



Public Consultation Submissions & Responses

Second Public Consultation: Guidelines on Works involving Trees

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CONSULTATION FEEDBACK

Ref No.	Name / Date	Comments Received	Response / Remarks
1	<p>Paul Galea obo Rural Development Department - Malta Embellishment and Landscaping Project (MELP) 28/08/18</p>	<p>All trees with an intrinsic value deserve to be protected, not only the ornamentals (znuber, Gharar, etc) but also the old fruit varieties which are also being indigenous to the Maltese islands. Most of the old fruit varieties are on the verge of extinction as they are being replace by varieties coming from the EU.</p> <p>In my opinion there should be a paragraph that reads:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ An application must be filed to remove fruit trees from urban, agriculture areas (planted pre 2003). In anyway permission is granted after plant health and/or other agriculture entities have made their inspection and a sample, cutting are collected for the due reason of propagation. After due verification by the competent office, if found to be of an indigenous variety they must be registered, propagated and offered to the farmers and general public as a way of compensatory planting. 	<p>The Guidelines have been formulated in accordance with ERA's remit in line with S.L.549.123. Additional obligations meentioned, although desirable, should be directed to the relevant Competent Authority.</p>
2	<p>Eric Haig 01/09/18</p>	<p>I would like to recommend two things:</p> <p>Primarily the diversification in the requirements in order to obtain the permit. This could range even to species of grasses and palms etc. which require different considerations.</p>	<p>Removal of grasses does not require a permit. The application form is wide enough to cater for all cases related to trees.</p>

		<p>Unfortunately, not much space is allocated to those individuals who are excellent propagators of species and gardeners who take cuttings (over 5cm is considered hard pruning). The permit could also cover this. Moreover farmers or professionals who work with plants for a living should be considered differently- this often entails knowledge in pest control and medication for trees.</p> <p>Another recommendation is that trees even in private property should be transplanted and not killed. In PA inspections these are taken note of but no one bats an eye in a tree vanishes.</p> <p>Another note I wish to make is that such aesthetic value is lost when a public space is not given mature trees (triton fountain square comes to mind). The public should be able to press charges against the authorities IN A CLEAR AND DIRECT MANNER when species are transplanted in the wrong time of year, pruned horribly or simply ripped out of the ground.(Aleppo pines suffer this fate almost 100% of the times or what used to be a beautiful olive tree on the Gate Avenue roundabout in Zebbug - uselessly I might add).</p>	<p>The Guidelines have been formulated in accordance with with S.L.549.123.</p> <p>The Guidelines seek to address such cases.</p>
3	Mario Mifsud 10/09/18	<p>Dawn ir-regolamenti fuq il-kontroll taz-zbir ser igibu aktar qerda ta sigar protetti. Flok tghinu lis-sidien tal-artijiet li fihom hemm sigar protetti, biex iharishom u jindukrhom, tfajtu aktar piz ta spejjez fuqu. ghax issa iz-zabra irid ihallas ghaluha. Mela is-sid jaqbillu jew iqacat is-sigra, jew jahraqha bil mohbi, jew inkella jhalliha ghal riha b'cans li titqacat bir-rih jew timrad u tmut.</p>	<p>Ir-Regolamenti jagħmlu eċċezzjoni ta' bżonn ta' permess għal sidien ta' art agrikola.</p>