

Test of Reasonableness Board (TORB)

As per the Equal Opportunities (Persons with Disability) Act I of 2000 Cap. 413 of the Laws of Malta

3rd April 2019

Our Ref: MarTORB_05

Dr. Patrick J Galea
58
Old Bakery Street
Valletta VLT 1454

PA/03777/18 – Valletta – To sanction conversion of old building into Class 4A offices and sanctioning of rooms and glazed canopy at roof level.

On Friday 22nd March 2019 the Test of Reasonableness Board (TORB) discussed a request for exemption received on the above indicated permit. Dr. Patrick Galea, Dr. Michael Sciriha, Perit Joe Cassar and Perit Jonathan Avellino were present on behalf of the applicant.

Exemption was requested from the first floor of the building upwards due to building constraints of the historic building.

CRPD objected on the following non-conforming elements:

- With reference to the ground floor level, spot levels on both sides of main entrance leading in should be indicated on submitted plan drawings where lines could refer to as a step.
- Maximum threshold 15mm.
- The main entrance door leaf opening and it's respective clear width dimension should also be indicated on plan drawings in accordance to AADG 2011.
- Reception table/s heights should also conform to AADG 2011.
- Accessible sanitary facilities should be indicated using the international symbol of access.
- Proposed lift shaft does not conform to AADG 2011. Applicant is also requested to indicate the clear and internal lift cabin dimensions on submitted plan drawings in accordance to AADG 2011.
- Lift landing at first, second, third and fourth floor levels does not conform to AADG 2011.
- No refuge area has been provided in accordance to AADG 2011.
- General and all throughout premises spot levels should also be provided where lines could refer to as steps.
- Basement level is not accessible for all.
- Accessible route all throughout premises should conform to AADG 2011.

- Spot levels on both inside and outside areas should also be provided where lines could refer to as steps.
- All external paving material should be indicated on plan drawings and conform to AADG2011.

Taking all arguments in consideration, the TORB could not make a decision as insufficient information was provided.



Rita Vella
Chairperson
Test of Reasonableness Board