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**ANTI-SOCIAL AND CONFLICTIVE TOURISM IN MAGALLUF HAS BEEN REDUCED BY 50 PERCENT**

# Palma Metro extension procedures have started

Palma.—Transport minister Marc Pons yesterday announced that the government has started the procedure for extending the Palma Metro to Son Espases Hospital.

This will cost 31.6 million euros, be 2.11 kilometres and enable a 13-minute journey to the hospital from Plaça Espanya.

Pons said that some 30,000 passengers will use the new service daily.

In parallel to the start of the process for the Son Espases extension, the government has initiated one for the stretch of metro to the ParcBit technology

park. This has a budget of seven million euros and will be 1.5 kilometres.

The project for this is currently being drawn up.

The minister added that it would be “prudent” not to set dates but nevertheless expected that the new lines (or the ParcBit one at least) will be operational in 2021.

Work is scheduled to start at the beginning of next year.

However, the project will depend very much on the outcome of the local elections in May. A new administration could shelve the plan.



Metro link to Son Espases is being planned.



## Sterling lifted by report that Britain will delay Brexit date

● The pound jumped yesterday on growing expectations that Britain will seek to delay its scheduled departure date from the European Union.

A denial by Prime Minister Theresa May’s spokeswoman of a newspaper report knocked sterling off highs but it remained up on the day, with analysts citing a growing sense among some investors that Britain will not be leaving the EU on 29 March.

Two of the biggest donors to the Brexit campaign told Reuters they now believe the project they championed will eventually be abandoned by the government, underlining the uncertainty about

what will happen after 29 March, Britain’s scheduled departure date.

Data published yesterday showed Britain’s economy cooled in the three months to November, but the focus remained on May’s efforts to get her Brexit deal through parliament.

A series of setbacks suffered by May in parliament ahead of the vote on her Brexit deal next week had pushed sterling to a one-week low against the euro before *London’s Evening Standard*, quoting British cabinet ministers, reported that Britain could extend Article 50, which determines the exit date.

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