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Environmental and Planning Review Tribunal

Application No.: PA 05044/17
Location: Hood, 37, Triq Simpson, Marsa
Proposal: Proposed internal and external alterations to existing ground floor tenement.

We, on behalf of our client, Mr. Joseph Borg, respectfully submit the following appeal against refusal for the development described above.

We tend to disagree with the two main reasons for refusal as the street in caption consists of existing commitments which make use of other materials other than timber, including aluminium. The use of such a material, if executed nicely, does not impinge on the visual integrity of the streetscape. Additionally, two aluminium balconies and a main door have been approved in the same street bearing PA Nos. 2631/16 and 5691/17.

A site plan and photographs are being annexed showing the location of the approved permits on the one hand and the use of multiple materials on the other.


Moreover, the decision was taken without the architect in charge being able to defend the case. This occurred due to a very unfortunate circumstance or rather due to negligence of a security officer posing a Planning Authority [PA] officer. Upon arrival at the PA offices, a list indicating the cancelled items for the day was noted. We thus, asked a PA officer on duty about the cancelled items and confirmed that all the items on this list were deferred to the following Monday, hence we left the offices and continued on our duties.

To our surprise we receive a letter of refusal, stating that the sitting was made and that it has been refused. Immediately after, we contacted the Board secretary, Ms. Marthese Debono, who explained that from her end, little can be done. She also explained that the *PA officer* was not an officer but merely a security officer, who presented himself as a

PA officer, so much so, his attire gave no indication of being a security and also wearing the PA neck strap band reading *Planning Authority* with his identification. Unfortunately, this mishap has led to us resorting to submitting this appeal.

In view of the above, we feel that the decision of the Planning Commission should be reconsidered and grant the permission as being proposed accordingly.

Yours sincerely,



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