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Outstanding

Property Name Polverista – Fort Chambrai

Address Fort Chambrai, Ghajnsielem, Gozo

Town Name Ghajnsielem Toponym Rdum it-Tafal Local Council Ghajnsielem

Property Owner Government Managing Body Private

Guardianship Deed

Period Modern (18th Century)

Phase Early Modern: Knights of St John (18th Century)

Cultural Heritage
Cultural Heritage
Architectural

Historical
Architectural

Property Value

Type & Value
Technical

Assessment

Property Function Fortification Conservation Area CO 841/05

Outline Description Magazine

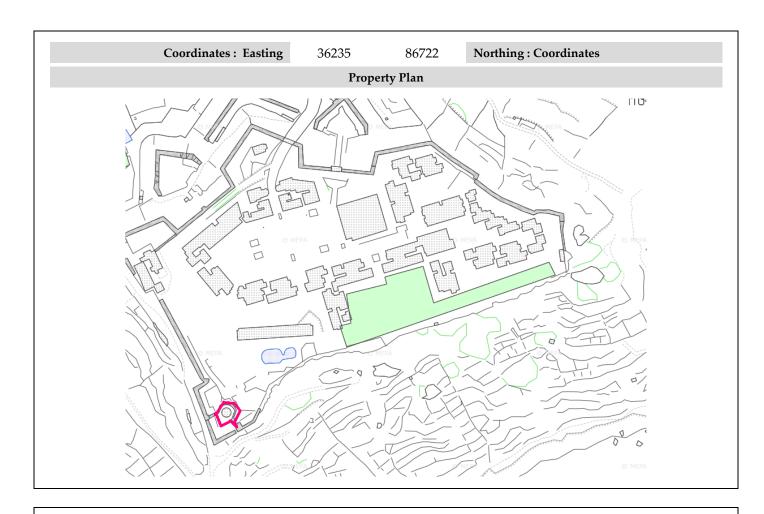
Property Description

A small oval-plan gunpowder magazine with sloping conical roof constructed à prova di bomba around 1760. The Structure has a single entrance, a raised floor on stone slabs (as a protection against rising damp) and various ventilation shafts (*sfiatatori*) piercing its walls. A masonry boundary wall encloses the magazine on its northern side in order to isolate it from the remainder of the fortress. The area immediately outside and around the magazine is paved with flagstones and is heavily inclined outwards to enable the quick drainage of run-off rain water.

Scheduled by MEPA Yes Degree of Protection Grade 1 G.N. No. 840 G.N. Date 2005

S.C. Spiteri, Fortresses of the Knights (Malta, 2001), 312-17

Recommended Bibliography S.C. Spiteri, Hospitaller Gunpowder magazines in ARX Occasional Papers Vol. 2 (Malta, 2012)



Property Images

