



Earlier today a government committee of the Formentera Council rubber-stamped a permit for construction of the Sant Ferran primary school and early-learning centre. The buildings will go up on a lot handed over by the administration in 2012.

Council president Jaume Ferrer expressed his satisfaction at having held up the administration's end of the bargain and “done everything possible to make the new schools a reality”. Noting that the government in Palma has already set aside funding for the project, Ferrer quipped the Council was “confident construction will begin soon” and called the project one of the Council's top priorities this legislative session.

In plenary session on September 29, the Council voted to change municipal regulations after the high court of the Balearic Islands ruled the demarcation of Formentera's historical town centres lacked the necessary justification and that protocol had not been properly followed in the process. By adjusting the regulatory code, the moratorium on construction inside historic centres was lifted, allowing permits to be issued on projects like the new schools in Sant Ferran.