

Test of Reasonableness Board (TORB)

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

10th September 2020

Our Ref: 20200903_TORB06

Mr. Joseph Vella
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PA/01223/19 – H'Attard – To sanction internal alterations to change use from Class Warehouse with internal un/loading bays & parking to a Class 4A Sales Office with limited storage for medicine stock and to include totem type sign.

On Thursday 3rd September 2020 the Test of Reasonableness Board (TORB) discussed a request for exemption received on the above indicated permit. Mr. Joseph Vella and Perit Anthony Fenech Vella were present on behalf of the applicant.

CRPD objected on the following non-conforming elements:

- Architect is advised that CRPD was not consulted for previous approved PA 6793/07 and thus accessible for all sanitary facilities were never approved from CRPD.
- Accessible for all sanitary facilities should conform to the AADG2011.
- Accessible route within entire premises (also leading to accessible for all sanitary facilities) should conform to AADG2011.
- Backyard area is not accessible for all. Maximum threshold 15mm.

Exemption requested on the sanitary facilities in view that they were constructed as per PA6973/07 albeit slightly larger with a clear width of .95m and a depth of 1.52m. The sanitary facility wall acts as a support to the beam carrying the backwall of overriding apartments.

Exemption was requested since it is not reasonable to undergo modifications including the removing and replacement of wall tiles, changes to floor tiles, alterations to the foundations of this structure wall, changes to electricity and the door itself in order to move the wall the required 5cm.

Following the TORB, an updated plan was submitted to improve the access to the kitchenette and sanitary facility.

Taking all arguments in consideration, the TORB concluded that it is **REASONABLE** to exempt*.

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



Ms. Rita Vella
Chairperson
Test of Reasonableness Board