

Test of Reasonableness Board (TORB)

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

28th November 2019

Our Ref: NovTORB_02

Archipriest Can. Rev. Vincent Borg
'Parish Office' 263
St. Paul's Street
Valletta

PA/10561/18 – Valletta – Internal and external alterations, which will involve the removal of two rooms found in the courtyard to install an access for all lift, the addition of bridges to link the floors, the division of some rooms, to reconstruct a collapsed room on the roof and to built an extension on the roof and the roofing over of the courtyard.

On Friday 22nd November 2019 the Test of Reasonableness Board (TORB) discussed a request for exemption received on the above indicated permit. Perit Silviene Camilleri and Mr. Maurizio Lapira were present on behalf of the applicant.

Exemption requested on the First Floor Level from being accessible for all since constructing a bridge on the First Floor would impinge the architectural value of the building. Other matters mentioned in the previous TORB, in July 2019, were tackled. Applicants also advised that all services provided in the First Floor are provided in other (accessible) floors.

CRPD objected on the following non-conforming elements:

- No Refuge Areas provided
- First Floor should be accessible
- The architect is to clarify on the 'Service Area' at basement level

Taking all arguments in consideration, the TORB concluded that it is **REASONABLE** to exempt* the First Floor from being accessible in view of the architectural limitations of the building and since all services provided at First Floor are provided in the other accessible floors.

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



Rita Vella
Chairperson
Test of Reasonableness Board