Grand Harbour will be extended by 40 metres to provide better berthing facilities for large cruise liners.  
Mepa approved the extension yesterday and work will be carried out during winter.  
The quay will extend to 300 metres and a ramp, originally built for cargo ships, will be removed.

# Shorelines

## Harbour proposals 'do not make sense' - AN



AN is proposing a series of breakwaters.

Azzjoni Nazzjonali yesterday criticised the Government's projects for the Marsamxett Harbour, saying that a number of proposals did not make sense.





Ellis Collection, Vol. I, 175



“Turning to the Marsamxett breakwater project, Dr Muscat said that it would create possibilities for the creation of berths, which could attract more yachts to Malta. He said that it could also help increase property value in the surrounding area.”

Malta Independent, 18 Dec 2014

# Soundscapes





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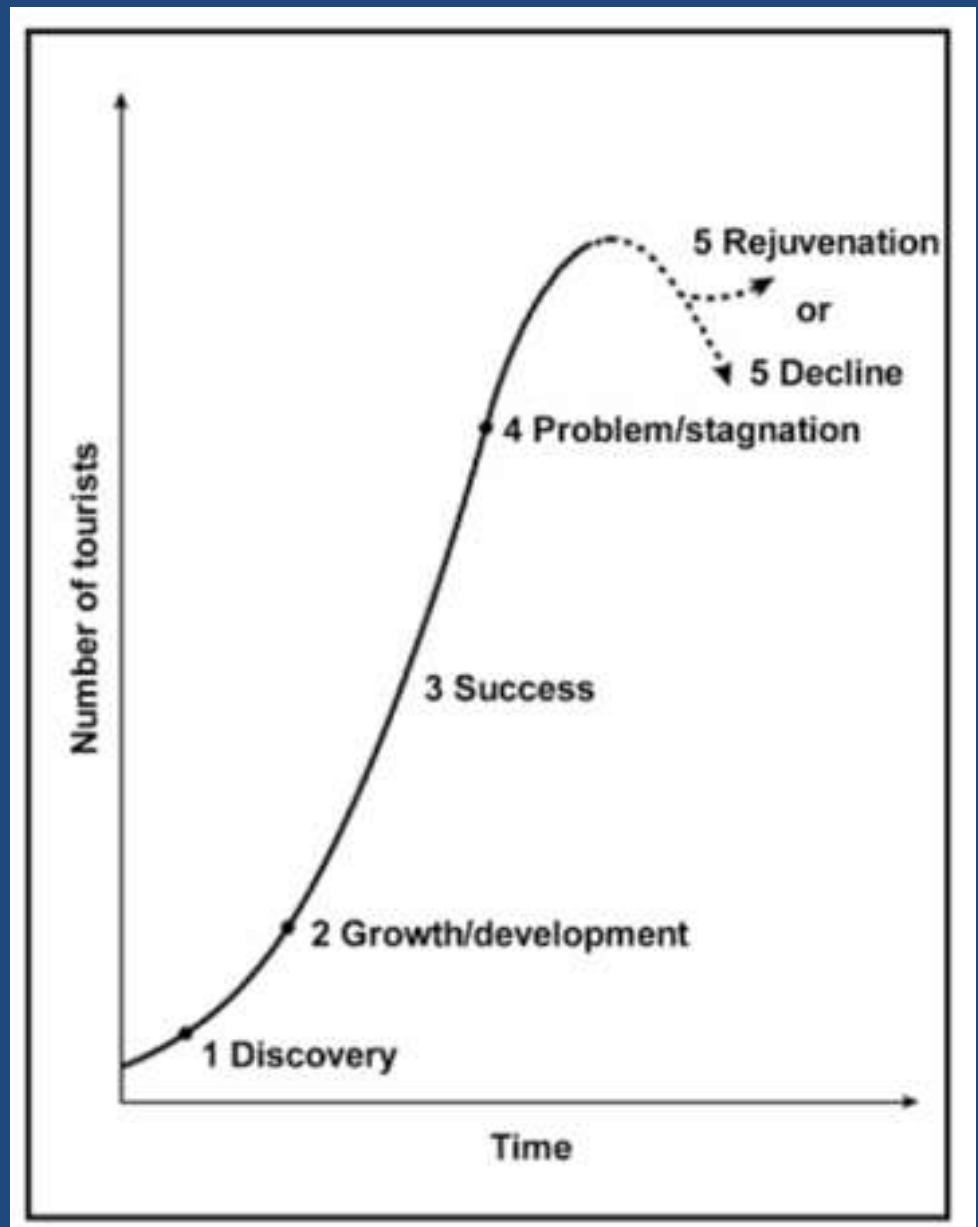


From case officer report for an application for Class 4D restaurant not far from here...

“c) While the Local Plan does indeed encourage people to live in residential areas, it is not suggested that this be at the expense of allowing catering establishment in residential zones”

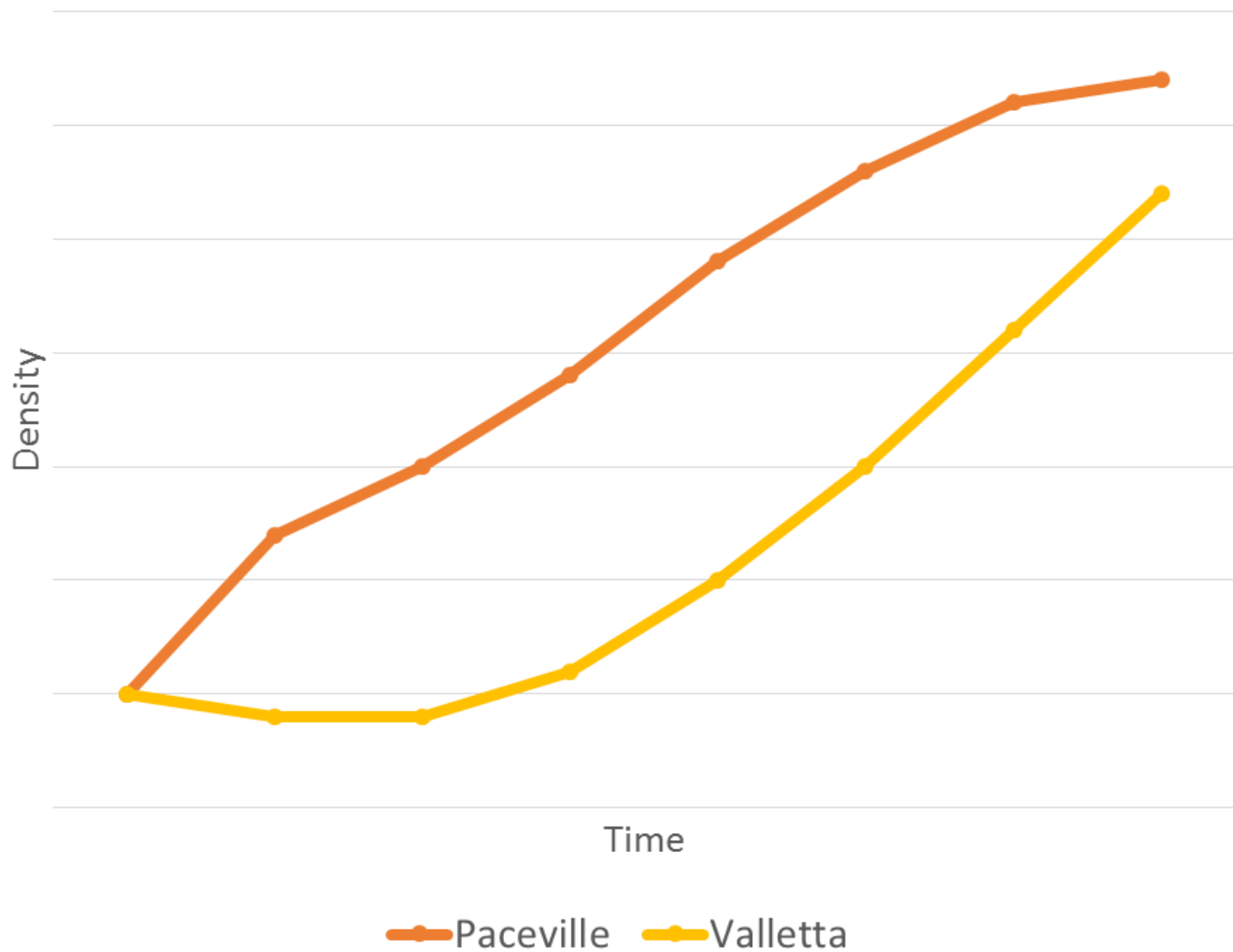
“f) The parking issues present in Valletta transcend the opening of a single restaurant and it is unlikely that visitors will seek a parking space right in front of the restaurant. A restaurant opened in the Primary Town Centre... is as likely to have the same impact...

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Plog's (1967) psychographic model,  
Butler's (1980) destination life cycle

# Density of catering establishments

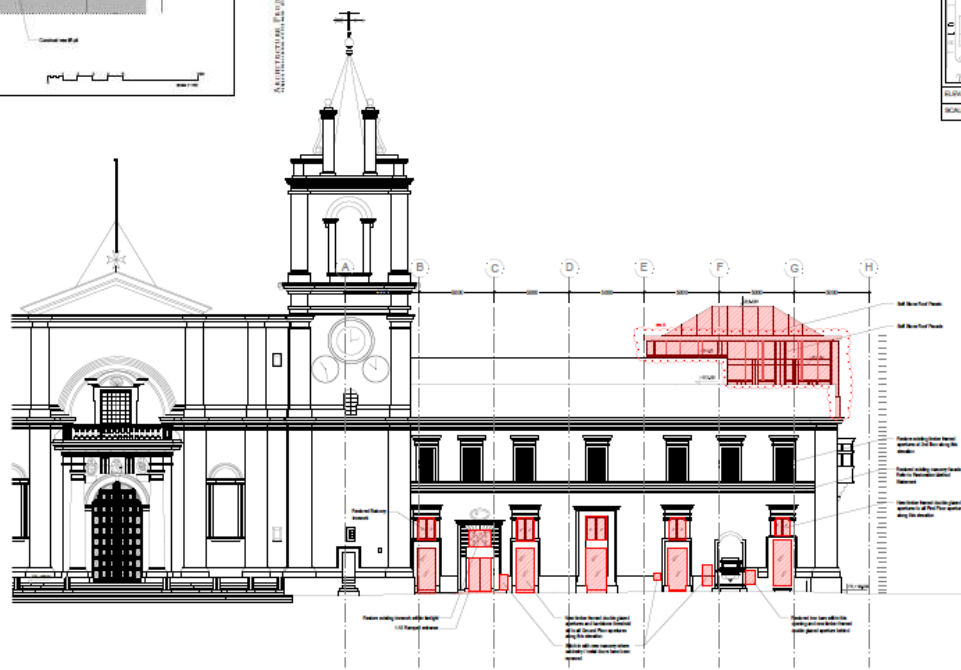
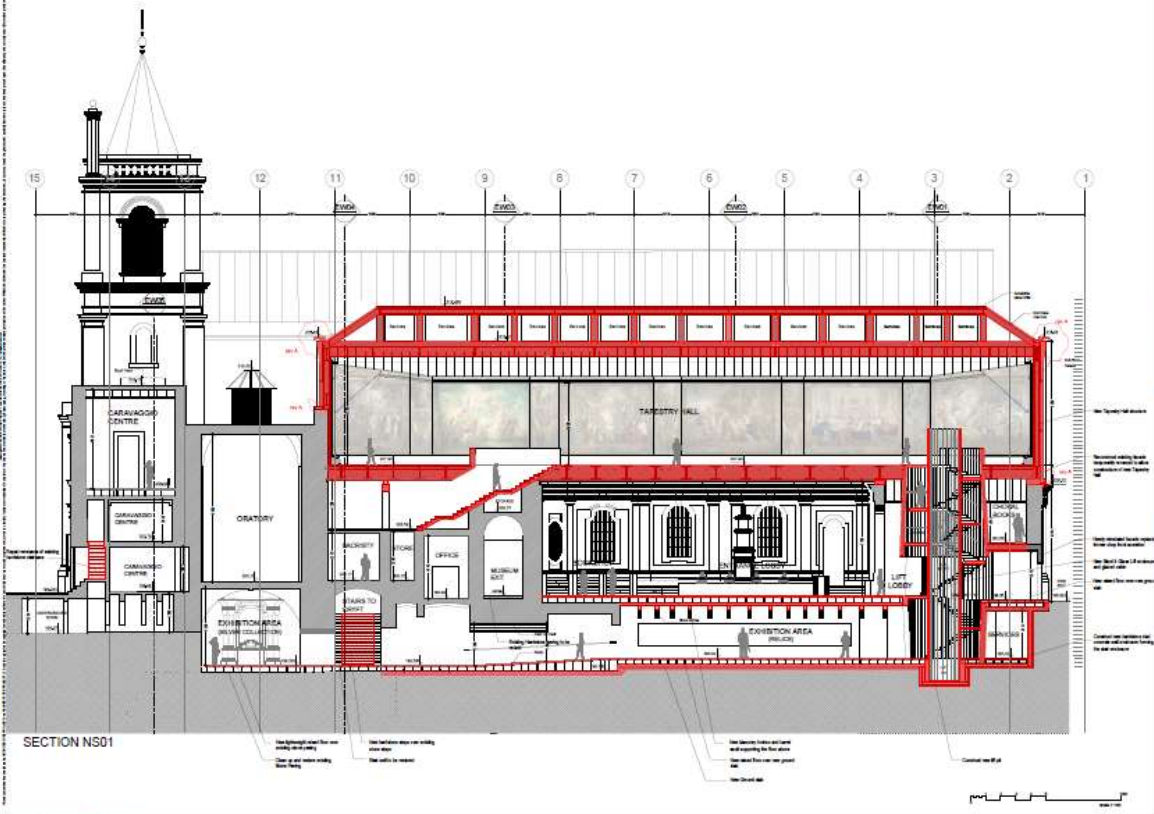




VIEWSCAPES







Public Consultation ?



Social Fabric:

Affordable housing



# More robust governance is needed to safeguard these aspects of liveability in Valletta

- Shorelines
- Soundscape
- Viewscape
- Social Fabric & Affordable Housing

*Valletta is not just real estate, but is made up of people*

Seminar Proceedings  
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