

Test of Reasonableness Board (TORB)

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

20th December 2019

Our Ref: DecTORB_01

Mr. Rudolph Spiteri Sacco o.b.o RS Properties
RS Properties
Triq l-Imdina
Żebbuġ ŻBG 9018

PA/06626/19 – Għaxaq – Proposed change of use from residential dwellings to a Class 3B hotel and ancillary facilities which includes part demolition of existing building, construction of hotel rooms, garage and pool at roof level. Proposal includes demolition of adjacent dwelling and construction of additional hotel rooms as indicated in drawings and restoration of building to be retained.

On Tuesday 17th December 2019, the Test of Reasonableness Board (TORB) discussed a request for exemption received on the above indicated permit. Perit Andrea Bianco and Mr. Owen Falzon were present on behalf of the applicant.

Exemption was requested on the implementation of a ramp at entrance since the palazzo is of a very high architectural value and due to the visual impact and sensitivity of palazzo. A 'chairlift' was proposed to be installed instead.

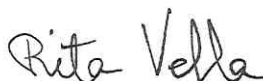
CRPD objected on the following non-conforming element:

- The chair lift proposed for the main entrance is not considered acceptable by AADG guidelines. An alternative way to render the main entrance accessible should be proposed. Alternatively, the applicant may request an exemption from the TORB board.

During the Board, it was clarified that the installation of a stair-inclined platform lift is being proposed instead. Applicants were advised to update plans showing a stair-inclined platform lift instead of a chairlift.

Plans were updated and provided following the TORB.

In light of the above, the TORB finds **no objection** to the installation of a stair-inclined platform lift conforming to AADG 2011 at the entrance.



Rita Vella
Chairperson
Test of Reasonableness Board