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Property Name	Tombrell Battery		
Address	It-Tombrell, Delimara		
Town Name	Marsaxlokk	Toponym	-
		Local Council	Marsaxlokk
Property Owner	Government	Managing Body	-
Guardianship Deed	-		

Period	Modern (18th Century)		
Phase	Early Modern: Knights of St John (18th Century)		
Cultural Heritage Type & Value	Historical Architectural Archaeological	Cultural Heritage Property Value Assessment	Outstanding
Property Function	Fortification	Conservation Area	AEI, AHLV

Outline Description	Coastal battery remains
Property Description	<p>Tombrell Battery was a small coastal work with an attached stretch of entrenchment wall situated on a small headland on the northern seaward side of the Delimara promontory. This position had been excluded from the initial 1715 exercise of coastal fortification. Possibly the battery and its entrenchment were constructed around 1722 when a redan trace entrenchment is known to have been constructed on a nearby headland known as Xrop l-Ghagin. The battery had a semi-circular gun platform (en barbette) with a rock-hewn ditch and was enclosed to the rear by a combination of block-house and loopholed redan. The adjoining entrenchment was of irregular plan and of the more organic pietra à secco type built out of rubble stone and backed up from behind by an earthen banquette. The exact date for the construction of Tombrell Battery has still to be determined. It starts to feature in the Order's records in the second half of the 18th century. The structures have largely disappeared and only the ditch is still clearly identifiable. The site, nonetheless is deemed to have archaeological potential as the foundations of the battery features may be still hidden beneath the low mound of debris extent on the site.</p>

Scheduled by MEPA	No	Degree of Protection	-	G.N. No.	-	G.N. Date	-
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Recommended Bibliography	S.C. Spiteri, Fortresses of the Cross (Malta,1994), 529
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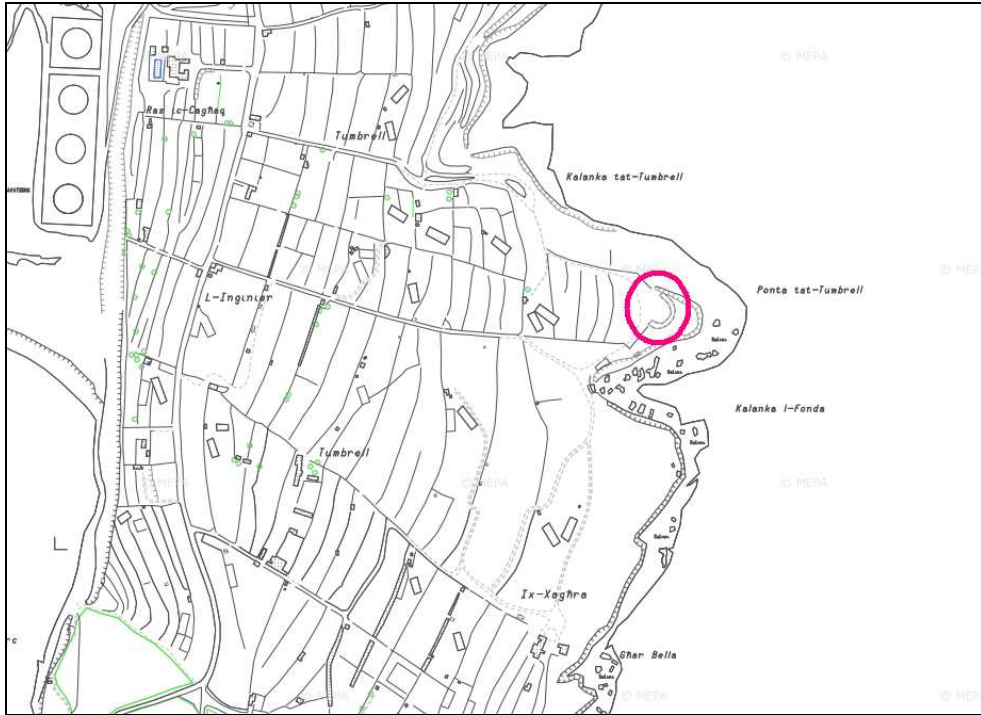
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Property Plan



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