

## 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\_TORB07

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PA/08662/19 – Valletta – Outline development application for the change of use of the property from Class 1 (residential) to Class 4a (offices).

On Friday 28th January 2020 the Test of Reasonableness Board (TORB) discussed a request for exemption received on the above indicated permit application. Mr. Franco Galea, Prof. Alfred Galea, Perit Danica Mifsud and Perit Stephanie Mamo were present on behalf of the applicant.

CRPD objected on the following non-conforming elements:

- With reference to proposed development, Spot levels on both sides of main entrance leading in should be provided on submitted plan drawings where lines could refer to as a step.
- Maximum threshold 15mm.
- Main entrance door does not conform to the AADG2011. At least one of it's respective leafs should be 900mm clear.
- Internal spot levels should also be provided where lines could refer to as steps.
- Accessible route within entire premises should conform to the AADG2011.
- Lift shaft and lift cabin dimensions do not conform to the AADG2011.
- Lift landings do not conform to the AADG2011.
- Reception counter/s should also conform to the AADG2011.
- No accessible for all sanitary facilities and bathroom provided at ground floor level (This point applies also for proposed second floor level).
- Accessible for all sanitary facilities should be clearly indicated using the international symbol of access.
- Spot levels on both inside and outside areas (balconies and terraces) should also be provided where lines could also refer to as steps.
- All external paving material should be non-slip and clearly indicated on plan drawings and conform to AADG2011.

Exemption was requested on the whole building in view of the historical limitations of the building and location and in view of the restricted space of the property.

Taking all arguments in consideration, the TORB concluded that it is **REASONABLE** to exempt\* on condition that a removable ramp as according to AADG 2011, to be placed upon request, with bell and signage is implemented. An accessible for all desk should also be provided at Ground Floor Level. Plans should therefore be revised accordingly.

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



Ms. Rita Vella  
Chairperson  
Test of Reasonableness Board