

The Executive Chairperson  
Planning Authority  
St. Francis Ravelin,  
Floriana

Date: 20 October 2021

Dear Sir,

**Planning Ref.:** PA 05084/21  
**Proposal Description:** To close existing openings facing part of road and propose 2 new openings, 1 of which to serve for vehicle access.  
**Location:** Garden of Eden, Triq il-Barrieri, Zurrieq

### **Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (S.L. 549.46)**

Reference is made to ERA's previous correspondence on the above-captioned proposal, at documents PA/05084/21 – 40a-c and 43a.

ERA's recommendation and representation on the said development proposal are being lodged in its capacity as an external consultee and an interested party in accordance with the Development Planning Act and the Development Planning (Procedure for Applications and their Determination) Regulations (S.L.552.13).

#### ***ERA Assessment and Recommendations***

Following further clarifications provided by the Architect, ERA can consider this application distinct from the other currently active development applications on site subject to assessment by ERA through EA/00054/20, namely PA/06673/20 and PA/05090/21.

Noting that the proposed interventions to apertures and access gates are in relation to the existing uses on site, there are no particular concerns, and ERA does not object to this proposal from an environmental point of view.

ERA's position for PA/05084/21 is without prejudice to ERA's assessment of PA/06673/20 and PA/05090/21 (EA/00054/20) and should not be construed as a preliminary commitment for the latter proposals.

#### ***Permitting requirements***

The proposal may involve interventions on protected trees, and thus the proposed activity may be required to be permitted in line with the Trees and Woodlands Protection Regulations (S.L. 549.123). In this regard, the applicant shall immediately contact ERA's permitting unit ([industrial.applications@era.org.mt](mailto:industrial.applications@era.org.mt)) and provide the following information:

- Block plan in conventional colours showing trees to be intervened upon including their scientific name, and interventions proposed; and
- Close-up photos of each tree to be intervened upon showing its trunk.

Yours faithfully,

Yves De Blick  
Environment Protection Officer  
f/Director Environment and Resources

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The above assessment is based on the information provided to ERA. Should it result that such information is incorrect, incomplete or misleading, or in the event of any omissions, or subsequent modifications, amendments or changes to the proposal, application and/or related submissions, the above assessment (including any favourable consideration, lack of objection, any proposed conditions or lack thereof, or any other equivalent stance, etc.) may need to be reopened to ERA's satisfaction. ERA shall not take responsibility for comments, assessments or judgments based on information that is incorrect, incomplete, missing or misleading, and which is only discovered after its assessment, nor for any environmental impacts resulting from developments which it was not specifically consulted on. Furthermore, ERA also retains the right to take additional action should the information provided, or any incorrect, incomplete, missing or misleading details, be tantamount to fraud.