

The Executive Chairperson
Planning Authority
St. Francis Ravelin,
Floriana

Date: 20/05/2019
ERA Ref: EA 00027/19

Dear Sir,

Planning Ref.: PA/04647/18
Description Proposal: Landscaping works including alterations to carriageway, construction of promenade, installation of infrastructural services, paving works, installation of street furniture and provision of parking spaces.
Location: Site at, Triq Tat-Tabija/, Triq Gheriexem, Rabat, Malta

Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2017 (S.L. 549.46)

Reference is made to the Project Description Statement (PDS), which was received by the ERA from the architect on 16th April 2019.

EIA screening conclusion and recommended way forward

The proposal is a modification to an existing road infrastructure, including the construction of a promenade on land beyond the development zone. The attached screening (Annex I) has identified concerns related to geotechnical issues, cultural heritage, hydrology, agriculture, topography/terrain reinstatement, landscape and visual amenity, and ecology.

The concerns arising from the overall assessment conclude that the impacts of the development are unlikely to be significant to the point of warranting an EIA, in accordance with Regulation 15(3b) of the EIA Regulations 2017 (S.L. 549.46), as long as the below submissions are suitably addressed and cleared by ERA.

Further Submissions

- i. Photomontages taken from the viewpoints attached to this reply;
- ii. A rendered elevation to mitigate the visual impact of the proposal;
- iii. A plan showing an overlay of the piles such that the species identified in the attached vegetation survey are unaffected. The project design is to duly incorporate the features in question (e.g. piles located away from the fig tree and other vegetation); and
- iv. Sections showed on doc 1348d are to be cross-referred on the respective plans in Docs. 1339 b to e and Docs. 1348 e to h, and the carriageway and promenade width should be minimised so as to address the concern that had already been indicated by ERA.

ERA will be in a position to provide its concluded feedback once the said submissions are referred to ERA and assessed accordingly.

Yours faithfully,

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