

**STATEMENT BY THE GSLP/LIBERAL OPPOSITION 107/2006**  
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The Opposition consider that the latest comments by Ocean Village regarding the rumours surrounding the building will not provide any comfort to the people who have purchased there and who are understandably concerned.

The Opposition has itself been approached by purchasers in the development who have expressed concern at continuing rumours that cracks have developed in the building. The purchasers are also worried that work on the building appears to have stopped.

Ever since the project got off the drawing board, the developers of Ocean Village have conducted a huge public relations exercise with glossy brochures, accompanied by rumours that top footballers and minor royalty may have purchased there. It is surprising, given that they have had plenty to say when the rumours are positive, that they should suddenly be so silent when the rumours are not so good.

This is not a comedy show but a very serious matter for the people who have purchased there. What the situation calls for is a detailed explanation of what is happening with the building and confirmation of whether or not work has stopped.

It is incredible that the developers should be so isolated from the public that they can make public statements about a car park and yet they fail to provide a detailed explanation on the rumours that have been doing the rounds for many weeks.

The Opposition consider that it is in the best interests of the purchasers and in the public interest of Gibraltar as a whole if such a detailed explanation is given.

It is also for the Government to say whether their inspectors have visited the site and whether the Government's own inspectors are satisfied that everything is all right.

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