

Living and Sustainability: An Environmental Critique of Design and Building Practices, Locally and Globally

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Reserving Affordable Housing (AH) to meet the needs of low income residents into new development and urban renewal projects have being used for the last two decades. The aim to achieve social sustainability is to integrate low income residents into the middle and high income population. For example, new private development projects, infill areas and brown field sites have been added new AH units by local plan requirements from private housing developers in Britain. Recent literature about

inclusion of low income to new developments commonly focuses on mixed policy discourse and its implementation methods. Also, many of them incorporate urban renewal practices in existing public housing areas. A few studies include long term residency research about inclusion of low income residents to achieve social sustainability in urban renewal. The aim of this study is to critically analyse the contribution of related initiatives to integrate low income residents in an area where Sulukule Urban Renewal project was started in 2005. The outcome of this research reveals, the urban renewal project has created a different spatial pattern than surroundings, even though project supported to integrate 199 old residents to the area. The renewal project has ended the disappearance of the cultural heritage of Roma population. Today, a few of the Roma population and residents, that had been supported by local municipality (Fatih Municipality) to stay, have still been living. This is because they would have not afforded service charges and monthly ownership payments of houses. The area, Sulukule in Istanbul has been residing middle income Syrian refugees, Turkish citizens, some offices and NGOs.

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