

Application No PA 01086/16

Location Site at, Triq Il- Kastell, Rabat (Gozo), Gozo

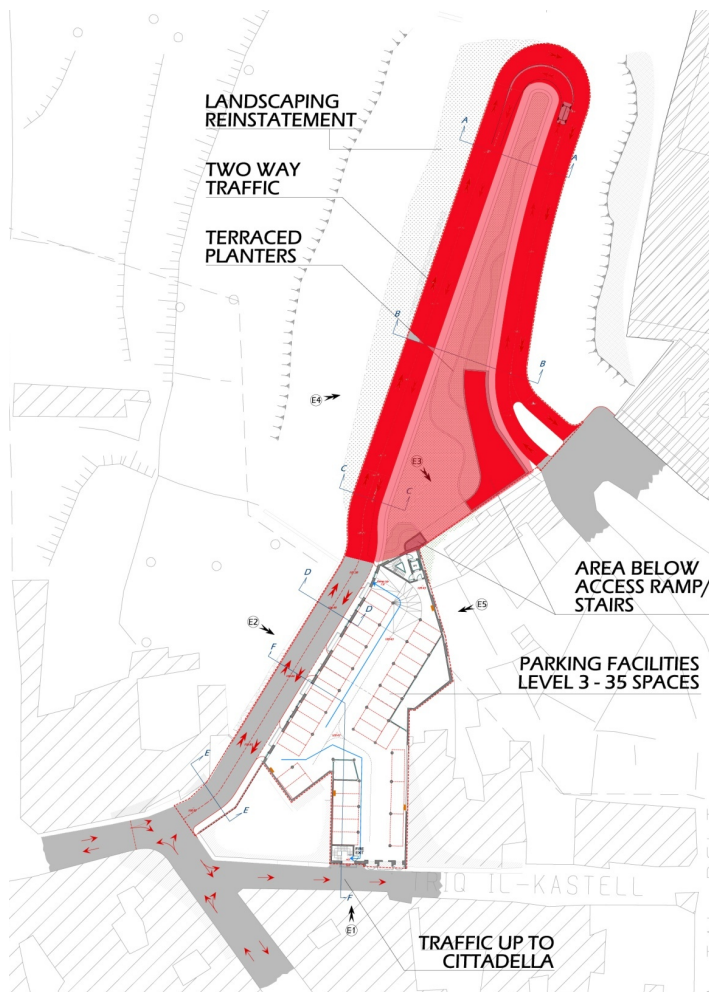
Description To demolish existing building and construct 3 storey parking area including new access road to parking levels and pedestrian walkway to the citadel

To whom it may concern,

Din I-Art Helwa (DLH) would like to **object** to the application in caption for the following reasons.

The application proposed to **demolish** a house which is attributed to a prominent architect Guze' D'Amato. The proposal includes the demolition of the house retaining only the façade. DLH opposes the idea to 'facadism' especially when the interior form an integral part of the architecture value of the property . An internal photographic survey reveals how this property is truly worth preserving in its entirety. The interiors exhibits a great level of detail which is not common to many dwellings. The mouldings, architectural details and in particular the beautiful staircase sustanciate DLH opinion that the proposal to demolish such a building should be turned down.

DLH has also objected to the road which is being proposed from Cittadella to the proposed parking area (marked in red below).



This road is already being used illegally as a dirt road with its main use being parking. This road compromises on the rural setting on which the Cittadella was built. The Cittadella was built on a naturally fortified hill dominating above the surrounding countryside. The proximity of the proposed road to the city wall would ruin the setting of the fortified city rising from the landscape.

The proposed road is completely out of scale with the size of the Cittadella itself. The area which is used as a dirt road was leveled out illegally and should be reverted to its natural habitat. DLH would like to highlight that Cittadella is still on the tentative list of Unesco World heritage site and developments such as these could hinder this site from being recognised as a Unesco World heritage site.

Considering the matters discussed above DLH finds this proposal **objectionable** and would like to be informed about any progress concerning this application.