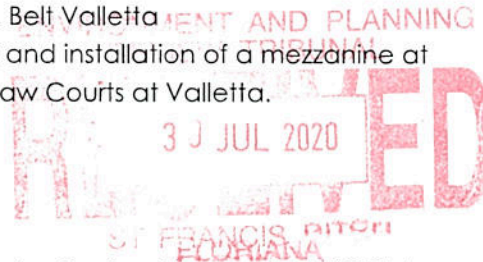


Environment and Planning Review Tribunal

St Francis Ditch
Floriana FRN 1230
20th July 2020

Application No. PA/00029/20
Location: Law Court, Republic Street, Belt Valletta
Proposal: Accessibility Improvements and installation of a mezzanine at Second and Third Floor of Law Courts at Valletta.
Subject: **Letter of Appeal**



To the Appeals Board,

In terms of article 13 of the Environment and Planning Review Tribunal Act of 2016, we are hereby submitting a formal request for appeal. The appeal relates to condition number 5, whereby the Planning Authority is arguing that: "To make up for the shortfall in parking provision of 6 parking spaces, this development permission is subject to a contribution amounting to the sum of € 29,000 in favour of the Planning Authority's Commuted Parking Payment Scheme for the locality within which the site is located".

Our reason for appeal lies in the fact that:

- 1) The main scope of the intervention is to render parts of the Courts of Justice currently inaccessible to persons with limited mobility, accessible to wheelchair users.
- 2) In the process to realise this objective, additional space will be created at mezzanine level.
- 3) It is being proposed to use this additional space to accommodate members of the Judiciary.
- 4) The Courts of Justice already has parking facilities of at least 25 car park spaces at basement level, under the law courts.
- 5) Furthermore, the court services agency has an agreement with the Yellow Garage just outside Valletta, for exclusive use by members of the Judiciary.

In view of these facts we deem that the reason behind condition 5 are not justified, since no additional staff will be accommodated and therefore, we are submitting this letter of appeal.

Kind Regards,

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