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Property Name Torre dello Standardo – Mdina

Address Misrah San Pubbliju, Mdina

Town Name Mdina Toponym - Local Council Mdina

Property Owner Government Managing Body Restoration Directorate / MTA

Guardianship Deed -

Period Modern (18th to 20th Century AD)

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

Cultural Heritage
Type & Value
Historical
Architectural

Cultural Heritage
Property Value Outstanding

Assessment

Property Function Fortification Conservation Area UCA

Outline Description Tower

Property Description

The Torre dello Standardo is a large tower, straddling the principal road through the main entrance into the city. The Tower was built by the French Military engineer Charles Francois de Mondion and replaced an earlier and older medieval tower, the Torre Mastra, which was also a signalling tower used to relay alarm signals to the rest of the island. The Torre dello Standardo has the same typology of construction of freestanding coastal watch towers which had been built by the knights earlier in the course of the seventeenth century. It is a finer construction, with various decorative elements, escutcheons, cornice mouldings, window and door surrounds and a domed cylindrical staircase shaft opening on the roof.

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

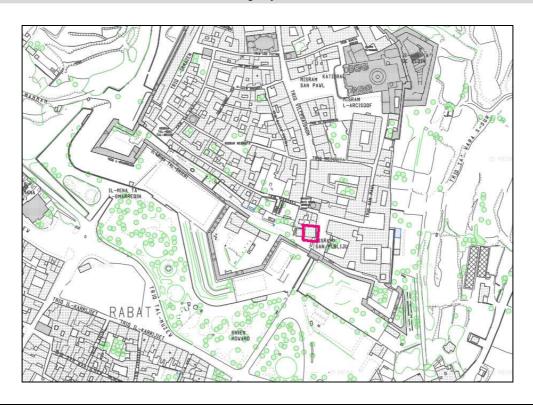
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Coordinates: Easting 46210 71511 Northing: Coordinates

Property Plan



Property Images

