

## Test of Reasonableness Board (TORB)

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

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3rd April 2019

Our Ref: MarTORB\_06

Mr. Stephen McCarthy o.b.o Housing Authority  
22  
Triq Pietro Floriani  
Floriana FRN 1060

PA/07510/18 – Floriana – Change of use of first & second floor apartments at 64, Triq l-Imhazen, Floriana, from Class 1 (Residential) to Class 4A (Offices), and minor internal alterations to join with adjacent offices at 22, Triq Pietro Floriani, Floriana.

On Friday 22nd March 2019 the Test of Reasonableness Board (TORB) discussed a request for exemption received on the above indicated permit. Housing Authority representatives and Perit Kevin Bencini were present on behalf of the applicant.

Exemption was requested on the premises covered by above indicated permit application due to building constraints.

CRPD had objected on the following non-conforming elements:

- No accessible for all sanitary facilities have been indicated.
- Ramp levels on both sides, gradients, dimensions and material should be indicated on the plan drawing.
- The proposed development contains areas which are accessible only through steps, and hence it is not accessible to all.
- Levels should be marked where line/s could refer as a step.
- Lift cabin dimensions to be indicated on plan.
- There is no indication whether the entrance leading to the proposed development is accessible to all.

Taking all arguments in consideration, the TORB concluded that it is **NOT REASONABLE** to exempt as further information as discussed during board needs to be provided.



Rita Vella  
Chairperson  
Test of Reasonableness Board