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Opposition take politics to a new low

The latest statement from the Opposition has taken politics in Gibraltar to a new low. In their eagerness to denigrate the Chief Minister Fabian Picardo and the work of the Government, the Opposition clearly have no problem in peddling insults and half-truths.

The Government has already made its position clear in relation to the housing issues which is how the current debate started. While such discussion and debate is healthy in a democratic society, the Opposition has to understand that the infantile tone and content of its latest statement does nothing positive to promote serious debate.

The fact remains that behind the insults and the bluster, the GSD in Government planned to construct a huge power station with 30m high stacks in Lathbury Barracks. It is also a fact that they planned to increase the cost of electricity to the consumer by over 100% in 20 years. None of this was said to the electorate.

The considerable difference between the power station at Lathbury Barracks and the proposed stadium at Europa Point is that the latter is being conducted in a transparent and open manner in front of the press and the public. The GSD's proposed power station was discussed in secret behind closed doors and people were not given an opportunity to express their views in favour or against. The level of public scrutiny that exists today is light years ahead of the closed system that was inherited from them.

In short, the Government considers that it is incredible that the Opposition expect to be taken seriously when they behave in this way.