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Environment and Planning Review Tribunal
 P.O. Box. 172
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**REF: To replace collapsed balcony balustrades with stainless steel railing – site at
 Bella Vista, Flat 7, Triq Ghar Qawqla, Marsalforn, Zebbug, Gozo**

Request for appeal

I am kindly requesting that the Tribunal revoke the refusal decision taken by the Planning Authority with respect to this application for development for the following reasons:

The applicant's balcony collapsed and the applicant is seeking to install a wrought iron railing instead. Originally a straight stainless steel railing was being proposed. The Planning Commission, during the sitting of 17/1/17, requested that "Perit shall upload fresh drawings to leave the whole floor with the same proposed balcony design. If not, the existing design shall be replicated". In view of the fact that the owner of the adjacent balcony within the same block was not interested in replacing his own balcony balustrade, we submitted fresh drawings proposing a wrought iron railing with the same existing design, as requested by the PC. Unfortunately, the PC still decided to refuse this application.

The applicant does not want to construct a balcony balustrade with the same type of material since it is not sufficiently robust and safe. The previous balcony balustrade and those of the other balconies in the same block, consist of a white cement mosaic mix. They are not safe in that if hit quite hard, they can easily collapse. It is for this reason that the applicant is proposing a metal balustrade. In order to seek continuity with the design of the adjacent balcony, we are proposing a wrought iron railing of a similar design.

We therefore kindly request that the Planning Authority refusal decision be revoked and we kindly ask to be notified beforehand with respect to any sittings concerning this request.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'E. Scerri', written over a horizontal line.

Edward Scerri, A & C E