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Property Name Ta' Lippija Tower

Address Triq Ta' Żammitellu

Town Name Ġnejna Toponym Tal-Lippia Local Council Mġarr

Property Owner Government Managing Body Unknown

Guardianship Deed No

Type & Value

Period Modern (16th to 20th Century AD)

Phase Early Modern: Knights of St John (1530-1798)

Cultural Heritage Architectural Historical

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Assessment

Property Function Defence Conservation Area Not Available

Outline Description

Ta' Lippija tower was constructed by GrandMaster Lascaris in 1637. The tower is situated between two other towers that at Għajn Tuffieħa and Nadur.

Property Description

The tower known as Lippija is located to the north-west of Malta on the cliff edge of the Wardija Ridge overlooking Ġnejna Bay. It stands at an altitude of 80m above sea level. The Lippija Tower served as one of a chain of watch-out posts found around Malta's coast with the mission to surveille the coastline and warn of any approaching vessels. The Lippija Tower was placed in a strategic point so to enable communication with other nearby towers those found at Ghajn Tuffieha and Nadur. This tower was constructed in 1637 at a time of other similar defence constructions happening during the years 1636 to 1657 under the reign of Grand Master Lascaris. The preference to build small posts instead of the earlier large garrisoned outposts was mainly due to the Order's limitation to place troops at every prospective landing place. These watch-towers were built to a height of about 11m and covered in plan an area of 6m by 6m. The exterior of these towers had the lower masonry battered and all topped by a flat roof protected by a parapet. Internally, 2-single roomed floors are found. Access to the tower was provided solely to the upper floor, generally reached by a wooden ladder or a 'scala di corda'.

Scheduled by MEPA Yes Degree of Protection Grade 1 G.N. No. 729 G.N. Date 1995

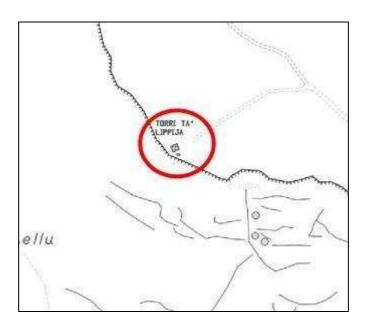
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Coordinates: Easting 41068 75741 Northing: Coordinates

Property Plan



Property Images

