

Test of Reasonableness Board (TORB)

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

2nd July 2020

Our Ref: 20200626_TORB05

Mr. Silvio Magro
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Żabbar

PA/08324/19 – Żabbar – Proposed construction of Class 4A offices at third and recessed floor levels over existing Class 4A office block and change of use of first floor from storage to Class 4A office - resulting in 3 independent Class 4A offices, internal and external alterations, and installation of sign on facade.

On Friday 26th June 2020 the Test of Reasonableness Board (TORB) discussed a request for exemption received on the above indicated permit application. Perit Karl Grech Seychell was present on behalf of the applicant.

CRPD objected on the following non-conforming elements:

- Main entrance should be marked and indicated on plan with spot levels on both sides as per AADG 2011.
- Accessible route to the lift from ground floor should be provided as per AADG 2011.
- Landing in front of lift entrance should be provided as per AADG 2011.
- Lift shaft do not conform to AADG 2011.
- All internal doors should be marked with their respective openings.
- No accessible sanitary facilities have been provided.
- The door leading to the accessible sanitary facilities should open outwards.
- All entrances leading to terraces should be marked and indicated on plan with spot levels on both sides as per AADG 2011.
- Maximum threshold of 15mm.
- External paving material should be added to all outdoor areas.

Exemption requested on whole building in view that the existing restricted space does not permit the installation of a wheelchair accessible lift.

During the board further measures which may be considered were discussed. The applicant was requested to consider the provided suggestions and revert accordingly.

Taking all arguments in consideration in terms of the proposed project, the TORB concluded that it is **NOT REASONABLE** to exempt in view that not all solutions have been considered. The applicant should consider the suggestions made by the Board and revert accordingly.

Rita Vella

Ms. Rita Vella
Chairperson
Test of Reasonableness Board