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### **Traffic Light Controlled Crossing at Bella Vista Dementia Day Centre & Ocean Views**

Following the official opening of the Bella Vista Dementia Day Centre, the Ministry for Infrastructure and Planning and the Ministry for Health, Care and Justice, are pleased to announce the commissioning of a new traffic light controlled crossing at Europa Road.

In keeping with the recommendations of the Sustainable Traffic, Transport & Parking Plan, the Technical Services Department, as part of the implementation of the new crossing, have introduced several traffic improvements on approach to the area outside the Bella Vista Dementia Facility & Ocean Views which are as follows:

- Reducing the speed Limit in the area to 30 Kph;
- Implementation of speed limit signs and painted speed limit road markings;
- Introduction of traffic signs warning drivers of the new crossing ahead;
- An Electronic Speed Indicator sign to advise motorists of their current speed.

In addition, transverse rumble strips will shortly be laid together with a flashing pedestrian crossing sign to provide motorists with additional warning of this new crossing to maximize pedestrian safety.

The new traffic light controlled crossing will be commissioned for use as from 11:30am Wednesday 10 May 2017. This will be a much welcomed crossing for access to patients and visitors of the facilities.

The Minister for Infrastructure and Planning the Hon Paul Balban M.P. said: "I am delighted to announce the commissioning of this crossing, which is one of the proposed zebra crossings within the STTPP. The Traffic Light controlled crossing will ensure the much needed safety of users and visitors to both recently opened care facilities."

The Minister for Health, Care and Justice, the Hon Neil F. Costa M.P. said: "I am equally delighted at the introduction of these much needed traffic calming measures given the traffic hazards that

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had been identified in the area. The traffic light and other features will ensure road safety to users of the facility, including family and staff.”

Daphne Alcantara, Chairperson of Gibraltar Alzheimer’s and Dementia Society, added: “I am extremely pleased to finally see the implementation of the much needed Traffic Light Controlled Crossing at Europa Road. This is a massive step towards ensuring the safety of staff, service users and visitors at Bella Vista Day Centre and Ocean Views.”