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Property Name	Post of Castile - Birgu
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Address Triq il-Foss, Birgu

Town Name Birgu Toponym Local Council Birgu

Property Owner Government Managing Body

Guardianship Deed

Period Modern (16th to 18th Century AD)

Phase Early Modern: Knights of St John (16th Century)

Cultural Heritage

Architectural

Architectural Property Value Outstanding

Type & Value
Assessment

Property Function Fortification Conservation Area UCA (Birgu)

Outline Description Trace of bastions and curtain

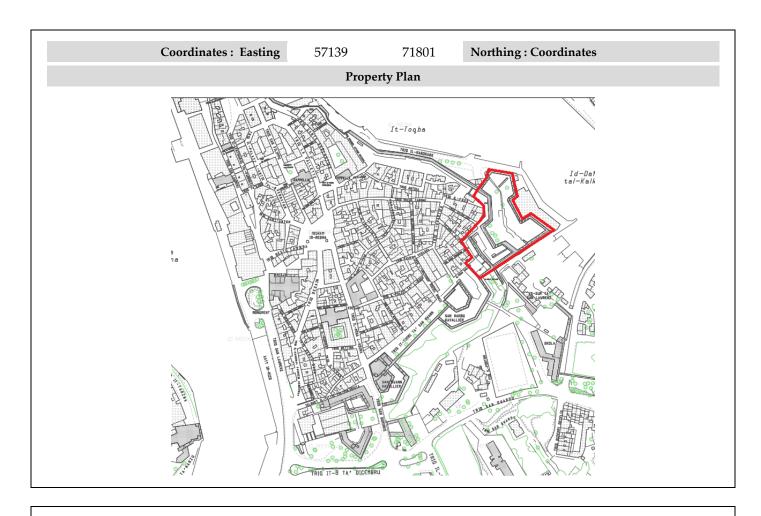
Property Description

The Post of Castile is a toponym which is applied to a vast section of the enceinte of the left (east) extremity of the Birgu land front where it meets with the flanking seawall at Kalkara Creek. This part of the enceinte was assigned to the Langue of Castile and became renowned during the Great Siege of 1565. The present configuration is the product of the eighteenth century , when an attempt was made to cut a bastioned retrenchment into the gorge of the work creating a work with multiple lines of defences. These comprise (beginning from the exterior) of a hornwork, a ditch and entrenchment, a large gatecourt and a stepped traverse.

Scheduled by MEPA Yes Degree of Protection Grade 1 G.N. No. 133 G.N. Date 2001

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Recommended Bibliography



Property Images



