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Property Name	Qawra Point Tower & Battery				
Address	Qawra Point				
Town Name	Qawra	Toponym	-	Local Council	San Pawl il-Baħar
Property Owner	Government	Managing Body	Private		
Guardianship Deed	-				

Period Modern (17th Century)

Phase Early Modern: Knights of St John (17th Century)

Cultural Heritage
Type & Value

Historical
Architectural

Cultural Heritage
Property Value
Assessment

Outstanding

Property Function Fortification

Conservation Area

Outline Description Coastal tower and external battery

Property Description Qawra Point Tower is one of the coastal towers erected by Grand Master Lascaris in 1638. It was designed as a watch-tower and consists basically of a simple rectangular structure, about 11m high and 36m² in plan. The tower has a sloping lower half. Internally, it consists two single-roomed floors with external access provided solely to the upper floor, originally reached either by a wooden ladder or *scala di corda*. The first floor rests on spring arches while the roof rests on wooden beams. The tower had no original masonry staircase. Two string courses (cordons), one at the upper level of the scarped walls, and the other at the base of the parapet provided some decorative elements. A large semi-circular coastal battery was built around the tower in 1715/16. This was built with a low parapet (en barbette) and protected by a shallow rock-hewn ditch while its gorge was enclosed by means of two blockhouses linked together by a V-shaped redan (containing the main gate), all of which were pierced with musketry loopholes. Twentieth-century plans of the battery show it fitted with two concrete gun emplacements dating to the pre-WWII period.

Scheduled by MEPA Yes

Degree of Protection Grade 1

G.N. No. 729

G.N. Date 1995

Recommended
Bibliography

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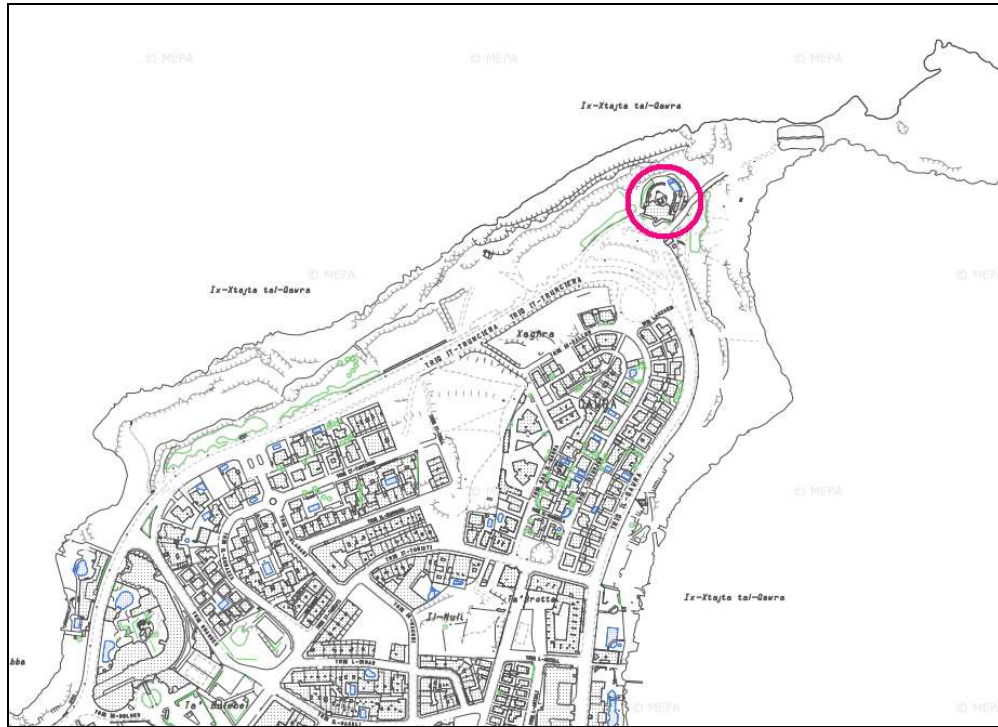
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Northing : Coordinates

Property Plan



Property Images

