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## **Press Release**

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### **Calls for Valletta's CVA to be improved**

The Valletta Alive Foundation calls on government to improve the CVA system, but insisted that the principle underlying the system should not be changed. The system is based on charging according to the time a car occupies a space. This ensures that throughout the day the same parking space is used several times over.

VAF insisted that the CVA system should not be scrapped and nor should we revert back to the former V-license. The V-license was very inefficient in terms of use of parking spaces. It was impossible to find parking in Valletta any time after 8.00 am.

It is evident, however, that the CVA can and should be improved. VAF suggests an increase in the maximum charge payable to discourage people from occupying a parking space for the whole day. Moreover, there are far too many people with a special permit thus making the CVA far less effective. The system must be better managed to avoid abuse.

The Park and Ride should be made free. When first introduced, the Park and Ride was an overwhelming success with all spaces taken up by 8.30 am. It greatly relieved parking pressures in Valletta. After a charge was introduced, however, less than half the available Park and Ride spaces are used.

Transport access is vital for Valletta's regeneration. Money spent on the the CVA and the Park and Ride should be considered as investments in Valletta. People will not invest in rehabilitating Valletta's buildings, unless homes and businesses are easily accessible by both public and private transport.

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