

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_TORB03

Mr. John Azzopardi
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PA/08414/19 – Rabat (Gozo) – To sanction variations at third floor level and to correct site plan from previous permission PA1404/00, to change the use from commercial stores to Class 4A, and to extend third floor.

On Friday 28th February 2020 the Test of Reasonableness Board (TORB) discussed a request for exemption received on the above permit application. Mr. John Azzopardi and Perit Paul Dimech were present on behalf of the applicant.

CRPD objected on the following non-conforming elements:

- The ground floor ramps gradients, lengths and widths do not conform as per AADG2011.
- The main entrance door is obstructing the access route.
- Landing at the front of the door lift at ground floor level do not conform as per AADG2011.
- External paving material should be marked non-slip as per AADG2011.
- Passenger lift shaft should be conform to the right cabin dimension on plan as per AADG2011.

Exemption requested on the existing lift and landings dimensions since it is difficult to intervene structurally in view of the above existing levels belonging to third parties.

Taking all arguments in consideration, the TORB concluded that it is **REASONABLE** to exempt* the existing lift shaft and cabin dimensions, and the landing dimensions at Ground Floor Level, in view of the restrictions (including space restrictions) of the existing building. Applicant should however provide revised plans including a step platform lift at the entrance of the building and adequate access to the passenger lift at Ground Floor Level and a better lift landing.

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



Ms. Rita Vella
Chairperson
Test of Reasonableness Board