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NICPMI Inv. No. 1317

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Property Name St. Anthony Bastion – Fort Manoel

Address Fort Manoel, Manoel Island

Town Name Gzira Toponym Local Council Gzira

Property Owner Government Managing Body Midi plc

Guardianship Deed

Period Modern (18th Century)

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

Cultural Heritage
Architectural

Historical
Architectural

Cultural Heritage
Property Value

Type & Value
Technical

Architectural
Technical

Property Value
Assessment

Very High

Property Function Fortification Conservation Area AHLV

Outline Description Pentagonal bastion

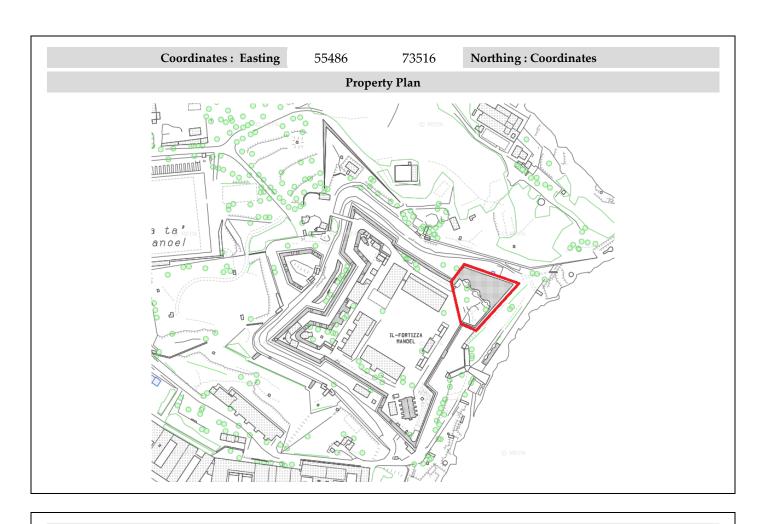
Property Description

St Anthony Bastion is one of the four corner bastions which make up the enceinte of Fort Manoel. It is a pentagonal work with two faces and two flanks and an open gorge. The bastion occupies the right side of the Valletta-facing sea front of the fort. The bastion originally had a echaugette (gardiola) on its salient angle - this was dismantled by the British military in the course of the mid-nineteenth century to make way for a barbette mounted gun on traversing carriage. The bastion originally also contained a Vauban-style gunpowder magazine with counterforts but this was demolished by the British military to enable the construction of various gun emplacements culminating with the present three 12-pdr QF gun battery with its underground magazine. The outer sloping walls of the bastion have a slight footing in their lower third. The bastion is largely revetted in masonry but the left flank and a section of the left face have rock-hewn scarps.

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

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