



## Gaziosmanpasa, Istanbul, Turkey

A New Quarter:  
Regenerating Vulnerable Neighbourhoods



The physical layout is based on the principles of sustainable urbanism, working with the local context and topography to create local distinctiveness



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Gaziosmanpasa is an earthquake-threatened district in north-western Istanbul in urgent need of comprehensive urban renewal.

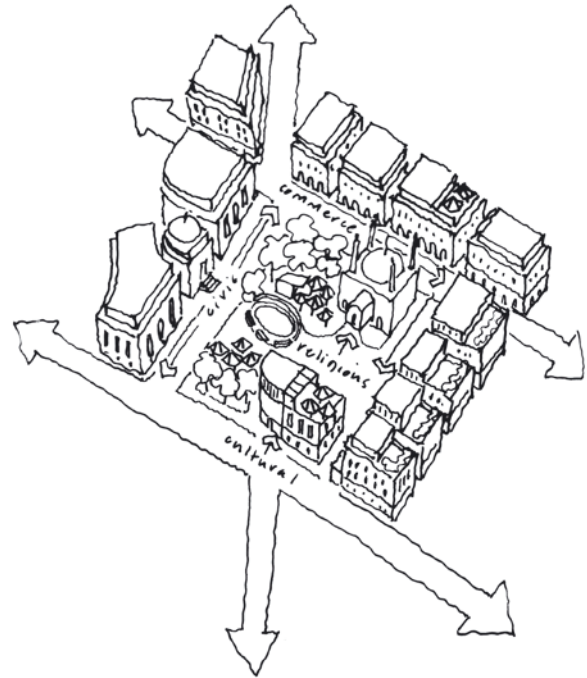
A large proportion of the 100,000 population has moved to Istanbul from other parts of Turkey and subsists on low-incomes. Over the last 20 years the settlements on the hillsides and along the steep valleys have grown in an unplanned and unregulated manner. Much of the housing is in the form of "Gechikondus" - illegally built dwellings that suffer from poor construction, poor hygiene and sanitation, and a lack of earthquake safety provisions.

The neighbourhoods lack physical and social infrastructure including parks, squares and local community facilities.



### Project Delivery

- An international, multi-disciplinary team worked with Gaziosmanpasa municipality and local leaders through an intensive eight day charrette to develop the brief.
- A strategic development framework for the spatial and economic regeneration of the district.
- Development of an economic model to attract inward investment through comprehensive demolition, densification and diversification to encourage new home-owning residents to move into the district, create a less dependent community and fund essential supporting community infrastructure.
- Creation of a more balanced community through the integration of higher and lower value accommodation within a rolling programme to re-house approximately 100,000 people.
- A range of residential density options for the phased redevelopment to assess how the existing population could be accommodated and establish the overall strategy to deliver comprehensive regeneration.
- Substantial new boulevards of sufficient width to serve as rescue paths in the event of an earthquake.
- A masterplan that enhances local identity whilst responding to modern requirements.



### Client

Gaziosmanpasa Belediyesi

