



Wirt Ghawdex

Press Release

Ta' Cenc Development

With reference to the Ramblers Association's comments following our position statement regarding the Ta' Cenc development, we would like to confirm that Wirt Ghawdex's only aim is to get the benefit of the setting up of a Heritage Park and thus reverse some of the deterioration at Ta' Cenc, whilst staying within the limits as outlined and approved by MEPA in its plan for the area, i.e. TOU10. Wirt Ghawdex has therefore only voiced approval for development in the already disturbed areas and none that contravene the TOU10.

As to their comments regarding transparency and credibility associated with our statement, we would like to state that the declaration was compiled following more than five hours of discussion, over two meetings, whereby all members of the society were invited to attend and give their input. A separate vote was taken on every proposed part of the development, and the results were then incorporated into our statement.

Wirt Ghawdex believes that while it is easy to condemn outright all development whatsoever, the fact remains that much of our heritage is still being lost through deterioration and inaction. It is therefore important to start looking for other solutions and suggestions that would assist us in finding the fine balance between the protection of our heritage and the social needs of our island.

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