

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_07

Mr. Ronald Muscat Azzopardi
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PA/03012/19 – Birkirkara – To sanction internal and external alterations at first and to sanction change of use from shop to office class 4A. To sanction internal alteration shifting of walls and alterations to facade. Proposed extension to third floor level and change in use from washroom to office class4A and to demolish part of existing structure.

On Tuesday 17th December 2019 the Test of Reasonableness Board (TORB) discussed a request for exemption received on the above indicated permit application. Perit Ronald Muscat Azzopardi was present to make his case in front of the TORB.

CRPD objected on the following non-conforming elements:

- Lift landing at ground floor level do not conform as per AA DG2011 & LN198 of 2019.
- Passenger lift should be marked on plan. Lift shaft and cabin do not conform as per AADG2011 & LN198 of 2019.
- The entrance leading to the refuge area at third floor area, do not conform as per AADG2011 & LN198 of 2019.

Case was already discussed for the TORB in September '19 whereby the applicant was advised to explore further solutions in regards to widening the lift and landing. Other matters which had been objected on by CRPD from previous plans were tackled including the updating of missing information.

Exemption was once again requested in regards to the existing lift landings and lift dimensions.

Following the Board, the TORB members requested an onsite inspection by CRPD officers since the plans provided by applicant were still missing some information in regards to the passenger lift openings.

While onsite, CRPD Technical Officers met with Perit Muscat Azzopardi onsite who advised that he has requested the lift suppliers to explore all possibilities in order to widen lift door clear (on all floors) to that required by AADG 2011.

Taking all arguments in consideration and following the feedback received by CRPD technical officers, the TORB concluded that it is **REASONABLE** to exempt* in view of the existing dimensions and limited space at ground floor. Applicant should however modify the passenger lift opening.

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



Rita Vella
Chairperson
Test of Reasonableness Board