

NICPMI Inv. No. 1607

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Property Name	Advanced Ditch - Valletta		
Address	Foss ta' San Gwann, Valletta		
Town Name	Valletta	Toponym	Local Council Valletta
Property Owner	Government	Managing Body	Various
Guardianship Deed			

Period	Modern (18th Century)		
Phase	Early Modern: Knights of St John (16th Century)		
Cultural Heritage Type & Value	Historical Architectural	Cultural Heritage Property Value Assessment	Outstanding
Property Function	Fortification	Conservation Area	UCA (Floriana)

Outline Description	Ditch
Property Description	Shallow but wide ditch placed in front of the counterguards all along the Valletta land front from in front of St Michael Counterguard to SS Peter and Paul Counterguard. Originally also contained a lunette (St Madeleine's Lunette) in the Porta Real area but this was demolished and a large section of the advanced ditch in the centre of the land front (roughly between the flank of St John Counterguard and the Salient of St James Counterguard) was filled in with rubble and its level raised. Some stretches of the counterscarp, with traces of outworks, are still visible in a number of areas, particularly along the western section of the land front.

Scheduled by MEPA	Yes	Degree of Protection	Grade 1	G.N. No.	133	G.N. Date	2001
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Recommended Bibliography	S.C. Spiteri, Fortresses of the Knights (Malta, 2001), 268-80 A. Hoppen, The Fortification of Malta by the Order of St John 1530-1798 (2nd Edition, Malta, 1999), 66, 70, 71, 76, 82-5, 89, 90, 105, 108, 124
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Property Plan



Property Images

