

Test of Reasonableness Board (TORB)

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

9th October 2019

Our Ref: SepTORB_06

Mr. Silvio Zammit
Apt. 2, Crystal Cove
Sir Adrian Dingli Street
Sliema SLM 2063

PA/02004/18 – Sliema - One additional floor and change of use of the residential part of the block to a guesthouse. Additional 3 signs on the facade.

On Wednesday 2nd October 2019 the Test of Reasonableness Board (TORB) discussed a request for exemption received on the above indicated permit application. Perit Mark Camilleri and Mr. Silvio Zammit were present on behalf of the applicant.

Full permit application pre-construction of property already approved by CRPD. Minor amendment application submitted once building constructed of which includes the reduction of the property size. Exemption requested on the landings in front of the passenger lift from 2nd floor upwards as do not conform to AADG 2011.

CRPD objected on the following non-conforming elements:

- Clean copies should be provided for vetting
- An accessible entrance should be provided with the INTERNAL/EXTERNAL floor levels should be indicated since line/s could refer to a step/s (Pavement, All Internal & Terraces). Any threshold/s should not exceed the maximum permissible floor level as per AADG 2011
- The entrance door LEAF OPENING & DIMENSIONS should be indicated on plan in conformity to AADG 2011 (Double/Sliding doors should be done in accordance & correspond with the elevation)
- Some of the landings in front of the passenger lift do not conform to AADG 2011
- The passenger lift SHAFT DIMENSIONS & DOOR WIDTH should be indicated in accordance to AADG 2011
- Refuge areas should be provided (All Floors) and separated as per AADG 2011. These should not obstruct the fire escape route
- The accessible sanitary facility dimensions, fixtures & LOBBY DIMENSIONS do not conform to AADG 2011 (Ground Floor)
- The 'Accessible guest room' should be clearly indicated on plan
- The accessible guest room sanitary facility dimensions, DOOR WIDTH & fixtures do not conform to AADG 2011
- All internal/external doors WIDTH should conform to AADG 2011

Taking all arguments in consideration, the TORB concluded that it is **REASONABLE** to exempt the lift landings from second floor upwards in view of the existing limited size. All other matters should be revised and tackled as advised during Board.

**Exempted elements are ticked in an 'X' above.*

Rita Vella

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Chairperson
Test of Reasonableness Board