

Test of Reasonableness Board (TORB)

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

6th August 2020

Our Ref: 20200730_TORB05

Mr. Ryan Callus
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PA/02606/20 – Siggiewi – Change of use from single-dwelling unit to Class 3A (accommodation), office, internal modifications and proposed sign.

On Thursday 30th July 2020 the Test of Reasonableness Board (TORB) discussed a request for exemption received on the above indicated permit application. Perit Julian Borg was present on behalf of the applicant.

CRPD objected on the following non-conforming elements:

Internal Environment:

- The main entrance door leaf openings and their respective clear width dimensions (one door not less than 900mm clear) should be marked and indicated on plan drawings in accordance to AADG2011.
- Spot levels should be provided where lines could refer change in level. Maximum threshold is 15mm.
- W.C located at the office area is not accessible to all as per AADG2011.
- Declaration state that part of the reception desk is not higher the 760mm.
- The accessible for all en-suite shower do not conform as per AADG2011. The door opening should be marked opened outwards.
- Clarification regarding on the second floor terrace (if it is part of room No.4 or common area).

Exemption requested on the main entrance in view that the site is a traditional townhouse forming part of a well preserved streetscape of similar houses and changing existing timber door would detract from the visual integrity of site and so would the installation of a permanent ramp. A temporary ramp as according to AADG 2011 with bell and signage was instead proposed to the TORB.

Taking all arguments in consideration, the TORB concluded that it is **NOT REASONABLE** to exempt in view of lack of information provided by the applicant. Further solutions should be considered and a plan of the proposed temporary ramp, spot levels etc should be provided for re-consideration.

The decision was made when taking into consideration the details, plans and circumstances of the case in hand and not any decisions the Board could have made in respect to other cases.



Ms. Rita Vella
Chairperson
Test of Reasonableness Board