

REFERENCE NUMBER: SPAPC.ERDF 008/2022

Restoration of St Paul's Anglican Pro-Cathedral

TENDER FOR CIVIL, STRUCTURAL, FINISHING AND MEP WORKS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ACCESSIBILITY MEASURES ON THE CHURCH PARVIS

Site Visit

13th July 2022 9.30am

The Contracting Organisation explained that the project is part-financed by the European Regional Development Fund, having specific timeframes and procedures. The works will be carried out in conjunction with the installation of a cabin lift and a platform lift, forming part of another contract of works. Co-ordination with lift contractor would be required for the execution of the works. The envisaged works were discussed and the extent and location of the interventions indicated on site.

Preliminary archaeological trenching had been carried out, at the request of the Superintendence of Cultural Heritage, which uncovered a historic foundation wall some distance away from the proposed excavation (Figures 1 & 2). The line of the wall was extrapolated to assume the location of possible archaeological remains adjacent to the proposed excavation.

The main excavation is proposed to reach basement level. This will be accessed through the above- mentioned cabin lift and a staircase to be constructed around the lift structure. The space which will be formed at basement level will be connected to the Undercroft, by enlarging an existing opening in the historic walls to form a doorway. The participants of the site visit, together with the Contracting Organisation, visited the Undercroft to discuss the works which would be required for the opening and the support necessary. The Contracting Organisation explained that the works would entail the formation of jambs but there will be no need to support the historic wall since the opening already exists.

The interventions around the right entrance to the Church include the installation of a raised platform, together with the construction of steps, which will be placed on top of the existing historic floor. The underlying fabric shall be retained and protected. The project includes also steelworks and minor restoration work on the perimeter wall around the entrance to the Church and the foundations wall which will be exposed with the excavation.

The participants of the site visit asked about the type of plant which can be used and if this can be located on the parvis floor. The Contracting Organisation explained that the volume below parvis level consists of fill down to 3.5m depth. If the load is adequately spread there shouldn't be any issues, however, this would require further

investigation.

Power and control cables required for lighting, operating the two lifts and other equipment will be connected to the existing Distribution Board located within the service room of the Church. This will require a perforation through the Church walls. Some of the existing stone pavers along the parvis will be carefully removed to allow for the passing of the conduits to the proposed areas. These will be reinstated after the completion of works. The BOQ includes also for the carting away of pavers which are heavily damaged or which will not be re-laid and for any new limestone pavers which may be required to replace damaged ones.



Figure 1: Photos from archaeological investigations

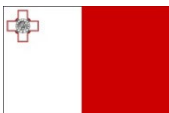


Figure 2: Photos from archaeological investigations

Clarifications available to view/download from

<https://www.stpaulspromalta.org/restoration/required-services/>

St Paul's Anglican Pro-Cathedral, Independence Square, Valletta.



Operational Programme I – European Structural and Investment Funds 2014-2020
"Fostering a competitive and sustainable economy to meet our challenges"
Project is part-financed by the European Regional Development Fund
Co-financing rate: 80% European Union; 20% St Paul's Anglican Pro-Cathedral Funds

