

Test of Reasonableness Board (TORB)

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

6th June 2019

Our Ref: MayTORB_01

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 31st May 2019 the Test of Reasonableness Board (TORB) discussed a request for exemption received on the above indicated permit. Perit Angelina DeGiorgio and Mr. Carmelo Vella were present on behalf of the applicant.

Exemption was requested on the premises covered by the 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 is **REASONABLE** to accept the proposals as presented to board and exempt the building from being fully accessible due to the limitations of the site.



Rita Vella
Chairperson
Test of Reasonableness Board