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Civic Observers for Health and Environment: Initiative for Responsibility and Sustainability COHEIRS

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City of Birgu is part of the area called Cottonera which for many many years housed the dockyard.

In the south there are also 2 powerstations. The Delimara Power Station up to date still works with heavy fuel oil after it has switched from diesel to heavy fuel oil in 2007 with the considered approval of the Malta Environment and Planning Authority in 2011. A recent report on the nature, distribution and likely source of coarse black dust particles in Malta, particularly in the south, has concluded that the Marsa Power Station was the likely source of the problem that has intermittently affected and created an inconvenience for residents living in the south eastern part of Malta.

In addition, as regards to environment pollution in the south, it is noted that the Malta Freeport and the airport are significant contributors to area pollution levels. The Malta Freeport and the Malta International Airport generate pollution from the combustion of gasoline, diesel fuel, and jet fuel by cars, trucks, ocean vessels, aircraft, and other vehicles and equipment.

Recommendations by the civic observers committee:

- Need of regular workshops and open discussion with the involvement of the local council and representatives from various authorities.
- Establishment of contact points where complaints can be followed and the progress of works reviewed.
- Consultation and right for citizens to vote when major works which would affect their wellbeing are being suggested by the local council or central government, empowering people's voice.
- Dialogue with neighbour councils in view of the fact that certain issues are common or can have a negative effect on neighbour communities.
- Creation of sub committees chaired by a council member to prepare policy/works for the locality on all matters under the responsibility of the council. (Already being implemented, some areas need more input).
- Provision of more information for the public via new channels of communication e.g. facebook, leaflets, council newsletter. (Council issues information on web page of the local council).



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