

The Old Abattoir (2002-2015)

We have sent a proposal via three letters addressed to the Local Council of Valletta, together with the Government and the Opposition so that this Old Butchery located right in a residential area is given for the purpose of 'independent living' for the elderly who still are in a condition to live independently and wish to downsize their large houses as well as, where in certain circumstances, they cannot have an 'elevator' installed inside their building. Large apartments can be useful for those local couples who wish to start or grow their family.

The Building, known as the Old Abattoir, has a large area at the side of it that can be used for Activities specially designed for the Elderly.

The same proposal also provides support for those who depend on or need the social services provided by the State; 'Meals On Wheels', Nurses and Carers, Doctors, Cleaners, will all be concentrated in one area, under one roof for everyone's convenience.

This will also be useful in the fight against loneliness and isolation which unfortunately many elderly people find themselves in, they will support each other. So far the lack of a Home for the elderly has not yet been addressed or implemented by the Government and Opposition.

We will keep you more informed about any changes.

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Unfortunately the Old Butchery will be given for the purpose, which in our understanding helps commercial aspects. We feel that part of the plan will create a precedent of inconvenience in this area which houses a large number of residents, among them with a majority of elderly people. We will send another communication to the Entities concerned to consider the proposal again, in case the project cannot be stopped we will ask that it at least be used for cultural purposes with less inconvenience to the surrounding residents and the general location.

<https://www.independent.com.mt/articles/2015-06-01/local-news/New-policy-seeks-to-regenerate-Strait-Street-and-old-civil-abattoir-in-Valletta-6736136515>

<https://newsbook.com.mt/awdjo-minn-biccerija-antika-ghal-centru-kulturali-ta-kreattivita/>

""The policy identifies the core of the area and the periphery. In the case of Triq id-Dejqa, this is between Triq Santa Lucija and Triq San Kristofru, where activities considered "high intensity" will be allowed, including shops with music that work until late at night. Activities such as teaching studios, independent shops, exhibition spaces and tourist accommodation should be carried out from the second floor upwards or on the periphery.""