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**The Environment & Planning Review Tribunal.
St Francis Ravelin,
FLORIANA**

Case Number: PA 3091/17
Location: Block E, Belmonte Heights, Trejjet Sant Ignazju, Sliema:
Proposal: Extension of back balconies overlooking the backyard of the entire block.

I write on behalf of my clients:

Mrs. Renate Paret: Owner of Apartment Number 7 in Block E Belmont Heights and also of:
Apartment Number 8 in Block D

Mrs. Irina Petrenko: Owner of Apartment 8 in Block E

Mr & Mrs Bertolino: Owners of Apartment 5 in Block E

My clients had objected to the development proposed in application PA 3091/17 and specifically the extension of the balconies at the rear of the apartment block at the time the application was being processed.

They note with regret that a Development Permit with number PA 3091/17 was issued by the Planning Authority despite their objections.

In view of this they have instructed me to submit this appeal on their behalf.

The background is as follows:

The Development:

The applicant has proposed the extension of the uppermost 3 balconies at the rear of the apartment block in question. These can be seen in the extract reproduced hereunder taken from the approved section.

**Reasons for the Appeal:**

My clients own a number of apartments in Block E and are objecting to this proposed development for the following reasons:

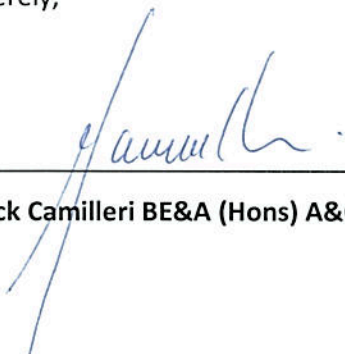
- Mrs. Paret, one of the objectors, owns apartment E7 in this same Block E. Her apartment lies directly below the balconies that are to be extended. She has concerns that the extended balconies will affect the sunlight penetration into her apartment and hence the lighting levels within the rooms and the ventilation of her apartment. Hence she does not wish to see balconies above her apartment extending beyond their present depth.

- My clients are concerned that this proposal will lead to a haphazard arrangement of balconies and an unsightly rear façade.
- Furthermore, no time-frame has been proposed and this could very well mean that works are carried out by the different owners in an uncoordinated manner causing disruption, noise and dust over a period of months if not years.
- My clients feel that the alterations being proposed have a direct impact on the external areas of the block as a whole and therefore should never have been approved without the agreement of all of the owners in the block.

Further arguments / documentation as required will be submitted during the hearings.

In view of the above my clients are requesting that permit PA 03091/17 be cancelled.

Yours Sincerely,



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