

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_08

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

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 and Mr. Olvin Vella were present on behalf of the applicant.

Exemptions were requested on the main entrance ramp from conforming to AADG 2011, and the backyard since it will not be accessed by the public. Already appeared for TORB in July 2019 however had been asked to amend drawings due to misinformation on plans.

CRPD objected on the following non-conforming elements:

- With reference to proposed development and fresh drawings provided, applicant is advised that from spot levels provided it is clear that main entrance is not accessible for all.
- Maximum threshold 15mm.
- Proposed main entrance ramp does not conform to the AADG2011.
- Accessible route leading to back yard and changing room does not conform to the AADG2011.
- Spot levels on both inside and outside areas should also be provided where lines could also refer to as steps.
- All external paving material should also be non-slip and clearly indicated on plan drawings in accordance to AADG2011.

Taking all arguments in consideration, in order to take a decision the TORB requires the following information:

- A proposal with the layout of internal furniture with ramp as being proposed holding a gradient of 1:10 and;
- A proposal with the layout of internal furniture with ramp as required by AADG 2011 holding a gradient of 1:12.

On another note, the backyard is exempted from being accessible for all as long as it is not open for the public.



Rita Vella
Chairperson
Test of Reasonableness Board