

L.N. 85 of 2025

**DEVELOPMENT PLANNING ACT
(CAP. 552)**

Development Notification (Amendment) Order, 2025

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by article 55 of the Development Planning Act, the Executive Council, with the approval of the Minister responsible for the Planning Authority, has made the following order:-

1. The title of this order is the Development Notification (Amendment) Order, 2025 and this order shall be read and construed as one with the Development Notification Order, hereinafter referred to as the "principal order". Citation.
S.L. 552.08.
2. In article 3(5)(a) of the principal order the words "by Class 3 and Class 16 of Schedule I" shall be substituted by the words "by Class 3 of Schedule I". Amends article 3 of the principal order.
3. Article 5(5)(a) of the principal order shall be amended as follows: Amends article 5 of the principal order.
 - (a) in sub-paragraph (i) thereof the figure "16," shall be deleted;
 - (b) in sub-paragraph (ii) thereof the figure "16," shall be deleted.
4. Schedule I of the principal order shall be amended as follows: Amends Schedule I to the principal order.
 - (a) in the Index thereof item Class 16 shall be deleted;
 - (b) item Class 16 thereof shall be deleted;
 - (c) item Class 24 in Schedule I thereof shall be substituted by the following new item:

"Class 24 Greening projects by Government agencies, Local Councils and other entities appointed by them

 - (a) The formation of urban greening projects within the development zones on land designated for

public recreational use in the respective Local Plans, including on schemed roads and public open spaces;

(b) The formation of urban greening projects within the development zone on land designated for any other use in the respective Local Plans;

(c) The formation of greening projects located outside development zone on land designated for public recreational use in the respective Local Plans:

Provided that the greening projects shall only include the following works:

(i) the installation of playground equipment, fitness, and sports equipment, along with art installations;

(ii) demountable installations, which may include CCTV and lighting equipment;

(iii) vertical structures and shading devices, which may be accessible;

(iv) excavation of underground reservoirs intended for the irrigation of the proposed vegetation and other related uses to greening projects;

(v) taking up of existing land surface and resurfacing with materials such as permeable paving blocks;

(vi) installation of flooring systems and hard landscaping;

(vii) installation of vertical greening structures, including against public buildings or government owned residential blocks, but excluding buildings which are designated or located within scheduled areas;

(viii) installation of features and structures for the purpose of the greening project (seating areas, security and or control rooms, sanitary facilities, etc.);

(ix) installation of demarcation walls and gates;

(x) interventions and planting of trees, including the related irrigation systems;

(xi) removal of existing paved or hard-surface areas and, or existing artificial structures, or their replacement with soil or soft landscaping; and

(xii) removal of redundant infrastructure (including poles, brackets, cables, pipework, etc.) and, or the replacement of such infrastructure with facilities laid underground within the foot print of existing streets or pavements:

Provided further that:

(a) prior approval shall be obtained from the Superintendent of Cultural Heritage for sites within Urban Conservation Area, Scheduled sites and sites within Scheduled Building Settings;

(b) prior approval shall be obtained from the Authority for Transport in Malta for sites falling within the boundaries of schemed roads;

(c) prior approval shall be obtained by the Environment and Resources Authority;

(d) for all cases, prior approval shall be obtained from Project Green:

Provided further that for development under this Class, the relevant provisions of the Rural Policy and Design Guidance and all other relevant approved plans and policies under the Act, exceptions, conditions, restrictions, rules, limitations and exclusions currently in force, shall not be applicable:

Provided further that development under this class shall be subject to the notification procedure established in sub-articles (1) and (3) of

article 5, except for where the greening project is by Project Green."

Deletes
Schedule III of
the principal
order.

- 5.** Schedule III of the principal Order shall be deleted.
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