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### **Opposition confirms it no longer takes issue with Commonwealth Park**

The Government is pleased to see that, at last, the Opposition has confirmed that it no longer takes issue with Commonwealth Park, despite Mr Figueras' various outbursts on the subject in the past.

In its latest statement, the GSD suggests that, "We were either broke and couldn't afford the park or we are building the park because we weren't broke.....it's one or the other, it cannot be both." But it most definitely can be the case that, under the GSD government, projects such as the airport were making Gibraltar broke whilst the current Government's good stewardship of the economy makes it possible now for us to afford projects like Commonwealth Park so, Mr Figueras, it CAN be both.

The fact is that whilst Ministers are working to deliver manifesto commitments to produce a better Gibraltar, all Opposition members want to do is try to put a spanner in the works to delay delivery of these great projects.

Unfortunately Mr Figueras, as a new Parliamentarian, has already been captured by the GSD style of referring to everyone as "fraudulent" or "hysterical". It is such unnecessarily aggressive vocabulary that turns ordinary people off politics and which is a trademark of the GSD.

Hon Dr John Cortes said: "I guess that deflecting attention from the £100m hole in Government finances left by the GSD means they just want to rubbish the new Government's projects. That's up to them. We believe in more positive politics and won't descend to the name-calling that is traditional of the GSD style and fast becoming Mr Figueras' hallmark. What a pity to see a young politician let himself and his community down so quickly. I can understand his frustration at our success but I did expect better from him. What a shame."