

The Executive Chairperson
Planning Authority
St. Francis Ravelin
Floriana

Date: 20th February 2026
Our Ref: EA/00044/20

Dear Sir/Madam,

ERA Reference no.: EA/00044/20

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PA Reference no.: PA/08363/25

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Project Title: Upgrading of the existing Marsa Racecourse to an international standard racecourse, including demolition of existing grandstand and structures; restoration of the MRC building; upgrade and extension of the racetrack; upgrade of polo pitch; construction of grandstand; construction of Class 4C and 4D outlets; construction of 2 club houses; construction of stables and paddocks; construction of equestrian arena with grandstand; construction of an additional 4 floors of car parking over the Marsa Park and Ride; construction of bridge between car park and race track; construction of childcare centre; construction of commercial development including Classes 2C, 3B, 3C, 4A-D outlets; and other ancillary facilities to the racecourse.

Location: Malta Equidrome, Il-Korsa taz-Zwiemel u l-Marsa Park and Ride, Triq it-Tigrija c/w Triq l-Iljun, Triq Aldo Moro, Marsa

This proposal is an outline development application that seeks to upgrade the existing Marsa Racecourse to an International Standard Racecourse and upgrade and/or construct other ancillary facilities to the racecourse at the Korsa taz-Zwiemel and Marsa Park and Ride, Triq it-Tigrija c/w Triq l-Iljun, and Triq Aldo Moro in Marsa.

The proposal is almost identical to the outline application i.e. PA 08809/19, submitted in 2019 and was subject to EIA Screening in December 2020 (doc PA/08809/19/144a-b). The proposed development qualified for the submission of an EIA.

Subsequently, PA 07605/22, PA 07378/22 and PA 07582/22 were assessed as part of the original outline application submitted in 2019, i.e. PA 08809/19. The commercial aspect of the outline application was excluded from the aforementioned three applications, which mainly aimed to upgrade the racetrack and equestrian facilities. ERA communicated its screening decision in November 2023 (PA/7378/22/73a-b and PA/7582/22/88a-b).

The assessment of the current application determined that the proposal still qualifies for an EIA, addressing the following aspects:

- i. Landscape and visual amenity,
- ii. Emissions to air with respect to traffic generation in and around the site,
- iii. Geology, palaeontology, geomorphology and hydrology,
- iv. Cultural heritage and
- v. Waste.

The applicant has been informed accordingly, and the application is to await the outcome of the EIA.

Yours faithfully,

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Screening Disclaimer

The above screening results, the ensuing conclusions and recommendations are without prejudice to any required changes or updates should the development proposal be eventually modified or should the information/assumptions provided turn out to be incorrect. Any deviations of the proposal from this submission would need to be re-assessed and the merits of this screening would need to be re-opened.