

01ST September 2021**RE: Submission for PA-0853-21**

To whom it may concern,

The below correspondence is being referred as a reply for the refusal for tables and chairs by the planning authority on 21st July 2021.

We are totally in disagreement with the published report since our proposal is in nature similar to other applications both in St John's square and in general allover Valletta. Recommendation for refusal is totally unjust and discriminatory since similar application have been approved by the same planning authority in which for ease of reference some have been listed below;

PA/01781/20

- Cafe' Caravaggio, Shop 9D/9T, Block 1, Misrah San Gwann, Belt Valletta

To sanction the setting of umbrellas, tables and chairs on outdoor catering area of Class 4D property

PA/01854/18

San Giovanni, Pjazza San Gwann, Belt Valletta, Malta

- To sanction extension of outdoor catering area class 4D on public open space comprising of tables, chairs and umbrellas in lieu of PA 3594/09.

PA/03594/09

- San Giovanni, Pjazza San Gwann, Belt Valletta

Sanctioning of tables and chairs.

PA/02167/20

- Land in front of Luciano Restaurant, Triq il-Merkanti, Belt Valletta

To place moveable timber station, and umbrellas within approved area designated for tables and chairs. To amend conditions 1 and 9 of permit PA/02699/04. These include the sanctioning of the extension of opening and closing times as approved on permit PA/02699/04 to everyday according to establishment opening hours.

PA/02354/17

- Cettina Snack Bar, Triq Il-Merkanti, Belt Valletta, Malta

Tables and chairs

PA/04291/18

- That's Amore 29, Triq il-Merkanti, Belt Valletta, Malta

Proposed external seating, dining , removable umbrellas and steel patterned screening as per drawing A001.

PA/04901/20

- That's Amore 29, Triq il-Merkanti, Belt Valletta

Proposed extension of outdoor catering area Class 4D on public open space comprising of tables, chairs and demountable covering umbrellas.

PA/02470/18

- Cafe Teatro, Triq ir- Repubblika/ Triq Nofs in- Nhar/, Triq l-Ordinanza, Belt Valletta, Malta

To Sanction Class 4C use, the placing of tables and charis on public street (Triq irRepubblika)and the affixing of retractable awings on the facade. The proposal also includes the placing of the table and chairs on Triq in-Nofs in-Nhar Street and the roof of the premises.



PA/00858/16

- Caffe Cordina, 244/5, Triq Ir- Repubblika, Belt Valletta, Malta

Upgrades to external cafe area in Misrah ir-Repubblika. Proposal to include installation of ground anchored umbrellas, m&e for same and upgrades to tables and chairs.

PA/03668/17

▪ *Eddie's Caffe Regina, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Triq It-Tezorerija, Misrah Ir-Repubblika, Belt Valletta, Malta*
Upgrading to outdoor areas in Misrah ir-Repubblika. Proposal to include installation of ground anchorages for umbrellas. Upgrades to umbrellas, tables and chairs including other ancillary electrical works similar and complementary to already approved development permission PA0858/16 to provide a uniform design to Misrah ir-Repubblika.

Report makes reference to clause P1 of the *Guidance and Standards for Outdoor Catering Areas on Public Open Space*. Reference to this clause is completely wrong since proposal is not doing any damage to scheduled property, not having adversely affect to natural areas, such as Special Areas of Conservation, Special Protection Areas, Areas of Ecological Importance, Sites of Scientific Interest, and other similarly protected areas.

This is further sustained with the approval of the above mentioned permits which in our opinion judgment is being done in two weights to measures given the small scale this application is, when compared to the ones approved. In addition to this, our proposal is exactly on the allocated area by the lands authority in which case a *no objection* has been obtained.

With regards to Transport Malta comment we feel highly discriminated and reply lacks any policy backing. Judgment has to be based on approved policies and not through a personal opinion. It is to note that approval of this sort of application is not on first come first serve basis but on factual legal notices and policies.

One has to note that as per approved local plan '*Valletta Transport strategy figure 8*' area is zoned for pedestrians only with the exception of service trucks or cars which are allowed to pass only in a specific time of day. In the light of the above our proposal does not go counter the approved local plan.

Yours Faithfully

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