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Your Ref: PA/003847/18

Our Ref: 98429

Secretary Appeals Board
MEPA
St. Francis Ravelin
Floriana



Dear Sir,

Re: PA/03847/08 - Demolition of existing building, excavation and construction of residential units.

I am writing on behalf of my client, Mr. Hugh Mercieca, to request the Appeals Board to reconsider the decision taken by the EPC on the 28th February 2018 to refuse permission for the aforementioned application. My client, his lawyer and myself would like to be present during the deliberation of this application.

The reasons for refusal are the following:

1. The proposed development would change the external and internal appearance of a historic building which merits retention. The proposal would therefore detract from the historical value of the existing building, thus runs counter to Thematic Objective 8 of the Strategic Plan for Environment and Development which aims for the safeguarding and enhancement of cultural heritage.
2. The proposal runs counter to Thematic Objective 10.6 of the Strategic Plan for Environment and Development in that it may give rise to excessive vehicular movement in the area, which would not be in the interests of the amenity of the area.
3. The proposal lacks the necessary information to enable complete assessment in terms cultural heritage value.

We would like to appeal on all of the above refusals and moreover we do not agree with all of the above mentioned refusals. During the deliberation of the appeal we would like to discuss both the heritage issue and the traffic issue.

Regards,

Dr. Edwin Mintoff



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