

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 May 2020

Our Ref: 20200424_TORB04

Mr. Matthew Psaila
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PA/03413/19 – Floriana – Change of use from offices [class 4A] to an 18-room guest house [class 3A], alterations to existing structure and an extension of two floors and a receded floor. This includes a storage at basement level, a reception area and a lounge [class 4C] at ground floor level, 18 rooms at ground-intermediate/first/second/second-intermediate/third/fourth/receded floor levels, and a restaurant at receded floor level [class 4D].

On Friday 24th April 2020 the Test of Reasonableness Board (TORB) discussed a request for exemption received on the above indicated permit application. Perit Matthew Psaila was present to present his case in front of the Board.

CRPD objected on the following non-conforming elements:

- An inclined platform lift will only be considered as an acceptable form of vertical circulation in an existing building following clear proof by a competent person that other form of vertical access are not technically possible.
- An inclined platform lift shall have a clear are of 1500mm by 1500mm wide at the top and bottom landings.

The TORB was requested to allow the installation of the proposed inclined platfor lifts to allow access for all at the levels from First Floor upwards in view that no other measures may be undertaken and in view that the Superintendence for Cultural Heritage had opposed to the lift in the location which it was previously proposed at (which would have prevented the requirement of platform lifts).

Taking all arguments in consideration, the TORB has **NO OBJECTION** to the installation of inclined platform lift to the common areas at Fourth Floor Level **on condition** that the accessible guest room is moved to an alternative location at a level where there is no need to use the platform lift to access the room. Other levels are exempted from the installation of a platform lift.

Adequate signage and an intercom/ buzzer should be installed for those areas where the platform lift is required.



Ms. Rita Vella
Chairperson
Test of Reasonableness Board