

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_TORB07

Mr. Anthony Muscat
Social Projects Management Ltd
459, Bugeia Institute
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Sta Venera SVR1012

PA/03918/19 – Rabat – Internal and external alterations to existing structure, including dismantling of highly deteriorated roofs and re-construction, construction of an additional floor and restoration of existing structure to accommodate two social housing units.

On Friday 24th April 2020 the Test of Reasonableness Board (TORB) discussed a request for exemption received on the above indicated permit application. Perit Jessica Sammut was present on behalf of the applicant.

CRPD objected on the following non-conforming elements:

- The main entrances at ground floor level threshold, do not conform as per AADG2011.
- No lift have been provided. It should be rendered accessible to all as per AADG2011.

Exemption requested since threshold at main entrance was already lowered from that existing however it was not advisable to lower it further due to the rainwater drain of the alleyway as it is situated below road level of Triq Kan G. Gatt.

Exemption on the installation of a passenger lift to the unit at First Floor Level also requested in view of the limitations of the existing old building which is also in the vicinity of sites scheduled Class B by the Superintendence of Cultural Heritage.

Taking all arguments in consideration, the TORB concluded that it is **REASONABLE** to exempt* on the installation of a passenger lift to the First Floor Level on condition that the Ground Floor is accessible for all as according to AADG 2011.

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



Ms. Rita Vella
Chairperson
Test of Reasonableness Board