

Test of Reasonableness Board (TORB)

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

4th March 2020

Our Ref: 20200228_TORB02

Mr. Matthew Said
Block B, Flat 6
Triq San Gerald
St. Paul's Bay

PA/06737/19 – St. Paul's Bay – Change of use from class 4A private offices to class 3A Guesthouse. Application also includes fixing of new sign.

On Friday 28th February 2020, the Test of Reasonableness Board (TORB) discussed a request for exemption received on the above indicated permit. Perit Amanda Massa was present on behalf of the applicant.

CRPD objected on the following non-conforming elements:

- Entrance is not accessible to all.
- Lift does not conform to Access for All Design Guidelines.
- No accessible sanitary facilities.
- No accessible guest rooms.
- No refuge areas provided.

Exemption on the whole development was requested in view that the entry staircase providing access to the premises is very narrow with no space for the installation of a platform lift and in view that the basement and majority of the ground floor space does not belong to the applicant.

The TORB requested the necessary documentation showing that the owner of the majority of the ground floor area is not owned by the applicant.

Taking all arguments in consideration and following receipt of the requested documents, the TORB concluded that it is **REASONABLE** to exempt* the property from access for all requirements as long as the ground floor area owned by applicant remains as per the above indicated Planning Application.

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



Ms. Rita Vella
Chairperson
Test of Reasonableness Board