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Reply to Michael Falzon

I do concede that Michael Falzon, as Minister of Development and Infrastructure, was one of the catalysts behind the advent in 1992 of the Planning Development Act. This is an inalienable truth, but one must not rest on one's laurels.

During the years he was minister of development and infrastructure, a number of contentious projects were given the green light. Last year he rebutted remarks by Prince Albert of Monaco (who opened the Small Nations Games here) by insisting that two-thirds of Malta is still virgin land.

Mr Falzon also accuses me of surreptitiously lobbying for a particular political movement - I do concede this but I would remove the 'surreptitiously' - I am an ardent Green. My grudge against the two major political parties will end only when they start taking green issues seriously and not refer to the environment only in terms of waste management but also in terms of the thorny development and natural heritage issues.