

### **Comments on the 2015 EIA Addendum**

***PA 01191/05: Excavation of the site and construction of underground parking and service facilities. Construction of low rise buildings including a 38 storey tower, in a pedestrianized mixed development of retail and office outlets, food and beverage outlets, and residential units. Change of use of Villa Drago to cater for retail and food and beverage establishments.***

#### **Consultees' Comments**

##### **A. Environmental Health Directorate (03/12/2015)**

<b>Comments</b>
With reference to your e-mail dated 16 November 2015 regarding proposal indicated in caption and following review of the Addendum to the Environmental Planning Statement, please note that:  In view that it has been concluded that with the exception of the visual assessment, impacts from the proposed Scheme remain the same as those assessed in the 2007 EPS and subsequent Addenda, our comments and recommendations in reports dated 22 March 2010 and 23 May 2011, especially regarding potential adverse air quality (dust), noise, vibration, traffic impacts and safety issues during the construction period are still to be taken into consideration.

##### **B. Flimkien għall-Ambjent Ahjar (07/12/2015)**

<b>Comments</b>
Please refer to subject in caption.  It has been noted that the developer is considering that the only changes in impact resulting from his revised proposal are on the visual impact. In so doing the developer is ignoring all other impacts.  The addition of commercial and office space will increase existing impacts and it is expected that these are quantified by the EIA coordinator team.  We maintain that the revisions in plans and are such that the original studies are no longer valid, therefore it is expected that all the original impact projections are revisited in order to ascertain the impacts of the final proposal.

**C. Zminijietna (07/12/2015)**

<b>Comments</b>
<p>Zminijietna – Voice of the Left is a Registered Objector.</p> <p>Zminijietna appeals MEPA for a Holistic Social Impact Assessment that includes ‘a traffic impact assessment’. The area already suffers from high congestion and poor air quality.</p> <p>Also Zminijietna urges MEPA to take inconsideration the ‘high-density development’ in that area.</p>