

FIG. A: The late Victorian British Barracks seen from the south with the Guardian Angel Bastion and its Polverista in the foreground.

For the attention of:

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Minister for Culture, Dr Owen Bonnici;

Mr Kurt Farrugia, Superintendent of Cultural Heritage;

cc.

Prime Minister, Dr Robert Abela;

The Leader of the Opposition, Dr Bernard Grech;

Minister for Gozo and Planning, Perit Clint Camilleri;

Commissioner for Environment and Planning in the office of the Ombudsman, Perit Alan Saliba; Ghajnsielem Local Council Mayor, Mr Kevin Cauchi.

#### REQUEST FOR ISSUE OF AN EMERGENCY CONSERVATION ORDER FOR THE BRITISH BARRACKS AT FORT CHAMBRAY, GHAJNSIELEM, GOZO.

This appeal is following another request for scheduling of the same building filed on the 18 April 2024 (attached).

| Date:                           | 28 January 2025                                  |
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| Property Name:                  | British Barracks – Fort Chambray                 |
| Address:                        | Fort Chambray, Għajnsielem, Gozo                 |
| Town Name:                      | Għajnsielem                                      |
| Toponym:                        | Rdum it-Tafal                                    |
| Local Council:                  | Għajnsielem                                      |
| Property Owner:                 | Government                                       |
| Managing Body:                  | Private  |
| Period:                         | Modern (19 <sup>th</sup> Century)                |
| Phase:                          | Modern – British Colonial (19th Century)         |
| Cultural Heritage Type & Value: | Historical, Architectural, Technical, Aesthetic, |
|                                 | Typological, and Symbolic                        |

Cultural Heritage Property Value Assessment: ...... Outstanding

Rarity: This Late Victorian building is exceptional for Gozo which is practically devoid of British Military buildings of this era. The building is also of outstanding importance for Malta as it is among the earliest known, possibly the earliest known, British period married quarters in the country.

Request being submitted jointly by: see signatories below;

Represented by: Perit Patrick Calleja, Executive President *Din l-Art Helwa*, Mr Daniel Cilia obo *Din l-Art Helwa Għawdex*, Ms Simone Azzopardi obo *Għawdix*, Professor Joseph Caruana obo *Wirt Għawdex*.

# Property Function: Military Barracks (Married Quarters)

Outline Description: British period Military Barracks forming part of 18<sup>th</sup>-century Knights of St John Fort Chambray.

## Site Plan:

See attached Fig. B – a plan of location of Fort Chambray's British Barracks. The British Barracks site being requested for emergency conservation is the long building shown enclosed in the red rectangle in the lower left quadrant of the drawing.

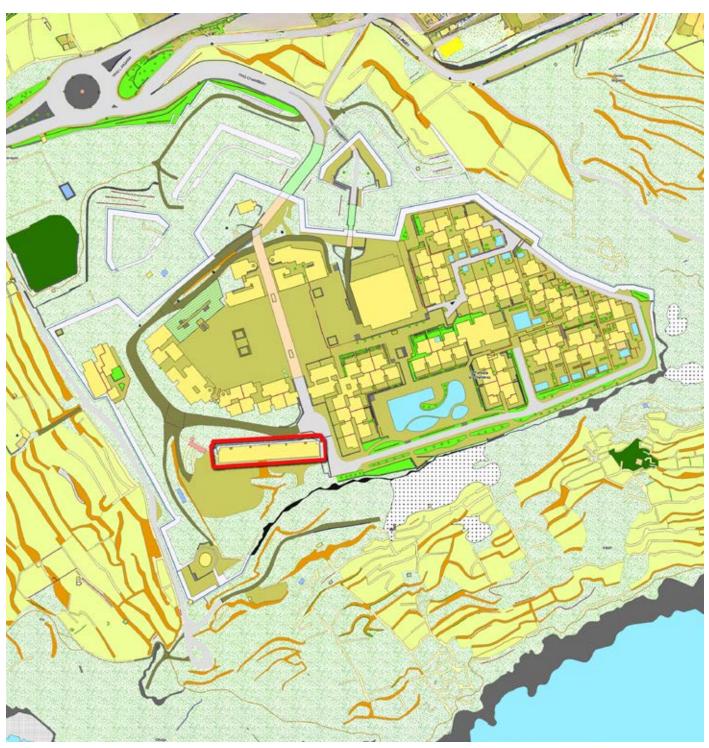


FIG. B: The Planning Authority map server showing the area of Fort Chambray and the British Barracks within it, highlighted in red. PAGE 2 OF 30

# **Property Description:**

The British military married quarters in Fort Chambray consist of a two-storey south-facing building in the southwest corner of the fort's bastion walls. It is made of local Globigerina Limestone, giving it a warm, natural hue. The architecture features repeated arched doorways and openings, creating a rhythmic and continuous façade (see Fig. C).

On the south facade, each floor has an arched portico with evenly spaced pillars, providing a verandah sheltered from rain and sun. The upper floor's balustrade is simple and unadorned, reflecting the building's utilitarian function. The roof-line is clean and unbroken, suggesting a no-frills, functional design.

The horizontal banding between the levels acts as a string course, delineating the ground floor from the upper floor and providing a visual anchor. It adds a subtle textural contrast to the smooth walls, enhancing the façade's aesthetic.

This building is comparable to others built by the British in Malta but is unique in Gozo. It exemplifies a functional, symmetrical, and restrained design adapted to the local climate and materials. The architectural language speaks of durability, simplicity, and communal living arrangements typical of military quarters. Beyond its use as a married quarters, it has also been used as a hospital during conflicts and other times.

The building was constructed entirely with Globigerina Limestone and metal beams supporting the *xorok* (limestone roofing slabs). Some retrofitting, mainly using reinforced concrete was done in the 1980s on the building when it was used as a hotel. The limestone ceilings of the arched porticoes (first floor and roof) were replaced with reinforced concrete slabs and five concrete staircases were constructed leading to the upper rooms from the ground floor level of the building, with entrances on the north side of the building.

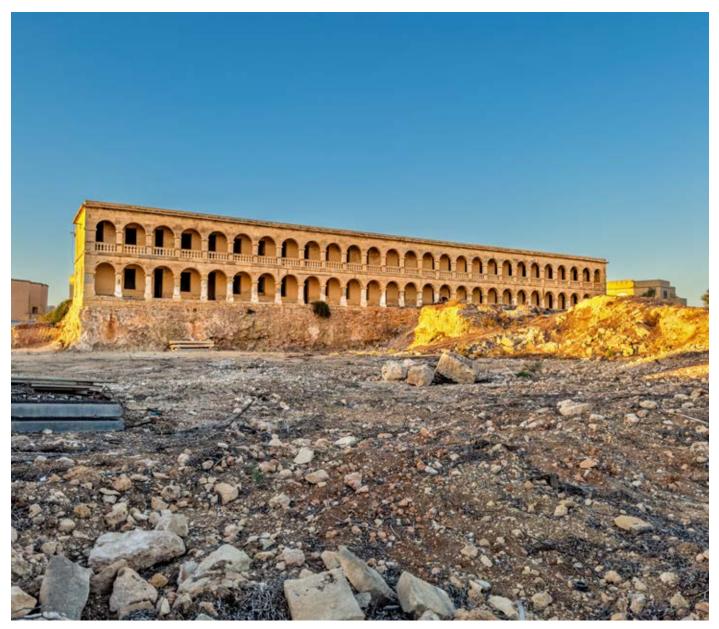


FIG. C: The south facing arcaded façade of the British Married Quarters Late Victorian Barracks in Fort Chambray. PAGE 3 OF 30

## Case for seeking scheduling protection:

The building holds significant architectural, historic, symbolic, typological, and cultural value as the only one of its type in Gozo – a region lacking British military architecture. Beyond its architectural value, these buildings serve as crucial links to our past, and their preservation is essential for understanding our nation's identity.

The British Army introduced married quarters for soldiers and their families in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century as part of reforms aimed at improving soldiers' living conditions. Prior to this, soldiers' accommodation was often basic and did not include family members. The establishment of married quarters recognized the importance of supporting soldiers' families and stabilizing their lives, contributing to the military's effectiveness and morale.

The British Barracks were already on plan in 1895 when they first appear in an Admiralty map of Gozo held at the National Archives of Malta (file number PDM61318). See Figs. D and details E & F. In earlier Admiralty maps of Gozo the building of the British Barracks in Fort Chambray is not marked.

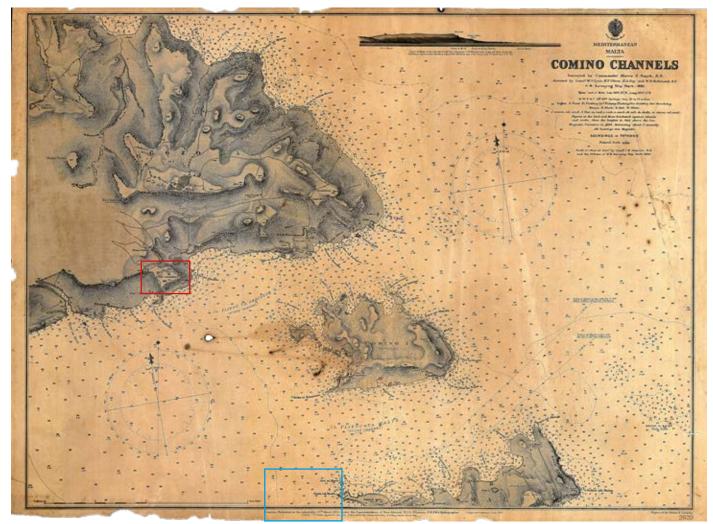


FIG. D: Admiralty map of Gozo dated 24 March 1895 held at the National Archives of Malta file number PDM61318.

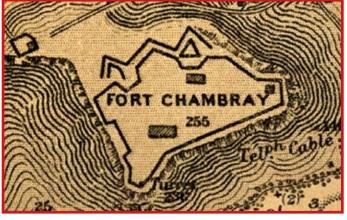


FIG. E: Close up detail of the Fort Chambray area.

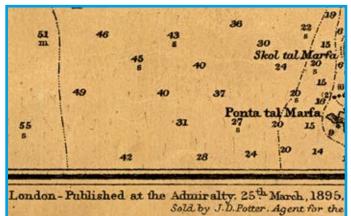


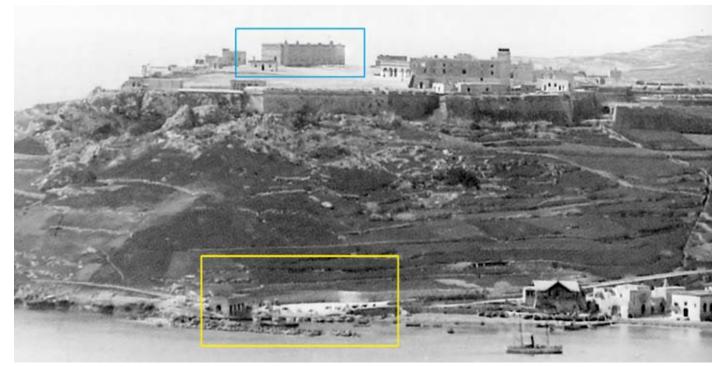
FIG. F: Close up detail of the date of PDM61318.

In an undated photograph by Richard Ellis (see *Richard Ellis, The Photography Collection – Malta and Gozo – pages 56–57 General View of Mgarr Harbour,* Fig G right) the building of the British Barracks Married Quarters is clearly visible in the photograph, Fig. H [highlighted in blue]. In the same Fig. H [highlighted in yellow] is the area where a large metal *verandah* [tent] was brought from Pjazza Savina in Victoria to Mgarr Harbour. The Minutes of the Works Department dated 27 May 1898, record the formal request for the moving of the tent (see Fig. I). Eventually it was in place at Mgarr by 1903/1904 as per the Public Works Expenditure Report published in the Malta



General view of Mgarr Harbour

by 1903/1904 as per the Public Works Expenditure Report published in the Malta FIG. G Government Gazette 4773 (9 Dec 1904) Supp. p. II – Fig. J. The metal tent shows up in many period photographs yet a 1947 aerial photograph [Fig K] shows it clearly in the same space highlighted in yellow in Fig. H. Thus we can come to the conclusion that the British Barracks in Fort Chambray were definitely completed before 1903 – 1904.



**FIG. H:** The Fort Chambray British Married Quarters can be seen in the blue box. In the yellow box the position at Mgarr harbour where the large metal verandah brought from Victoria's Pjazza Savina, was placed. Photograph Richard Ellis.

Public Works Office Valletta, 27 May, 1898

Sir,

I have been requested by Dr. Sammut Nombe of Council for Goze to submit to Government the advisability of removing the iron Verandah that is at present used as Market at Victoria to Migiarro. The cost of this work for which there is

would amount to £90.

Sir, Your most obsdient servent

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FIG. K [right]: Lieutenant Brian B "Bebe" Sharman flight photograph of Mgarr Harbour in 1947.

**FIG. I** [left]: Request for the moving of the tent of the Work Department dated 27 May 1898 from the National Archives, Rabat, Malta.



**FIG. J:** Entry 3 in the Expenditure Report 1903-1904 published in the Malta Government Gazette 4773 dated 9 December 1904.



The above evidence now serves as irrefutable proof that the British Barracks at Fort Chambray stand as one of the first buildings specifically designed to function as a married quarters, in Malta and within the British Empire. The Barracks Act was passed in 1890 in the British Parliament [dated 25<sup>th</sup> July 1890] and it made provision for building and enlarging barracks and camps in the United Kingdom, and in certain Colonies, and to amend the Law relating to the acquisition of Land for Military purposes.

The present developers and their architects have also argued that the interior of the Fort Chambray British Barracks underwent structural modifications during the 1980s when the building was re-purposed as a hotel. Consequently, they assert that the only authentic British period elements of the structure are the arcaded façade and the building's sides, rendering these the only components worthy of preservation.

A traced architectural drawing of the original plan was found at the archives of the Department of Public Works at Project House in Floriana [Fig L]. This was most probably used when the married quarters barracks were going to be converted into a hospital, thus the red handwritten note dated 1929. On the top left corner there is written – Fort Chambray – Gozo – Proposed Qrs [quarters]: for 20 Married Families – the aspect of the rear windows to be 4° East of North.

When this plan is compared with that of the 2013 plan by TBA Periti architects (Fig. M available on the Planning Authority eApps server N°1e - PA 02454 16 – 1929) one can see that they are exactly the same except for the removal of some fireplaces and the addition of five concrete staircases leading to the upper rooms from the back wall of the building from ground floor level. On page 9 there is a comparison between the two plans where one can see that the internal layout has remained practically the same after 129 years, see Figs. N on page 9 & O on page 10.

We are also providing a video produced (shot on two different days) during Autumn 2024 of the interior of the building. One can access it using the link or QR code in Fig. N. The architects for the developers have described the British Barracks building as *derelict* on their plans. As one can see from this video, considering that the abandoned building has been left open for many years to face the weather elements without any doors or windows, is anything but derelict.

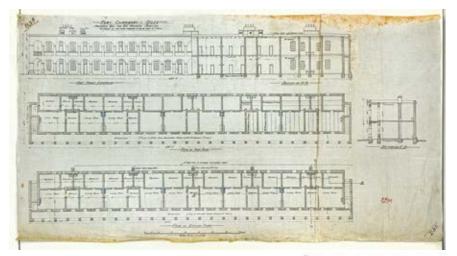


FIG. L (left): Traced copy (most probably in 1929) of the original plan of the British Barracks at Fort Chambray. See also page 7.

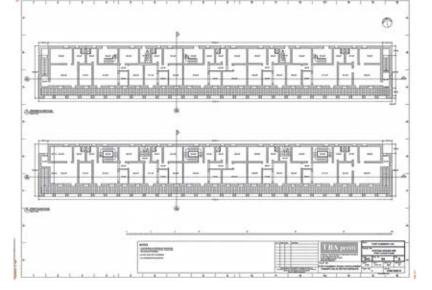
> FIG. M (below): TBA Periti architects (available on the Planning Authority eApps server) 2013 plans of the British Barracks at Fort Chambray. See also page 8.

## FIG. N: QR Code with link:

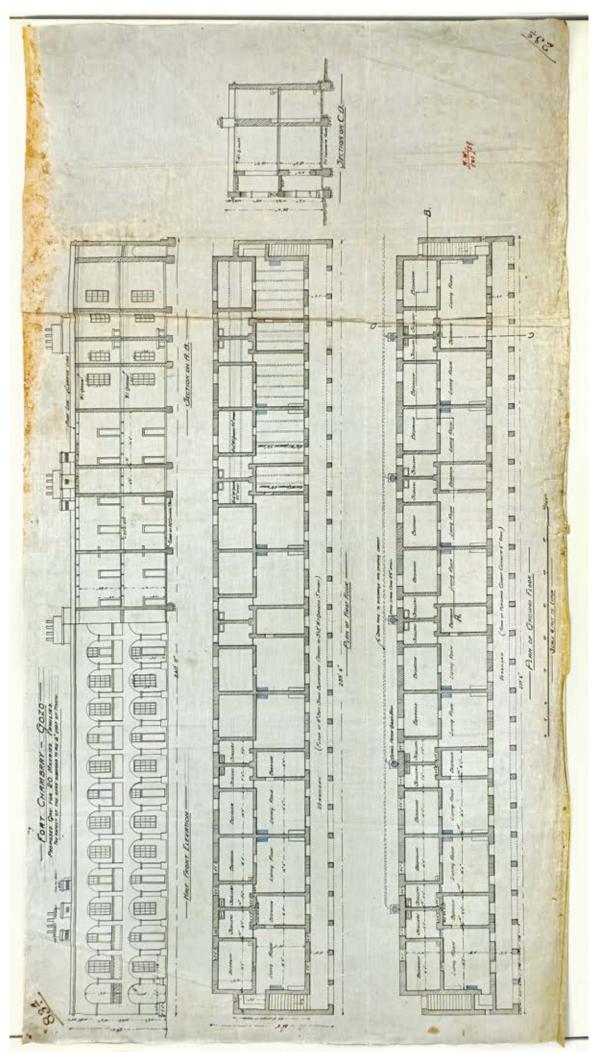
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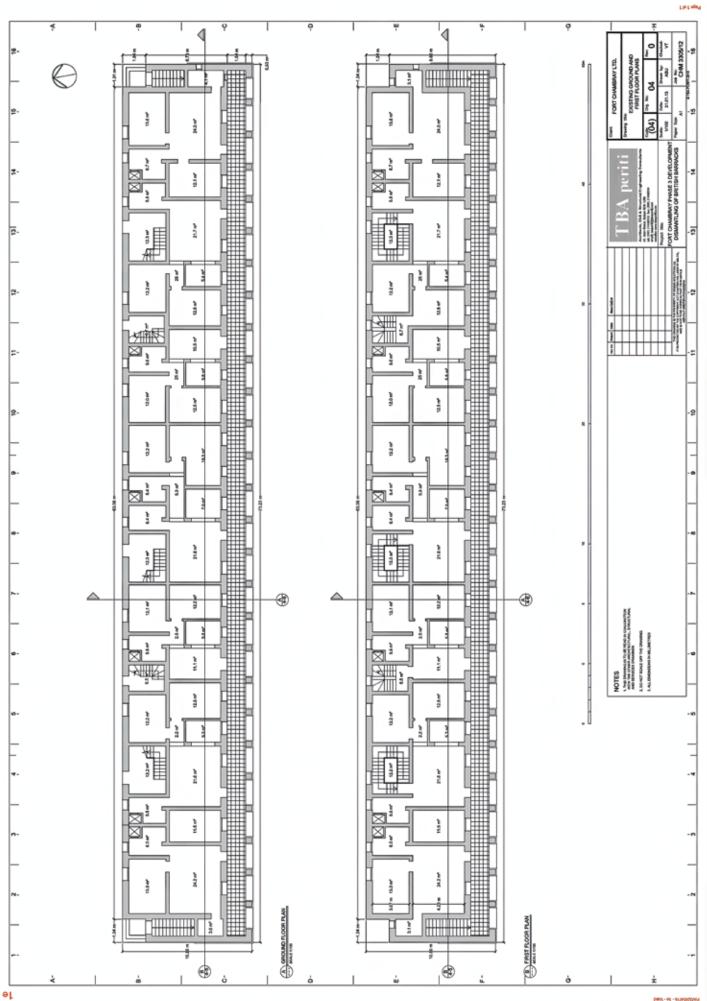
to a You Tube video of the internal rooms of the British Barracks in Fort Chambray.











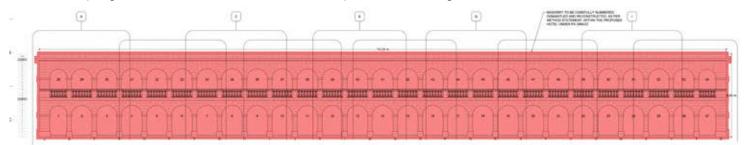
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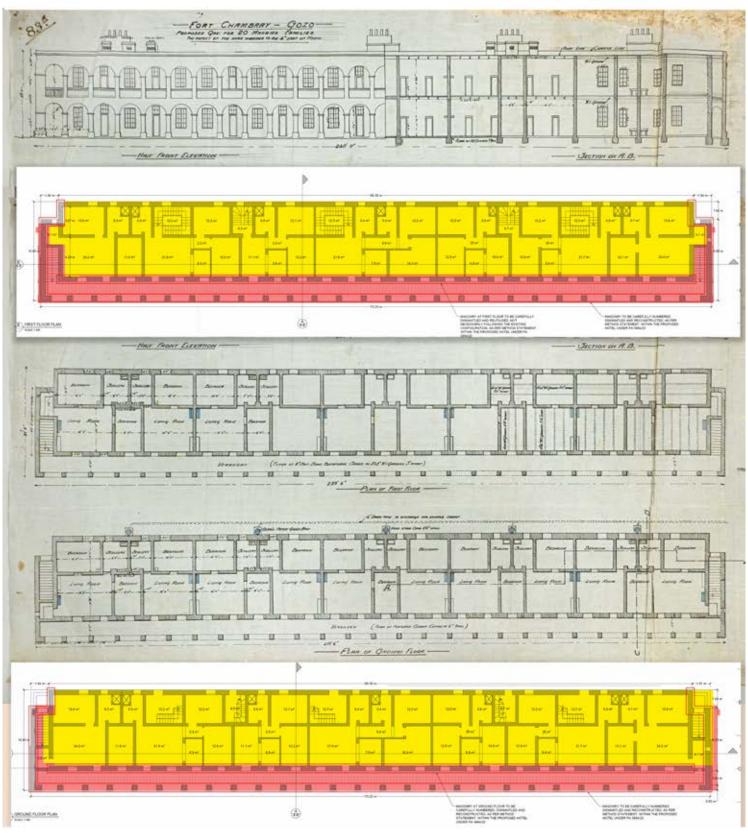
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**FIG. O:** The original Fort Chambray British Barracks plans overlapped with the TBA Periti 2013 plans (*in blue*) of the same building. The two fit perfectly, except for the 1980s addition of room partitions, 5 cement staircases and the removal of fireplaces.

**FIG. P:** The original Fort Chambray British Barracks plans next to the current plans. Areas shaded in yellow have been proposed for complete destruction. Façade porticoes (in red) will be relocated onto the façade of the modern apart-hotel.



A BOATH ELEVATION



Another interesting aspect about the British Barracks in Fort Chambray is the orientation of the building. On the original plan of the building on the top left corner there is written – *Fort Chambray* – *Gozo* – *Proposed Qrs: for 20 Married Families* – *the aspect of the rear windows to be 4° East of North.* 

The British employed the Vella family of masons, known as *Tal-Qanfuda* from Żebbuġ, Gozo, to build the Barracks. Gużepp and his sons Vitor, Wiġi, Mikiel, Toni and Saver, in their lifetime built half of Gozo's churches, and some in Malta too. Vitor (1878 – 1956) was the most promising of the brothers and although he was still in his late teens he was considered as the master mason of the married quarters. Vitor eventually became one of the most renowned master masons in the history of Gozo. This was the same master mason who was entrusted with the construction of the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Ta' Pinu. In 2012 a 202 page book was published about his life: *Vitor Vella, L-Imghallem Bennej Tas-Santwarju Ta' Pinu*, by author Victor Vella Muskat.

In Vella Muskat's book, it is mentioned that Vitor studied the Royal Engineers' plans for a week before devising a functional plan. One potential challenge could have been the intriguing phrase "the aspect of the rear windows to be 4° East of North" located at the top of the plan (Fig. Q). This indicates that the British had immediately conceived the plan to construct the building with its orientation towards the south, thereby maximizing the utilization of sunlight and warmth during the winter months. Conversely, during the warm summer months, the façade and main doors and windows would be shielded from direct sunlight. In winter, the arcade is bathed in sunlight for nearly the entire day, whereas in summer, it remains completely shaded. That is still exactly the building orientation today (Fig. R).

If the entire Barracks were to be dismantled and reassembled next to the Knights' Barracks, as suggested a decade ago, its original orientation and part of the building's history would be lost.

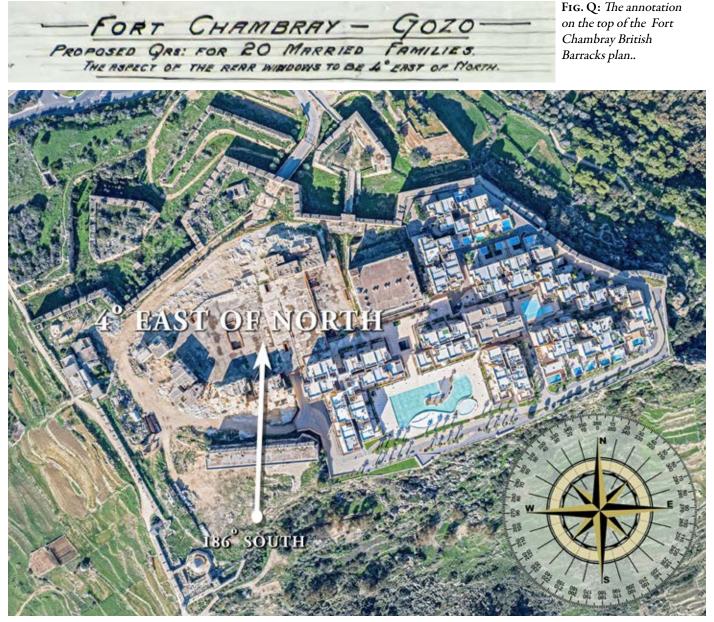


FIG. R: The orientation of the Fort Chambray British Married Quarters Barracks.

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Although most of the British Barracks buildings in Malta have been granted scheduling protection, even when they are not as old as the Fort Chambray British Barracks, the exclusion of the only British barracks in Gozo from such protection remains perplexing. A list of 84 barracks in Malta, including 24 British Married Quarters properties in Malta was provided in the original request for scheduling filed on the 18 April 2024 (attached).

Below is a screenshot from the PA map server, displaying a concentration of scheduled British barracks in Pembroke, marked in red, alongside other associated British-era scheduled buildings shown in blue (Fig. S). An aerial photograph of the area with the scheduled buildings highlighted is also provided (Fig. T).

FIG. S: PA Map server highlighting the many scheduled British-era buildings with a good number of which are married quarters.





FIG. T: An aerial photograph of the same area with the large amount of scheduled buildings highlighted.

Despite original requests from the Superintendence of Cultural Heritage (in the past), the Superintendent of Fortresses, and the Cultural and Heritage Advisory Committee, the British Barracks have yet to be scheduled.

Fort Chambray Development Brief (approved January 1992) reads:

"Parts 9 – 11 (Existing Buildings Retention Policy) The following buildings are to be retained, restored and conserved for other uses as part of the development of the Fort. These are indicated on the attached plan, as follows:

– The Barracks of the Knights and the Knight's Bakery.

- The British Barracks and the British Bakery.

- Dar it-Tabib (Doctor's House) "complex" (including Church of St Maria delle Grazie and the adjacent British Chapel).

Buildings which detract from the overall integrity of the Fort and require removal, subject to an approved scheme to ensure the protection of retained buildings, are indicated on attached plan and are as follows:

- The recent (1970's) addition to the British Barracks.

- The Harbour Control Room and the adjacent building.

Parts 22 – 24 (Visual Setting and Skyline)

The relationship between the Knights and British barracks buildings set in a commanding position with uninterrupted views over the sea must be retained. In particular, the view of the Fort and these two main buildings from the seaward approach situated in an imposing position on top of the cliffs must be retained. No new development will be allowed to intrude into the foreground of views of the two barracks buildings from this direction.

It is considered that skylines evoke a sense of place and provide, an identifiable image which is as important as other design requirements. Any proposals for buildings around the site perimeter (within permissible building areas) must be supported by four long sections/elevations to demonstrate both the effect on the skyline and the compatibility of the design with existing building elements.

The height of retained buildings is the maximum height permissible for new development, but the majority of new buildings should be lower. Consideration may be given to excavation to permit additional storeys, subject to supporting engineering feasibility studies and other design requirements."

PA/2024/07 case officer report:

"External Consultations:

4.6.1.1: Initially the **Superintendence** indicated that this proposal for the relocation of the British Barracks façade unacceptable and commends that the British Barracks are scheduled as a Grade 2 monument in line with the Structural Plan.

4.6.1.3: The Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee: during the initial consultations it was noted that the British Barracks should be retained in their present location due to its historic importance ...

... It was also indicated that the dismantling of the British Barracks and the reconstruction of parts of them runs counter to the Development Brief and conservation principles.

4.6.2.3: Heritage Planning Unit: The British barracks should either be scheduled as Grade 2 or if dismantling and reconstruction of British barracks in a new site is contemplated and found acceptable, reconstruction should be faithful respecting all original proportions. In this case a method statement is required for documentation stone by stone, dismantling and reconstruction and is subject to a bank guarantee."

Government Gazette, 5<sup>th</sup> August 2005, 7942 – 7944 No. 841 CONSERVATION ORDER Section 46 of the Development Planning Act 1992 The Malta Environment and Planning Authority declares that the following monument, namely: Fort Chambray in Ghajnsielem, Gozo

(Refer to site plan on page 7944 [below Fig. T]) is of architectural and historical importance such that the monument has been included in the list of Scheduled property in terms of Section 46 of the Development Planning Act 1992 as a Grade 1 monument according to Government Notice N° 840 published in this Government Gazette N° 17,802.

The Authority believes that Fort Chambray is in need of conservation and is hereby issuing a Conservation Order in respect of the above monument in accordance with Section 46 of the Development Planning Act (1992).

Fort Chambray is suffering from natural deterioration, neglect and from human impact. For this reason the following provisions apply:

1. Conservation works of Fort Chambray, including its outworks and glacés, should be undertaken immediately following the Restoration Method Statement approved by MEPA and any other supplementary documents that are approved by MEPA.

2. The restoration and maintenance of Fort Chambray shall be exclusively the responsibility of the owner and/or tenant.

3. The monument and its surroundings shall be maintained and conserved by means of a continuous maintenance programme. 4. All existing infringements within the monument and its buffer zone shall be removed as recommended in the Restoration Method Statement by, and/or at the expense of the owner, land use, or perpetrator under instructions and the supervision of the Malta Environment and Planning Authority, in consultation with the Restoration Unit (Works Division), and the Superintendence of Cultural Heritage as set out in Sections 46, 52, 53 and 55 of the Development Planning Act (1992).

5. Any landscaping, embellishment works and improvements that may be acceptable within the monument and the buffer zone shall be subject to approval by the Malta Environment and Planning Authority through a formal development application process as provided for in the Development Planning Act (1992).

6. The restoration programme has to follow the criteria established by the Council of Europe and UNESCO in their Conventions, Charters and Protocols, to which Malta is signatory.

If the property is damaged or altered in contravention of this order the Authority will exercise its powers of enforcement, as set out in Sections 46, 52, 53 and 55 of the Development Planning Act. The Act provides for severe penalties for contravention of control on Scheduled Property.

5<sup>th</sup> August 2005

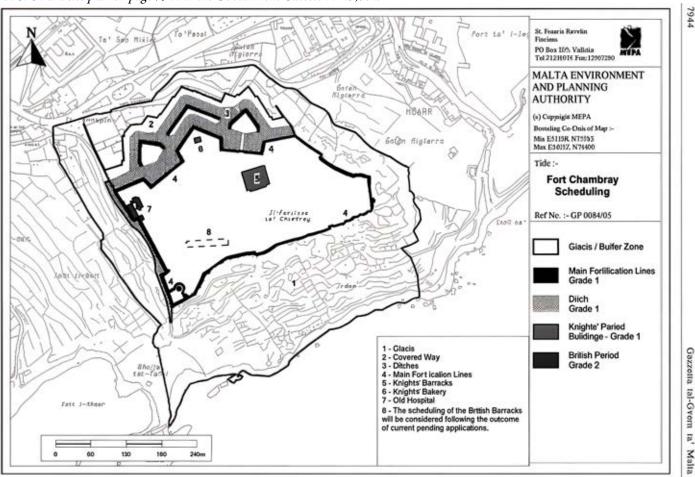


FIG. U: The site plan on page 7944 in the Government Gazette Nº 17,802.

1: Glacés

2: Covered Way

3: Ditches

4: Main Fortification Lines

5: Knights' Barracks

6: Knights' Bakery

7: Old Hospital

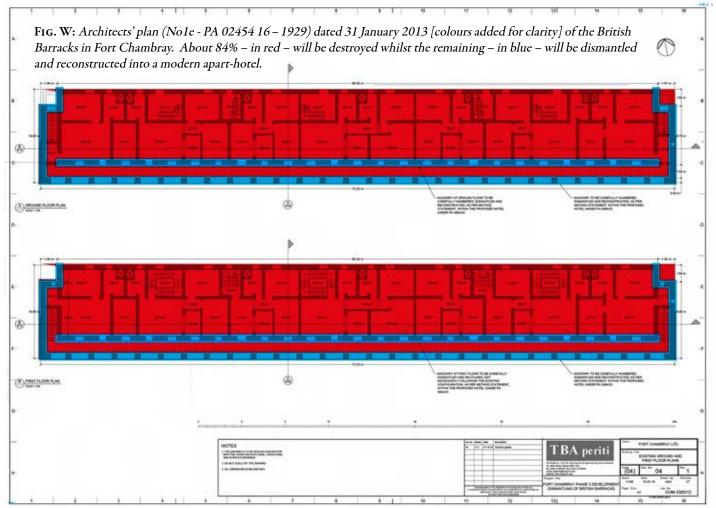
8: The scheduling of the British Barracks will be considered following the outcome of the current applications.

FIG. V: Various elements of Fort Chambray are scheduled as per Government Notice 841/2005 issued on 5th August 2005:

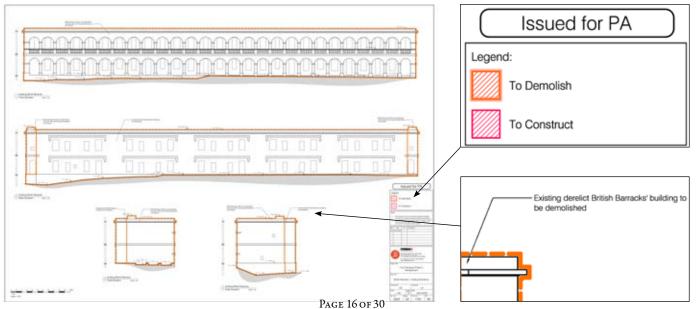


As stated above the Government Gazette dated 5<sup>th</sup> August 2005 which identifies the scheduling of the same Fort clearly indicates that the scheduling of the British Barracks will be considered **following** the outcome of the current applications.

This means that the scheduling process of the British Barracks at Fort Chambray remains pending. The scheduling of the British Barracks has to be considered *now* because of the development permissions (PA 2454/16 & PA 03884/23) that have been approved by the Planning Authority Planning Board on the 12 December 2024. In these approved applications about 84% of the area of the British Barracks Married Quarters are to be demolished. Only the façade arcade, sections of the arcade's inner walls, and the outer east and west walls will be dismantled and reconstructed in a different location as part of an apart-hotel, stripped of any historical context.



**FIG. X:** Studjurban architects' plan dated 20 January 2023 of the British Barracks in Fort Chambray (1av - PA\_03884\_23 - 13915605). The architect uses the word **demolish** in the legend and indicates on the plan the parts of the **derelict** [sic!] British Barracks to be demolished.



The Fort Chambray British Barracks' outstanding and iconic view from the sea, with its prominent position within the fort is to be valued because it is part of our collective identity and memory. The seaward view of the arched façade has for the last century been synonymous with the sea approach towards Gozo whether on the Gozo ferry, private boats, or the many cruise liners berthing in the Gozo-Comino Channel.



FIG. Y: Iconic view for the hundreds of visitors to Gozo on exclusive cruise liners.



FIG. Z: The porticoes of the British Barracks is synonymous with Fort Chambray for anyone crossing the channel to Gozo.



FIG. AA: Architects' photo-montages (from the PA servers) from the Gozo – Malta Channel before and after.

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Therefore, we are asking for an emergency conservation order for the British Barracks at Fort Chambray, Għajnsielem, Gozo for the following reasons:

The preservation of the 1890s Married Quarters British Barracks, unique for Gozo, is crucial for several reasons, encompassing historical significance, cultural heritage, and potential benefits for future generations.

## 1. Historical Significance:

• Late Victorian Colonial Legacy: The Married Quarters British Barracks inside Fort Chambray is an essential relic of the British colonial period in Malta. They provide tangible evidence of the island's strategic military significance during British rule and the broader historical narrative of Malta.

• Architectural Value: This building exemplifies military architecture and design from the late 1890s, providing valuable insights into the living conditions, climatic considerations and architectural practices of the era. It reflects the British Empire's efforts to improve the welfare of its soldiers and their families, both in the UK and overseas.

• Typological value: The Married Quarters building represents a new type of military accommodation, important for the social history not only of Malta but also the British Empire.

## 2. Cultural Heritage:

• Identity and Continuity: Preserving the barracks contributes to maintaining and celebrating the local and national identity, connecting current and future generations with their past.

• Educational Resource: The site serves as an educational tool, offering a physical context for learning about Malta's military history, colonial past, and its impact on contemporary society and the use of the Knights' period Fort Chambray adapting it for the British military use.

## 3. Tourism Potential:

• Attracting Visitors: Restoring and showcasing the barracks can enhance Gozo's tourism appeal, drawing history enthusiasts, researchers, and tourists, increasing economic benefits for the local community.

• Cultural Tourism: With the growing trend of cultural and heritage tourism, sites like the British Barracks can become focal points for enriching tourist experiences.

•The *Paradores* in Spain and the comparable *Pousada* luxury hotels in Portugal exemplify how a historic building can be transformed into a distinctive hotel that enhances the cultural experience of staying in Gozo. This unique offering sets it apart from conventional hotels, providing guests with an unforgettable memory.

#### 4. Community Engagement:

• Local Involvement: The preservation project can foster community engagement and pride, especially with the people of Ghajnsielem, involving locals in the restoration process, thus reinforcing communal bonds and a shared sense of purpose.

#### 5. Sustainability and Adaptive Reuse:

• Adaptive Reuse: The barracks can be re-purposed for modern needs while preserving their historical essence. Potential uses include a high-quality themed hotel museum [see above], community centre, art galleries, or educational facilities, ensuring the structures remain functional and relevant. The spacious rooms could also potentially be incorporated as classrooms for the nearby MCAST campus.

• Cultural Events and Activities: Several dedicated rooms within the refurbished site, even if transformed into a themed hotel, can serve as venues for events, exhibitions, and activities, creating a vibrant hub for community engagement and cultural expression.

• Sustainable Development: Preserving existing buildings aligns with sustainable practices by reducing the need for new construction, minimizing environmental impact, and retaining the embodied energy of the original structures.

#### 6. International Recognition:

• Heritage Conservation: Successfully preserving such a site can gain international acknowledgment, promoting Gozo as a model for heritage conservation and potentially attracting funding and expertise for maintaining other historical sites.

In conclusion, the rescue and preservation of the Married Quarters British Barracks is a multifaceted venture that contributes to preserving Gozo's historical narrative, enhancing cultural identity, boosting tourism, and engaging the community. It represents a bridge between the past and the future, ensuring that the heritage of Gozo is not only remembered but also rejuvenated and integrated into modern life.

We, the **undersigned**, respectfully urge the Executive Chairman of the Planning Authority to invoke Section 47(1) of the Development Planning Act, which states:

"If property which is not scheduled but which the Authority believes could have an importance or value as is described in sub-article (1) of article 46 sufficient to have it listed, is at risk of being demolished, damaged or destroyed, the Authority may make an emergency conservation order and take such further steps for the protection of such property as it may deem necessary and the provisions of the proviso to sub-article (1) of article 46 shall apply:

Provided that in case of urgency the Chairman of the Authority may make an emergency conservation order without the need of consulting the other members of the Authority."

Furthermore, we urge the Minister of Culture to invoke Article 7(5)(k) [to perform such other functions under this or any other law as well as such other functions as the Minister may from time to time assign to it.] and Article 63 (1) of the Cultural Heritage Act [63. (1) The Superintendent may, in the case of any infringement of any of the provisions of this Act or of any regulations made thereunder, or in the case of any activity or development where cultural property might be at risk, serve a conservation and protection order on the owner or occupier or possessor of cultural property requiring such action as may be specified in the notice, including the discontinuance of anything being done or carried on, or planned to take place, to be taken within such time as may be specified in the order.], and to give instructions for the issuing of a Conservation and Protection Order on the British Barracks at Fort Chambray.

In doing so, the Planning Authority Executive Council and the Minister of Culture can stop the destruction of the only British Barracks found in Gozo which, for the valid reasons presented in this document, should be scheduled with degree of protection of **Grade 1**.

| NGOs:                                  |  |
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| Assoċjazzjoni Wirt il-Kalkara          |  |
| Battlefront Malta                      |  |
| BirdLife Malta                         |  |
| Din l-Art Helwa                        |  |
| Cinema Heritage Group                  |  |
| Flimkien Għal Ambjent Aħjar,           |  |
| Fondazzjoni Belt Victoria              |  |
| Fondazzjoni Paulus                     |  |
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| Borg, Victor                     | XXXXXG   | Callus, Leonard               | XXXXXXM  |
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| Brockdorff, Angie, Von           | XXXXXM   | Camilleri, David              | XXXXXXM  |
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| Buttigieg, Emanuel Professor     | XXXXXXM  | Carabott, Angela              | XXXXXXM  |
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| Young, Niki Dr        | XXXXXXM  |                           |          |
| Zammit Cutajar, Tony, | XXXXXXM  |                           |          |

All of the individuals mentioned above have submitted their names and ID numbers as a formal request, respectfully urging the Executive Chairman of the Planning Authority to invoke Section 47(1) of the Development Planning Act to prevent the demolition of the British Barracks at Fort Chambray.

Furthermore, we call upon the Minister of Culture to invoke Article 7(5)(k) and Article 63(1) of the Cultural Heritage Act to issue instructions for the enactment of a Conservation and Protection Order on the British Barracks at Fort Chambray.

The above signatories are acting in accordance with the Cultural Heritage Act, 2002, of the Laws of Malta, which states:

Part II - Principles and General Duties:

4.(2) Every citizen of Malta as well as every person present in Malta shall have the duty of protecting the cultural heritage as well as the right to benefit from this cultural heritage through learning and enjoyment. The cultural heritage is an asset of irreplaceable spiritual, cultural, social and economic value, and its protection and promotion are indispensable for a balanced and complete life.

#### Appendix I

In December 2024, the media reported that a 30-room hotel was being proposed for development within the ODZ (Outside Development Zone) in Mosta. The proposed site presently accommodates historic British-era barracks, known as Ta' Besbisija.

The development proposal (PA/5120/24) outlines plans for two underground levels: one designated as a car park and the other accommodating 15 rooms along with additional facilities. Above ground, the existing warehouses are to be converted into a further 15 rooms, with a reception area and restaurant situated on the first floor. Additionally, the proposal includes six luxury tents, exclusively reserved for hotel guests.

As part of the project, the barracks are to be carefully dismantled, restored, and reassembled within the same vicinity.

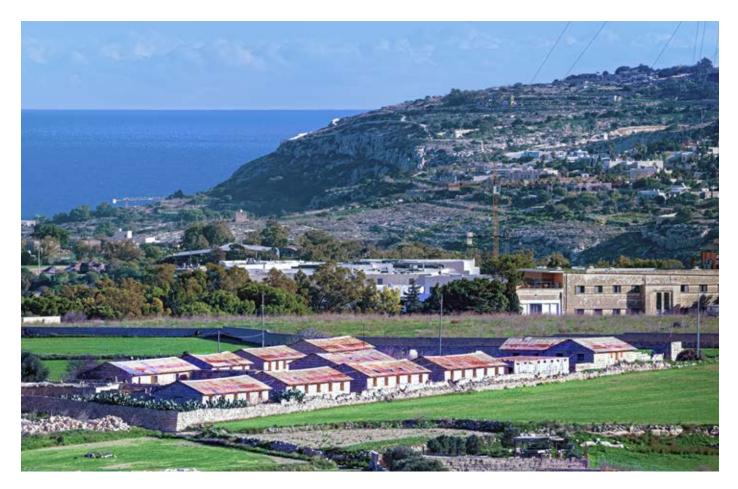
The Superintendence for Cultural Heritage has raised concerns about the project, emphasising the historical significance of the barracks, which pre-date 1968. Despite their age, the Superintendence for Cultural Heritage said that the barracks are reportedly in good condition. Moreover, the site, primarily comprising agricultural land, is classified as a Land of High Landscape Value due to its proximity to the Victoria Lines.

The 1890s Fort Chambray British Barracks should be accorded the same level of consideration, particularly in light of the valid concerns raised by the Superintendence for Cultural Heritage regarding the unscheduled British barracks at Ta'Besbisija, which date back to the Second World War and the immediate post-war period.

Ta' Besbisija British-era barracks at the outskirts of Mosta seen from the Victoria Lines in the area of Torri Falka.



The GIS entry of Ta' Besbisija Barracks on the SCH online portal.









# Request for the scheduling of British Barracks at Fort Chambray, Għajnsielem, Gozo

Date: 18 April 2024

Property Name: British Barracks- Fort Chambray

Address: Fort Chambray, Għajnsielem, Gozo

Town Name: Għajnsielem

Toponym: Rdum it-Tafal

Local Council: Għajnsielem

Property Owner: Government

Managing Body: Private

Period: Modern (19h Century)

Phase: Modern - British Colonial (19th Century)

Cultural Heritage Type & Value: Historical, Architectural, Technical

# Cultural Heritage Property Value Assessment: Outstanding

**Rarity:** This building is unique in Gozo which is practically devoid of British Military buildings of this or indeed any era. This building is also quite unique as far as Malta goes as well as it appears to be the earliest Married Quarters built in the country as a whole.

**Request being submitted jointly by:** Din I-Art Ħelwa Għawdex, Għawdix, Wirt Għawdex

| Represented by: | Godfrey Vella obo Din I-Art Ħelwa Għawdex, |
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|                 | Simone Azzopardi obo Għawdix,              |
|                 | Joseph Caruana obo Wirt Għawdex            |

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Property Function: Military Barracks (Married Quarters)

**Outline Description:** British period Military Barracks forming part of 18th Century Knights of St John Fort Chambray

# Site Plan:

See attached pdf file Block Plan Chambray British Barracks. The British Barracks site being requested for scheduling is the long building shown in the red rectangle in the lower left quadrant of the drawing.

# **Property Description:**

The British military married quarters in Fort Chambray is a long two-storeyed southfacing building in the south west area of the enceinte, characterised by its use of local limestone, which gives the building a warm, natural hue. The architecture is marked by a repetition of arched doorways on the ground floor and arched openings on the upper floor, suggesting a sense of rhythm and continuity in the facade.

Each floor is defined by a colonnaded arcade with evenly spaced columns or pilasters supporting arches, a design feature providing shade and a semi-outdoor space for residents. The upper floor's balustrade is simple and unadorned, in keeping with the utilitarian function of the building. The roofline is clean and unbroken, without overhanging eaves or elaborate cornice work, which might suggest a no-frills, functional design philosophy consistent with military architecture of the time.

The horizontal banding between the two levels acts as a string course, delineating the ground floor from the upper floor and providing a visual anchor for the structure. The use of such banding adds a subtle textural contrast to the smooth finish of the walls, enriching the facade's overall aesthetic.







The building is typical of others built by the British colonial powers in Malta having a similar function, but is the only one of its type in Gozo and presents unique characteristics with its particular location and history.

In summary, this structure exemplifies a functional, symmetrical, restrained design with features adapted to the local climate and materials. The architectural language speaks of durability, simplicity, and the communal living arrangements typical of military quarters of that era.

Apart from its use as a Married Quarters, the building has also been used as a hospital at various stages during periods of conflict and at other times.

# Degree of Protection sought: Grade 1

# Case for seeking scheduling protection:

The building has significant architectural, historic, and cultural merit. It also stands out as being the only one that was constructed of its type in Gozo which is almost totally devoid of any British military architecture. Aside from its architectural merit we must recognise that buildings of this type are an important link to our past and we cannot afford as a nation to destroy and throw them away if we want to maintain an understanding of who we are as a nation.

The British Army began providing married quarters for soldiers and their families in the second half of the 19th century. This initiative was part of broader reforms aimed at improving the living conditions and welfare of soldiers. Before this period, the accommodation provided to soldiers was generally very basic and often did not extend to family members. The introduction of married quarters was a significant step in recognizing the importance of supporting soldiers' families and stabilising their lives, contributing to the overall effectiveness and morale of the military. It is hence noteworthy that the Married Quarters Barracks at Chambray were among the first to be built within the British Empire not just the Maltese islands.

It should be noted that there are a large number of British Barrack buildings in Malta which have received scheduling protection. These are often of a later date than the Chambray Barracks and objectively of less merit. Nonetheless, and rightly so, they have received protection and it makes the omission of the Chambray British







Barracks from protection even more incomprehensible. A list of scheduled Barracks properties in Malta can be seen in Annex 1 to this document.

The Case Officer report in PA/2024/07 acknowledges the historic importance of the British Barracks. "The enceinte incorporates several buildings of historical importance, namely the barracks of the Knights in the central area, the bakery and gun powder magazine from the same period at St Paul's Bastion and the South Western tip of the Fort respectively, the British Barracks at the South Western side and Dar it-Tabib at the Western flank."

It should be remarked that advice that the Chambray British Barracks should be scheduled has been made by a number of parties over the years but this appears to have fallen on deaf ears. Requestors have included the Superintendent of Fortresses and the Cultural and Heritage Advisory Committee.

Destruction has already occurred at this site in the past. The Fort Chambray Garrison Cemetery, which was dedicated for the troops who were stationed at Fort Chambray during the British colonial period, was ruthlessly bulldozed and demolished in the mid-1980s to make way for a tourist complex. The garrison cemetery was full of impressive monuments, including free-standing sarcophagi in neo-classical style so favoured by the British. Similar destruction has taken place on other monuments in Gozo. Such mistakes should not be repeated with the destruction of the British Barracks.

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# **ANNEX 1**

# Scheduled Barrack buildings

| Heritage Item  | Property Name/Address                                 | Locality    | Feature  | Degree  |
|--|---|-------------|----------|---------|
| Barracks complex   | Triq ir-Rinella                                       | II-Kalkara  | Barracks | Grade 2 |
| Barracks complex   | Triq ir-Rinella                                       | II-Kalkara  | Barracks | Grade 2 |
| Knight's Barracks as part of Fort<br>Chambray                  | Fort Chambray   | Ghajnsielem | Barracks | Grade 1 |
| Officers Mess forming part of Fort<br>Campbell                 | Fort Campbell   | II-Mellieha | Barracks | Grade 2 |
| Casa Magazzini   | Triq I-Imhazen  | L-Imdina    | Barracks | Grade 2 |
| Officers Mess  | Triq il-Maqdes Ruman                                  | L-Imtarfa   | Barracks | Grade 1 |
| Sisters Quarters, RN Staff and Stores<br>Department            | Triq Dar il-Kaptan / il-Konti<br>F.Theuma Castelletti | L-Imtarfa   | Barracks | Grade 2 |
| St George's Barracks - Soldiers<br>Canteen, Stores and Offices | Triq il-Profs. Walter Ganado                          | San Giljan  | Barracks | Grade 2 |
| Officers Married Quarters (St.<br>Georges Barracks)            | Triq I-Imhallef William<br>Harding                    | Pembroke    | Barracks | Grade 2 |
| Married Quarters G Block (St Georges<br>Barracks)              | Triq I-Imhallef William<br>Harding                    | Pembroke    | Barracks | Grade 2 |







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| Stores and Soldiers Accomodation G<br>Block (St Georges Barracks)            | Triq Pietru Darmenia   | Pembroke | Barracks | Grade 2 |
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| Stores and Soldiers Accomodation H<br>Block (St Georges Barracks)            | Triq Pietru Darmenia   | Pembroke | Barracks | Grade 2 |
| Territorial Force Camp and Officers<br>Mess                                  | Triq it-Torri Tal-Madliena                                   | Pembroke | Barracks | Grade 3 |
| St Patricks Barracks (NAFFI<br>Buildings)                                    | Triq it-Torri Tal-Madliena                                   | Pembroke | Barracks | Grade 3 |
| St. Patricks Barracks Offices  | Triq it-Torri Tal-Madliena                                   | Pembroke | Barracks | Grade 3 |
| Warrant Officers Mess (St Patricks<br>Barracks)                              | Triq It-Torri tal-Madliena                                   | Pembroke | Barracks | Grade 3 |
| St Patricks Barracks   | Triq Sir Adrian Dingli                                       | Pembroke | Barracks | Grade 2 |
| Stores / Offices (St Patricks Barracks)                                      | Triq Sir Adrian Dingli                                       | Pembroke | Barracks | Grade 2 |
| Guard Room and Cells (St Patricks Barracks)                                  | Triq Sir Adrian Dingli                                       | Pembroke | Barracks | Grade 2 |
| Warrant Officers and Sergeants<br>Married Quarters (St Patricks<br>Barracks) | Triq San Patrizju  | Pembroke | Barracks | Grade 2 |
| Soldiers Married Quarters Block A (St<br>Patricks Barracks)                  | Trejqet Patri Pelagju Mifsud                                 | Pembroke | Barracks | Grade 2 |
| Soldiers Married Quarters Block B (St<br>Patricks Barracks)                  | Trejqet Patri Pelagju Mifsud                                 | Pembroke | Barracks | Grade 2 |
| Soldiers Married Quarters Block C (St<br>Patricks Barracks)                  | Trejqet Patri Pelagju Mifsud /<br>Trejqet Don Giovanni Mitri | Pembroke | Barracks | Grade 2 |







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| Soldiers Married Quarters Block D (St<br>Patricks Barracks)   | Wesghet ix-Xelter                   | Pembroke | Barracks | Grade 2 |
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| Soldiers Married Quarters Block E (St<br>Patricks Barracks)   | Triq San Patrizju                   | Pembroke | Barracks | Grade 2 |
| Soldiers Married Quarters Block F (St<br>Patricks Barracks)   | Trejqet Patri Odorik Grima          | Pembroke | Barracks | Grade 2 |
| Soldiers Married Quarters Block G (St<br>Patricks Barracks)   | Trejqet Antoine De Favray           | Pembroke | Barracks | Grade 2 |
| Offices Block (REME barracks, St<br>Pauls Hutments)           | Triq Falaise                        | Pembroke | Barracks | Grade 2 |
| Parkerising Plant (REME barracks, St<br>Pauls Hutments)       | Triq II-Kurunell Lorenzo<br>Manche` | Pembroke | Barracks | Grade 3 |
| Trade Testing Centre (REME barracks, St Pauls Hutments)       | Triq II-Kurunell Lorenzo<br>Manche` | Pembroke | Barracks | Grade 3 |
| Offices and Changing Rooms (REME barracks, St Pauls Hutments) | Triq II-Kurunell Lorenzo<br>Manche` | Pembroke | Barracks | Grade 3 |
| Tyre Repair Plant (REME barracks, St<br>Pauls Hutments)       | Triq II-Kurunell Lorenzo<br>Manche` | Pembroke | Barracks | Grade 3 |
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| Medical Infirmery (REME barracks, St<br>Pauls Hutments)       | Triq II-Kurunell Lorenzo<br>Manche` | Pembroke | Barracks | Grade 3 |
| Instruments Shop (REME barracks, St<br>Pauls Hutments)        | Triq II-Kurunell Lorenzo<br>Manche` | Pembroke | Barracks | Grade 3 |
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| Typewriter Test Rooms (REME barracks, St Pauls Hutments)    | Triq II-Kurunell Lorenzo<br>Manche` | Pembroke | Barracks               | Grade 3 |
| NCO Quarters (REME barracks, St<br>Pauls Hutments)          | Triq II-Kurunell Lorenzo<br>Manche` | Pembroke | Barracks               | Grade 3 |
| Sergeants Quarters (REME barracks,<br>St Pauls Hutments)    | Triq II-Kurunell Lorenzo<br>Manche` | Pembroke | Barracks               | Grade 3 |
| Sergeants Mess (REME barracks, St<br>Pauls Hutments)        | Triq II-Kurunell Lorenzo<br>Manche` | Pembroke | Barracks               | Grade 3 |
| NCOs Quarters (REME barracks, St<br>Pauls Hutments)         | Triq II-Kurunell Lorenzo<br>Manche` | Pembroke | Barracks               | Grade 3 |
| Administration Offices (REME<br>Barracks St Pauls Hutments) | Triq il-Kurunell Lorenzo<br>Manche` | Pembroke | Barracks               | Grade 3 |
| Annexe to Australia Hall                                    | Triq Suffolk                        | Pembroke | Barracks /<br>Latrines | Grade 2 |
| Barracks Block A  | Triq Giorgio Mitrovich              | Pembroke | Barracks               | Grade 1 |
| Barracks Block B  | Triq Alamein                        | Pembroke | Barracks               | Grade 1 |
| Barracks Block C  | Triq Alamein                        | Pembroke | Barracks               | Grade 1 |
| Barracks Block D  | Triq Giorgio Mitrovich              | Pembroke | Barracks               | Grade 1 |
| Barracks Block E  | Triq Giorgio Mitrovich              | Pembroke | Barracks               | Grade 1 |
| Barracks Block F  | Triq Giorgio Mitrovich              | Pembroke | Barracks               | Grade 1 |
| Barracks Block G  | Triq Giorgio Mitrovich              | Pembroke | Barracks               | Grade 1 |







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| Signals Store                         | Triq Alamein                         | Pembroke | Barracks | Grade 2 |
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| Soldiers Cook House and Dining Rooms  | Triq Alamein                         | Pembroke | Barracks | Grade 2 |
| Barracks Stores                       | Triq Falaise / Alamein               | Pembroke | Barracks | Grade 1 |
| Army Postal Staff Room                | Triq Falaise                         | Pembroke | Barracks | Grade 2 |
| Military Post Office                  | Triq Falaise                         | Pembroke | Barracks | Grade 2 |
| Coal Shed                             | Triq Arnhem                          | Pembroke | Barracks | Grade 2 |
| Coal Stores                           | Triq Arnhem                          | Pembroke | Barracks | Grade 2 |
| Quartermasters Stores and Offices     | Triq Alamein / Triq Arnhem           | Pembroke | Barracks | Grade 1 |
| Intelligence Block (Now 4 Residences) | Triq Dun Guzepp Farrugia             | Pembroke | Barracks | Grade 1 |
| Junior Ranks Club (ex-Raffles)        | Triq Dun Guzepp Farrugia             | Pembroke | Barracks | Grade 1 |
| St. Andrews Sergeants Mess            | Triq Dun Guzepp Farrugia             | Pembroke | Barracks | Grade 1 |
| Warrant Officers Married Quarters     | Triq Falaise / Jum Pembroke          | Pembroke | Barracks | Grade 1 |
| Block A Soldiers Married Quarters     | Triq Sir Luigi Preziosi              | Pembroke | Barracks | Grade 1 |
| Block B Soldiers Married Quarters     | Triq Bice Mizzi Vassallo             | Pembroke | Barracks | Grade 1 |
| Block C Soldiers Married Quarters     | Triq il-President Anton<br>Buttigieg | Pembroke | Barracks | Grade 1 |
| Warrant Officers Residence            | Triq Jum Pembroke                    | Pembroke | Barracks | Grade 1 |
| Barracks Block H                      | Triq Patri Serafin Zarb              | Pembroke | Barracks | Grade 2 |



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| St. Andrew's House Married Quarters | Triq Cassino             | Pembroke | Barracks | Grade 2 |
| Officers Mess and Quarters (Juno    | Triq Juno                | Pembroke | Barracks | Grade 2 |

Pembroke

Barracks

Grade 2

Triq Tunis

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Officers Married Quarters







# Annex 2

# Photos of the Chambray British Barracks

N.B. Photos are from archived material as public access into Fort Chambray is currently not being made available. However, the photos should be an accurate representation of the building even as it currently stands.



Aerial view of the British Barracks





View of Barracks arcades





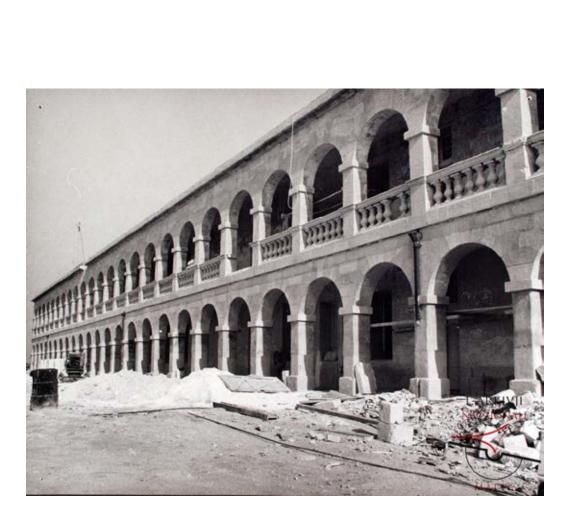


View of Barracks during work being undertaken in the 80s for use as tourist accommodation









Another view of Barracks during 80s works



Garrison cemetery destroyed in the 80s

