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San Ġwann

Date: 14/06/2022
ERA Ref: EA/00017/22

Dear Sir,

Planning Ref.: PA/05462/21
Description Proposal: Restoration of retaining rubble wall and proposed snail caviar farm.
Location: Site at, Sqaq ta' Ċampra, Burmarrad, San Pawl il-Baħar

Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (S.L. 549.46)

Reference is made to the Project Description Statement (PDS) which was referred directly to ERA on the 23rd May 2022.

ERA Assessment and Recommendation

The proposal consists of a snail farm located mostly underground below soil level at Burmarrad, San Pawl il-Baħar. It will house a personnel sanitisation room, a sorting area, a packaging area, and a snail pen chamber. The building footprint is approximately 97 sq.m.

The proposed development falls within the scope of Schedule I, Category II, Section 8.1.2.9 [ii] of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (S.L. 549.46). Therefore, the development was screened in terms of the EIA Regulations.

Following screening (see **Annex I**), ERA concluded that the environmental impacts of the proposal are unlikely to be significant and therefore no further assessment in terms of Regulation 15 of the EIA Regulations (S.L. 549.46) is required. ERA does not object to the proposal from an environmental point of view, subject to the implementation of mitigation measures and pre-emptive safeguards throughout both construction and operational phases of the proposed development.

The above is also subject to ERA's further requirements as outlined below.

Further submissions/requirements

- a) An environmental risk assessment study is to be undertaken to address the likelihood and implications of any accidental escapes of snails into the surrounding environment;
- b) Revised plans/sections limiting the height of the wall to the existing height.

ERA Conditions

ERA reserves the right to issue its conditions once the above further submissions/requirements have been duly addressed and assessed by the ERA.

Yours faithfully,

Ryan Busuttil
Environment Protection Officer
f/Director of Environment and Resources

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