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Property Name Palazzo Falzon and Garden

Address Triq Villegaignon c/w Triq is-Salvatur

Town Name Mdina Toponym N/A Local Council Mdina

Property Owner Private Managing Body The Captain O. F. Gollcher OBE Art and

Guardianship Deed -

Period Medieval (6th to 16th Century AD)

Phase Late Medieval: Angevines - Aragonese (late 13 - early 16 C. AD)

Cultural Heritage

Architectural

Cultural Heritage

Type & Value Historical Property Value Very High

Assessment

Property Function Domestic Conservation Area UCA

Outline Description Residential Palace

Property Description

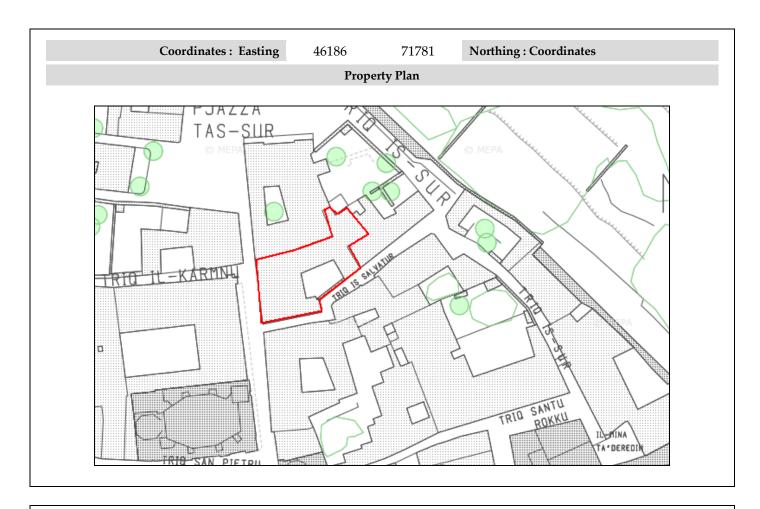
The palazzo is a two storey building, having its rooms built around an internal courtyard. The palace was built in two phases; the ground floor was built in 1495, having a more vernacular character than the piano nobile – which probably forms part of the Jewish synagogue which was built on this site. The piano nobile, which is more decorated, was added towards the mid-sixteenth century. The character and architectural features of the house have a Spanish influence similar to those found in certain parts of Sicily. The façade is characterized by the Catalan mullioned window – which consists of a slender and delicate central column surmounted with a Romanesque capital from which spring two small arches carved out of a unique stone lintel. The façade is also embellished with the 'palline losanghe' cornice – where a double tier of this feature runs between the ground and first floor. In 1929, the façade of the palazzo was restored but was radically modified, creating confusion between the different architectural features. Internally, the palace was also modified to certain extent; the coat-of-arms of GM L'Isle Adam located in the lounge, surmounting the fireplace, and in the garden are additions of the twentieth century by Gollcher.

Scheduled by MEPA Yes Degree of Protection Grade 1 G.N. No. 348 G.N. Date 2001

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