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SUPERINTENDENCE OF CULTURAL HERITAGE

National Inventory of the Cultural Property of the Maltese Islands

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Property Name	Despuig Bastion– Mdina		
Address	Mdina		
Town Name	Mdina	Toponym	-
Property Owner	Government	Managing Body	Private
Local Council	Mdina		
Guardianship Deed	-		

Period	Modern (18th Century)		
Phase	Early Modern: Knights of St John (18th Century)		
Cultural Heritage Type & Value	Historical Architectural	Cultural Heritage Property Value Assessment	Outstanding
Property Function	Fortification	Conservation Area	

Outline Description	Bastion
Property Description	<p>Despuig Bastion is a bulwark which was grafted to the foot of the old ramparts beneath the Cathedral. The structure was begun in 1739 and completed around 1746. It comprises of a hollow, obtuse-angled bastion, asymmetrical in plan, having with short flanks. The bastion has seven embrasures, two in each of the flanks, and three in the left face while the parapet along the right face was built en barbette. Two sally-ports, one in each flank, provided access to the exterior of the fortress. Two vaulted tunnels provided access to the fortress from within Mdina. The bastion walls show signs of significant subsidence along the whole length of its two faces.</p>

Scheduled by MEPA	Yes	Degree of Protection	Grade 1	G.N. No.	348	G.N. Date	2001
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Recommended Bibliography	S.C. Spiteri, Fortresses of the Knights (Malta,2001), 229-36
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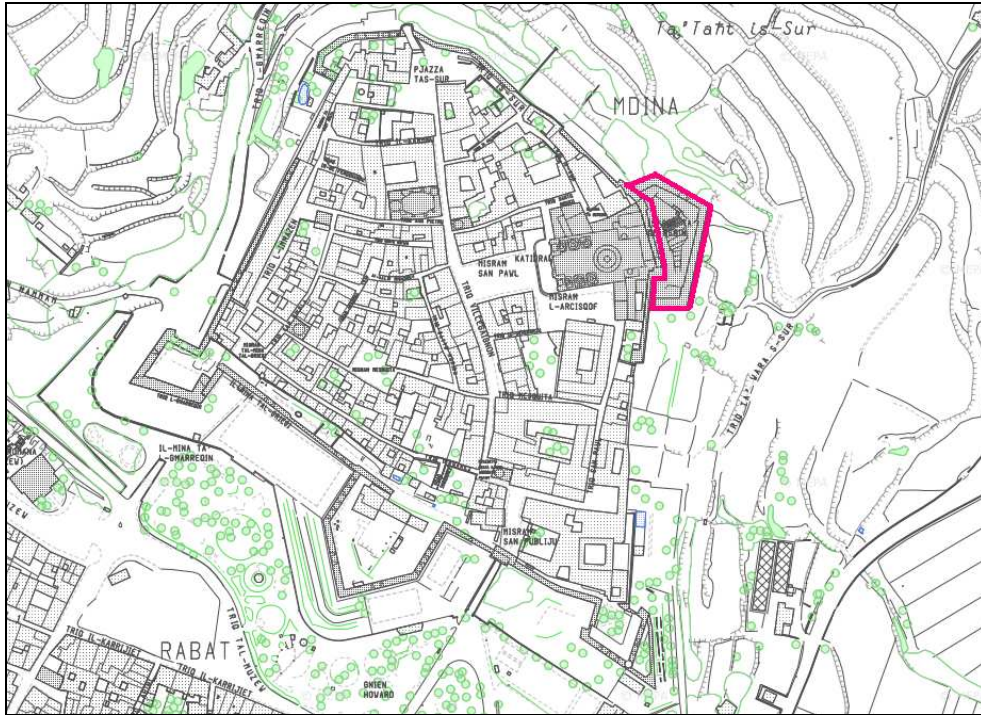
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Property Plan



Property Images

