

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_TORB07

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Valley View Court, No. 4
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PA/00287/19 – Żabbar – Construction of 197 garages at basement level -2 and -1, 127 residential units from ground floor to receded floor level in view of complete re-design of layout from that approved in permission PA 2902/16.

On Thursday 3rd September 2020 the Test of Reasonableness Board (TORB) discussed a request for exemption received on the above indicated permit application. Perit Colin Zammit and Mr. Noel Mallia were present on behalf of the applicant.

Application already approved by both CRPD and the Planning Authority however an exemption was requested since the passenger lifts which open at a ninety-degree at basement level (3 out of 4 lifts) will be slightly smaller than that approved and than per AADG 2011 (1.55m by 1.4m instead of 1.6m by 1.4m).

Application already discussed on the TORB in April 2020 whereby the Board had requested proof that lifts according to AADG 2011 cannot be installed in the existing shaft dimensions.

Correspondence with lift suppliers stating that a lift according to AADG 2011 cannot be installed has been forwarded to the TORB for re-consideration. The closest to the standards is lift with dimensions 1.4m by 1.57m by Vertibus, Advent Lifts Services Ltd.

Taking all arguments in consideration, the TORB concluded that it is **REASONABLE** to exempt in view that the discrepancy to AADG 2011 is minimal and since the requested proof has been provided.



Ms. Rita Vella
Chairperson
Test of Reasonableness Board