

## 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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9th October 2019

Our Ref: SepTORB\_07

Mr. Chris Debono  
74/75  
St. Mary Street  
Mosta MST9050

PA/01374/19 – Bormla – To change use from townhouse to guesthouse Class 3A and carry out internal and external alterations from PA/5488/16. To construct a recessed floor.

On Wednesday 2nd October 2019 the Test of Reasonableness Board (TORB) discussed a request for exemption received on the above indicated permit application. Perit Patrick Refalo, Mr. Christopher Debono and Mr. Edward Crockford were present on behalf of the applicant.

Exemption was requested on the main door when taking account the existing streetscape and historical value of the area as door cannot be changed but will be retained and restored and on the sanitary facilities at roof level due to space limitations. On another note, applicant advised that corridor width and swimming pool were amended accordingly.

CRPD objected on the following non-conforming elements:

- The entrance double leaf door do not conform to AADG 2011 (One leaf should be in accordance/900mm)
- Corridor width do not conform to AADG 2011 (Reception/1.10m)
- The 'Accessible sanitary facility' should be clearly indicated on plan. Moreover, the accessible sanitary facility dimensions do not conform to AADG 2011
- Refuge areas should be provided (All Floors) and separated as per AADG 2011 (Fire doors).
- Swimming pool should be made accessible for all (Hoist in accordance to EU Standards)

Taking all arguments in consideration, the TORB concluded that it is **REASONABLE** to exempt the roof level from having accessible sanitary facilities and the main entrance from conforming to AADG 2011 on condition that both leaf doors are kept open at all times.

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



Rita Vella  
Chairperson  
Test of Reasonableness Board