

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_02

Mr. Christopher Vella
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15 - 25
Conservation Street
Floriana FRN 1521

PA/06146/19 – Isla – Change of use from club house to class 3A accommodation. Internal & external alterations (relocation of spiral staircase, additional openings on main facade, to construct intermediate slab to create third floor level and demolition of existing yard slab at first floor, to extend yard to ground floor level). Including additional floor on back of premises in line with adjacent commitments. Part excavation of ground floor to extend basement.

On Tuesday 17th December 2019 the Test of Reasonableness Board (TORB) discussed a request for exemption received on the above indicated permit. Mr. Christopher Vella, Perit Adrian Mangion and Perit Laura Nicotra were present on behalf of the applicant.

Exemption requested since the installation of a lift according to Accessibility Requirements is not possible due to space restrictions and the traditional Maltese features of the old building. A platform lift from Ground Floor Level to Basement Level, i.e where the common areas and accessible guest room lie, is being proposed instead.

CRPD objected on the following non-conforming elements:

- Lift cabin size not as per guidelines; Applicant needs to apply for a discretionary exemption through the Test of Reasonableness Board

Taking all arguments in consideration, the TORB concluded that it is **REASONABLE** to exempt on condition that there is an adequate turning circle as per Accessibility Requirements to platform lift. Plans should therefore be amended to include a smaller bar and an adequate landing in front of platform lift.

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



Rita Vella
Chairperson
Test of Reasonableness Board