



SOVRINTENDENZA
TAL-PATRIMONJU KULTURALI
SUPERINTENDENCE OF CULTURAL HERITAGE

National Inventory of the Cultural Property of the Maltese Islands

NICPMI Inv. No. 1307

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Property Name	Chapel of the Annunciation		
Address	Hal-Millieri		
Town Name	Zurrieq	Toponym	-
Property Owner	Private	Local Council	Zurrieq
Guardianship Deed	Yes	Managing Body	Din l-Art Helwa

Period	Modern (16th to 20th Century AD)		
Phase	Late Medieval : Angevines - Aragonese (late 13 - early 16 C. AD)		
Cultural Heritage Type & Value	Artistic Architectural Social	Cultural Heritage Property Value Assessment	Outstanding
Property Function	Religious	Conservation Area	-

Outline Description	The Chapel of the Annunciation is reached through a gate, and a long pathway The chapel was built in the mid-1400s and consecrated in 1480. Excavations have shown that it was built on the same site of a 13th century chapel.		
Property Description	It has an austere facade with a slanting roof having a waterspout on the left, and a small centrally placed bell-cot headed with a cross. Its entrance is through a square headed doorway, underlying a stone moulding which forms a slightly pointed arch. Three steps lead down into the chapel. The internal space consists of a single nave divided into bays by four transverse arches which rise from wall pilasters. Low stone benches ('dukkiena') are set between the four pointed arches. At the east-end of the chapel is an apse which was separated from the rest of the church by a wooden screen, which was probably a 17th century addition. The interior side walls of the chapel, except for the apse, are covered with murals which depict life-sized hieratic saints, identified the Gothic inscriptions beneath. On either side of the west door are two icons, representing St George, which are almost replicas of each other. It is suggested that the frescoes are a copy of those which were present in the earlier chapel due to the iconographical style which has a strong Byzantinesque and Romanesque elements, and also due to the choice of saints which are typical of the 11th and 12th century saints. The ruins of the chapel dedicated to the Visitation are found abutting to the Annunciation chapel.		

Scheduled by MEPA	Yes	Degree of Protection	Grade 1	G.N. No.	008	G.N. Date	1997
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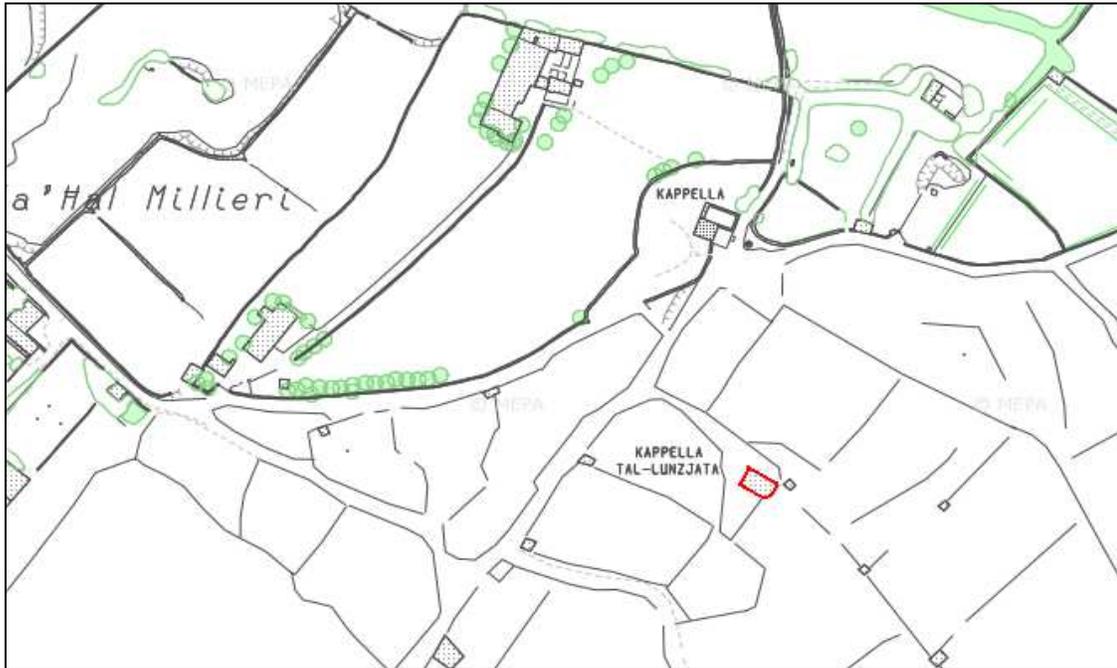
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Property Plan



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