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TAL-PATRIMONJU KULTURALI
SUPERINTENDENCE OF CULTURAL HERITAGE

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Property Name	Balluta Buildings
Address	Telghet Ta' San Giljan
Town Name	San Ġiljan
Toponym	N/A
Local Council	San Ġiljan
Property Owner	-
Managing Body	-
Guardianship Deed	-

Period	Modern (16th to 20th Century AD)
Phase	Modern: British (1800 - 1964)
Cultural Heritage Type & Value	Architectural Historical
Cultural Heritage Property Value Assessment	Very High
Property Function	Domestic
Conservation Area	UCA

Outline Description	Art Nouveau Flats
Property Description	This building is one of the few remaining buildings erected in the Art Nouveau style in the early 20th century in Malta. The building was commissioned by Marquis John Scicluna and designed by architect Giuseppe Psaila in 1928. The main façade of the building consists of a massive block of flats set within three blocks. The words Balluta, Buildings and AD MCMXXVIII decorate the architrave below a central pediments of each vertical structure which protrudes from the rest of the building. Each of these structures is characterized by an elongated vertical opening headed with a floral decorated arch with a putto carved on the keystone. The elongated vertical opening is flanked by a row of double windows on each side which are framed on either side by a pair of decorated pilasters running vertically along the façade. The two upper levels windows are grouped in pairs and joined by floral decorated architrave and are framed by decorative surrounds; those on the lower levels are further enhanced by a decorative balustraded wall. The three main blocks are joined together by a plain façade with two upper floors, and verandas on the lower floors. The building's three dimensional quality is further enhanced by a lower structure that buttress the entire mass on either side.

Scheduled by MEPA	Yes	**Degree of Protection**	Grade 1	**G.N. No.**	576	**G.N. Date**	1994

Recommended Bibliography	

Coordinates : Easting	54441	74714	Northing : Coordinates

Property Plan

Property Images