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SUPERINTENDENCE OF CULTURAL HERITAGE

National Inventory of the Cultural Property of the Maltese Islands

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Property Name	Church of St Anthony the Abbot				
Address	Pjazza San Anton				
Town Name	Xaghra	Toponym	-	Local Council	Xagħra
Property Owner	Religious	Managing Body	Archidioceses		
Guardianship Deed	No				

Period	Modern (16th to 20th Century AD)				
Phase	Modern: Post British				
Cultural Heritage Type & Value	Architectural	Cultural Heritage Property Value Assessment	High		
	Artistic				
	Historical				
Property Function	Religious	Conservation Area	No		

Outline Description	This chapel served as the parish chapel prior the building of the present church.				
Property Description	<p>An interesting historical note related to this church is the fact the church was the centre of a plague outbreak which started in Malta in 1813, and was brought over to Gozo in 1814. Sadly, this chapel was extensively altered and much of the original building has been lost. In 1601, the original chapel consisted of simple, small rectangular edifice. By time, the chapel had a remodeled roof together with the enlargement of the parvis. The chapel retained its elevation, however there were increments to the main door and two plain pilasters. The chapel was enlarged once again and given a new face life. It was re-opened in 1994.</p> <p>The new façade is more ornate but still retaining its Classical elements. The main door is framed by a pair of detached, Ionic columns which carry a triangular pediment. Across the façade are four, equally spaced, Ionic pilasters and a series of blind niches. The right hand pilasters continue in a second tier above the entablature to form a campanile which is rather too tall in proportion to the façade. In the centre of the elevation in former bell-cot has been reproduced, although without a bell and topped by a Maltese Cross.</p>				

Scheduled by MEPA	No	Degree of Protection	-	G.N. No.	-	G.N. Date	-
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Recommended Bibliography	Grech, P., (1999), <i>Exploring The Chapels of Gozo</i> : Progress Press Co. Ltd Valletta, Malta				
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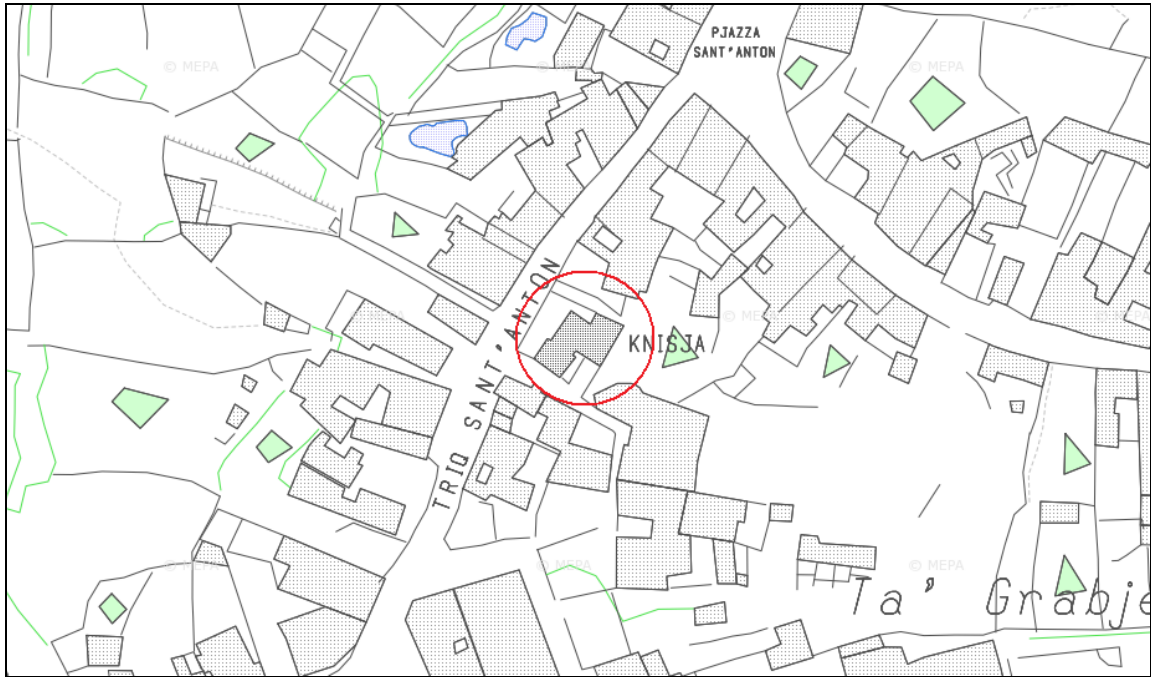
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Property Plan



Property Images

