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Planning Authority
St. Francis Ravelin
Floriana, FRN 1230

7th March 2017

Dear ██████████

**Retirement Homes Policy, Final Draft (February 2017)
Consultation in terms of Regulation 4(6) of S.L. 549.61 (Strategic
Environmental Assessment Regulations)**

Reference is made to the Planning Authority's consultation on the Retirement Homes Policy Final Draft, dated February 2017, which the Environment and Resources Authority (ERA) received by email on 24th February 2017.

ERA has reviewed the information provided with your SEA screening consultation and considers that, strategically, the final draft of the Retirement Homes Policy is unlikely to have significant environmental effects. Depending on their nature, extent and location, development proposals for retirement homes may still require further environmental assessment by ERA at project stage, including an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) screening procedure in terms of S.L. 549.46 (EIA Regulations, 2007), and/or an Appropriate Assessment procedure in terms of S.L. 549.44 (AA Regulations, 2006), with the intention of avoiding localised and site-specific environmental impacts.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Perit Ruben Abela', written in a cursive style.

Perit Ruben Abela
Chief Executive Officer
Environment and Resources Authority