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National Inventory of the Cultural Property of the Maltese Islands

NICPMI Inv. No. 00056

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Property Name	Bugibba Temple				
Address	Dolmen Hotel Grounds				
Town Name	Bugibba	Toponym	N/A	Local Council	San Pawl il-Baħar
Property Owner	Unknown	Managing Body	Unknown		
Guardianship Deed	No				

Period	Prehistory (6th Millenium - 9th Century BC)			
Phase	Temple Period (4100 - 2500 BC)			
Cultural Heritage Type & Value	Archaeological	Cultural Heritage Property Value Assessment	High	
Property Function	Ritual	Conservation Area	Not Available	

Outline Description	The ruins of a small temple were found in 1920s close to the Bugibba coast. The temple was frequented for a relatively short period of time during the Tarxien phase.
Property Description	The Bugibba megalithic temple located inside the Dolmen Resort Hotel is found off the main road which from Bugibba leads to Qawra Point. The temple is found at a relatively short distance from the coast. The Bugibba temple was discovered by Sir T. Zammit in the 1920s, when large stones were noted in a field at Bugibba not far from Qawra Point. An excavation of the remains was carried out in 1928. A site survey was completed in 1952. Further minor excavations were undertaken in 1954 to ascertain the chronology of the site. The site contains the remains of a small temple dating to the Tarxien phase. A megalithic façade having a concave layout is built of coralline limestone blocks. Beyond the façade, a corridor leads to a central forecourt on which sides two apses are found. The remnants of a torba floor were found at the back of the site. Most of the structure was destroyed as a result of leveling associated with agricultural activities. At the Bugibba temple two decorated stone blocks of special interest are found. The first is a carved square block identified as an altar. The carvings are found on two of the stone's edges and show a pair of opposed spirals in relief and two V-shaped motifs between each pair. The second is a rectangular stone block with carved fish decoration on two of its faces.

Scheduled by MEPA	Yes	Degree of Protection	Class B	G.N. No.	1082	G.N. Date	2009
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Recommended Bibliography	1922-1923, 1928-1929, <i>Museum Annual Report (M.A.R)</i> , Museums Department MEPA Scheduled Property Register Evans, J.D. (1971) <i>The Prehistoric Antiquities of the Maltese Islands: A Survey</i> , London: The Athlone Press
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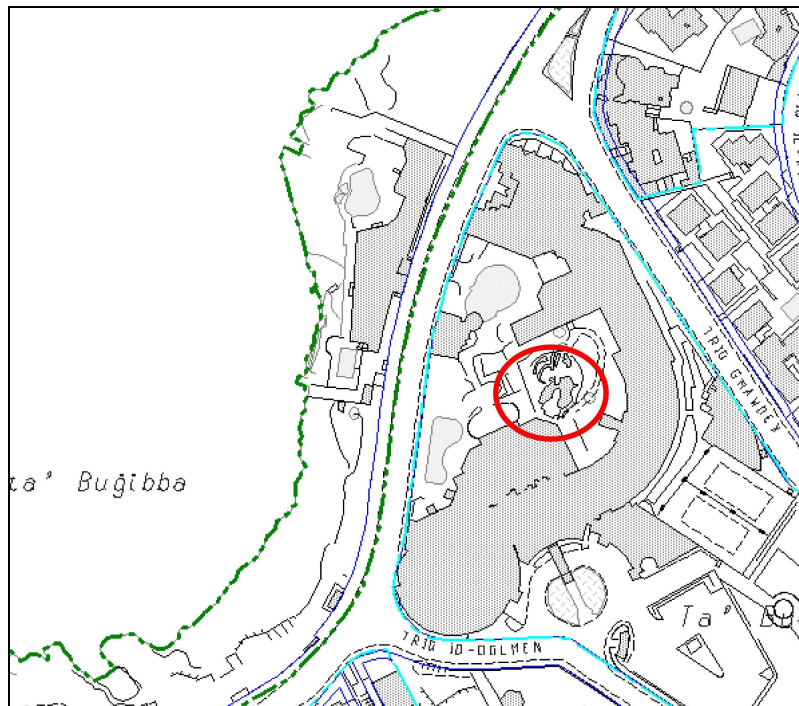
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Property Plan



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