

Test of Reasonableness Board (TORB)

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

2nd August 2019

Our Ref: JulTORB_02

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PA/03076/19 – Gżira – To sanction extension in backyard, create an entrance ramp and replace entrance door to shop.

On Friday 26th July 2019 the Test of Reasonableness Board (TORB) discussed a request for exemption received on the above indicated permit. Perit Patrick Refalo and Mr. Olvin Vella were present on behalf of applicant.

Exemptions were requested on the main entrance ramp due to site limitations, and the backyard and door to kitchenette since they will not be accessed by the public.

CRPD objected on the following non-conforming elements:

- The pavement should not be altered as indicated in the elevation. Moreover, the elevation & the plan do not correspond
- Wall signs should be provided and installed on façade to indicate the accessible entrance (Elevation)
- Bottom/ top ramp landings should be provided in accordance to AADG 2011
- The 'Accessible sanitary facility' should be marked on plan as per AADG 2011 (Annotation)
- The 'Accessible Shower/ Bathroom' should be marked on plan as per AADG 2011 (Annotation)
- The ramps width do not conform to AADG 2011
- All internal/ external doors WIDTH should conform to AADG 2011 (Some are not)
- Corridors WIDTH do not conform to AADG 2011 (To Yard & To Waiting Room). Turnin Circle should be indicated in the change in direction (Corridor Corner)
- The external paving materials should be indicated in conformity to AADG 2011 (Yards)
- Backyards are stepped thus they are not accessible for all
- The INTERNAL/ EXTERNAL floor levels should be indicated since line/s could refer to a step/s (Internal & Yards). Any threshold/s should not exceed the maximum permissible floor level as per AADG 2011

The TORB could not make a decision due to misinformation on the plans. Applicants should rectify as discussed during Board and initiate communication with the Local Council since proposal is only valid if the Local Council approves.



Rita Vella
Chairperson
Test of Reasonableness Board