The Maltese Islands... Laden with History, Nature, and... What’s that in the Background?

A picturesque example of the Maltese environment, with historical churches, grassland, rolling hills and – wait – what’s that in the background? Yes, that’s right. It’s a quarry. The delicate beauty of the countryside left by a terrible sore.

The situation is becoming ever more serious; planning permission is being given for construction of houses, hotels and, of course, quarries. A quarry is the gravest offence that one can commit against land; as good land which may be suitable for the cultivation of crops is scraped away to reveal stone, which is then used to develop more land, in an endless (and cruel) cycle.
After they are depleted, these quarries are usually abandoned; posing a potential danger, depriving nearby animal populations of their habitat, and ruining the look of the area in general. It is a great pity that these quarries are not usually restored to their former glory. Are we going to continue denying the consequences to our actions; or shall we finally change our habits?

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