

Outline Description

Bastion

## $N_{ational}$ Inventory of the $C_{ultural}$ Property of the Maltese Islands

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Property Name	St Helen Bastion – Sta Margherita Lines				
Address	Triq Alessandra				
Town Name	Bormla	Toponyn	ı -	Local Council	Bormla
Property Owner	Government	Managing Body	-		
Guardianship Deed	-				
Period	Modern (16th to 18th Century AD)				
Phase	Early Modern: Knights of St John (17th Century)				
Cultural Heritage Type & Value	Historical Architectural		Cultural Heritage Property Value Assessment	Outstanding	
<b>Property Function</b>	Fortification		Conservation Area	UCA (Bormla)	

**Property Description** St Helen Bastion is the central and largest bastion on the Sta Margherita Enceinte. It is built on sloping ground and its design tackled this fall in terrain by descending in shallow steps formed by six tired platforms. The interior parts of the platforms, with their large traversing parapets were demolished to make room for modern housing developments. Exposed revetments are visible along the inner side of the ramparts where the earthen terrepleins were cleared out. The upper end of the bastion was incorporated into Fort Verdala, a British fort constructed in the mid-19th century. A 'Dame', a conical barrier, is built on a section of parapet.

Scheduled by MEPA Yes **Degree of Protection** Grade 1 G.N. No. 133 G.N. Date 2001 Recommended S.C. Spiteri, Fortresses of the Knights (Malta, 2001), 290-4 Bibliography



