

Application no PA 01059/16

Location Macina, Triq it-Tarzna / Triq San Guzepp / Misrah Gorg Mitrovich / , Triq 31 Ta'

Description Floating restaurant beside the deck of Macina. - Class 4D

Marzu, Senglea (Isla), Malta

Din l-Art Helwa (DLH) would like to object to the application in caption.

The applicant proposes to construct a floating deck and restaurant in front of the Macina building. The deck being proposed measure 9m x 26m (234m²). DLH is in favour of the re-use of the Macina building, but it does not feel that the proposed floating restaurant is justifiable. The applicant has already applied for the construction of a new restaurant on the roof of the Macina building through PA3729/15. This restaurant has an external area of 160m² and internal area of 176m² excluding bathrooms.

DLH feels that this structure will create a clutter visually to the Grade 1 Scheduled Building when seen from Birgu. Although DLH acknowledges that the applicant already has a permit (PA1940/12) for berthing yachts in front of the Macina, the size of the approved pontoon is much smaller to the proposed size of the floating platform. The approved pontoon measures 2 metres deep, whilst the proposed deck is 9m. DLH also fears that this could also create a precedent for other seaside restaurants in Senglea wanting to extend their seating capacity.

DLH is of the opinion that this application should be refused, however should this application be processed any further DLH would like to request photomontages of the proposed floating restaurant. A study demonstrating the construction methodology of the proposed structure and services required for the WC's should also be provided. The seabed within the Grand Harbour may have archaeological deposits within it that might be disturbed or exposed by any anchorage or mooring system, so appropriate monitoring should be requested.

Considering the matters discussed above DLH finds this proposal objectionable and would like to be informed about any progress concerning this application.