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The Hon Chairman,
Environment and Planning Review Tribunal
Block B, St. Francis Ditch,
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Application Number: PA/03614/20

Location: Joseph Farm, Triq Borg Gharib, Ghajnsielem

Proposal: To sanction the construction of rooms to park a water bowser to be filled from a licensed borehole ready for distribution

Wednesday, 23 June 2021

In terms of Article 13 of the Environment and Planning Review Tribunal Act, 2016, we herby submit our request for appeals based on the following arguments.

The reasons for refusal are based on two arguments

Reason for refusal 1

The proposed development runs counter to Thematic Objective 1.10 and to Rural Objective 4 of the Strategic Plan for Environment and Development in terms of land-use in that the proposal is not considered legitimate or necessary within the rural area.

Counter Argument

The proposal description seeks to sanction a garage for the parking of a water bowser in relation to a licensed bore-hole. The proposal does not, constitute as urban development since the borehole is located on an ODZ site, the applicant is one of the main fresh water supplies for Gozo and his customers are primarily farmers who uses his services to irrigate their fields for this reason we insist that the activity carried out is intrinsically essential to agriculture and therefore in conformity with SPED Thematic Objective 1.10 and Rural Objective 4.

Reason for refusal 2

The proposed development runs counter to the provisions of Policy GZ-AGRI-1 of the Gozo and Comino Local Plan which seeks to protect areas of agricultural value.

Argument 2

The site consists of agricultural land and is located outside the development zone just off Triq Borg Gharib, in an area known as Ta' Borg Gharib in Ghajnsielem the site is characterised by rural development. Policy GZ-AGRI-1 – Safeguards Areas of Agricultural Value the site and use are intrinsically related to agriculture and cannot be could be accommodated within the development zone.

Regards,

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