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SUPERINTENDENCE OF CULTURAL HERITAGE

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Property Name	Chapel of St. Catherine				
Address	Triq Santa Katerina				
Town Name	Mqabba	**Toponym**		**Local Council**	Mqabba
Property Owner	Religious	**Managing Body**	Archidiocese		
Guardianship Deed	Under consideration				

Period	Medieval (6th to 16th Century AD)		
Phase	Early Modern: Knights of St John (1530-1798)		
Cultural Heritage Type & Value	Architectural Artistic Historical	**Cultural Heritage Property Value Assessment**	Very High
Property Function	Decorative	**Conservation Area**	

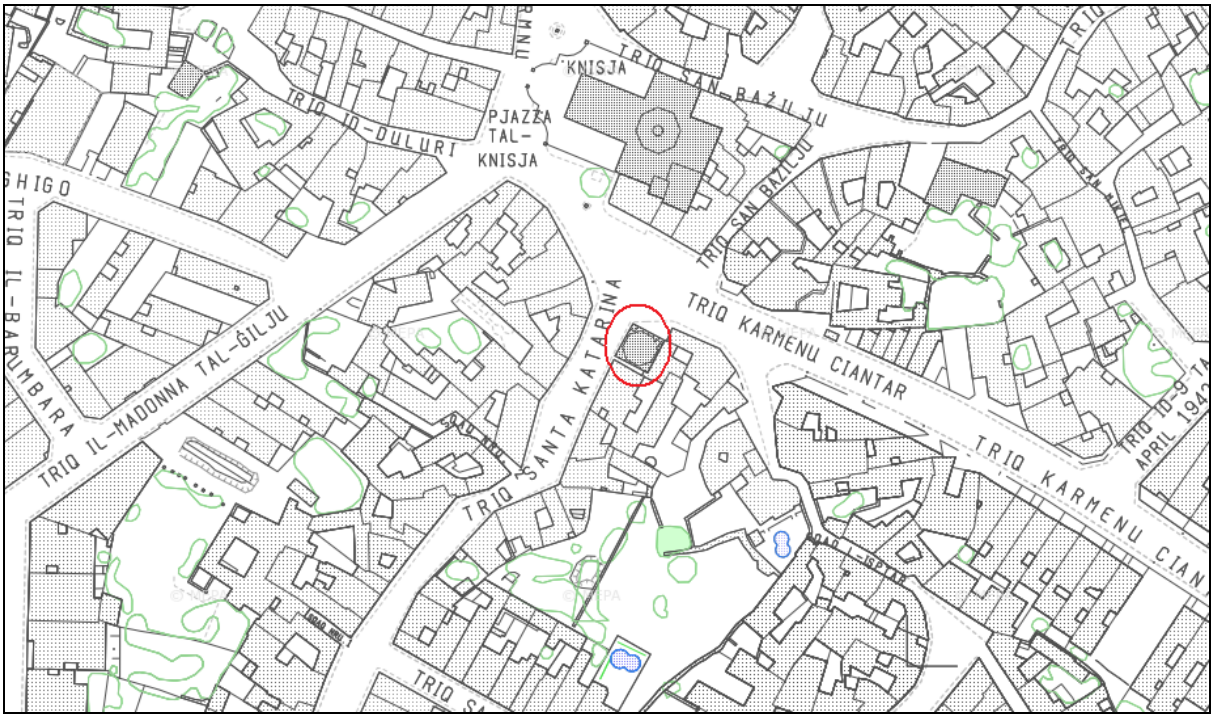
Outline Description	Originally, on the same site, there used to be two chapels one dedicated to Saint Peter and the other dedicated to Saint Catherine. The first stone of the present chapel was laid in August 1764.
Property Description	The chapel is in the Baroque style. Its facade is elevated with on low plinths that carry the load of two plain flat pilasters at the edge of the facade. The facade is rather restrained in decoration. Indeed, the only decoration that it has is the stone moulding around the door which is topped by a broken aedicule and the large arched window which illuminates the interior of the chapel. Around this window, one can notice elaborate play of different spatial depths that is created with the use of different pilasters set at different sides. The upper part of the window, one can find a bulky cornice that has a prominent keystone. The chapel is also embellished with a simple square bell tower with follows the sample decoration of the facade. Each side of the bell tower is decorated with flat pilasters and an entablature pitted with metopes. The bell tower is capped with a cornice and urns. Resting on the roof of the chapel, there is a small dome that rests on an octagonal drum and crowned with a small cylindrical dome.

Scheduled by MEPA	Yes	**Degree of Protection**	Grade 1	**G.N. No.**	8/97	**G.N. Date**	

Recommended Bibliography	Kilin (2000), *A Hundred wayside chapel of Malta and Gozo*, Heritage Books, Malta.

Coordinates : Easting	51933	67079	Northing : Coordinates

Property Plan



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