

The Executive Chairperson
Planning Authority
St Francis Ravelin
Floriana

Date: 28/02/2023
ERA Ref.: EA/00028/22

Dear Sir, Madam,

PA Reference no.: PA/08500/21
Project Title: Proposed garden centre including underground storage, visitor parking, open storage for trees, ancillary class 4D cafeteria and class 4B shop, and visitor's park.
Location: Tas-Sejba Recycling Plant, Triq tas-Sejba, Triq il-Parrocca, Sqaq Nru. 1, Mqabba.

Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (S.L. 549.46)

Reference is made to your consultation on the case in caption at eapps doc PA/08500/21 – 102a, ERA's assessment and recommendations (incl. annex I - schedule III screening) at docs 94a-b, the revised plans at docs 99a-g, and the further information in relation to traffic generation at doc 101a.

ERA notes that the proposed kennels have been shifted closer to the garden centre, aligned with the site boundaries, to reduce the spread of built development, thus retaining the eastern part of the site predominantly open with soil cover and trees/vegetation (landscaping and nursery).

With respect to air quality considerations, following submission of the required traffic-related information, ERA notes that the increase in traffic generated by the development during operations is not expected to significantly affect the ambient air quality, and hence no further investigations are required.

Noting the above and the EIA screening conclusion reached in the afore-mentioned doc 94, ERA does not object to the proposal from an environmental point of view, subject to the conditions included in **Annex I** to this document, which are to be duly included as an approved document in the permit.

Yours faithfully,

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f/Director Environment & Resources

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.