

# TAKSIM PLATFORM SUGGESTIONS

## PEDESTRIANS NOT CARS !

## GREEN AREAS NOT BUILDINGS !

## MAINTENANCE NOT CONSTRUCTION!

Our suggestions to the Istanbul Municipality for Taksim Gezi Park :

1. Taksim Gezi Park, and Macka Park should not be used as parking lots.
2. The pedestrian bridge should be repaired, and vehicles should not be allowed access though it.
3. The transformer building of the Hyatt Regency Hotel should be relocated from the middle of Gezi Park's pedestrian route to the side.
4. The beautiful passage between Elmadag Bus station and Taskisla / Macka Park / Cableway should be restored and reopened with proper lighting and signage.
5. The pedestrian route between Gezi Park / Hilton's garden / Istanbul Congress Center /Muhsin Ertugrul should be rearranged and open to pedestrians, in keeping with the municipalities decision. Alternative routes and a bicycle route should be introduced, as well.
6. The pedestrian route next to the Fire Station's garage between Nisantasi Park and Gezi Park should be usable and vehicles should not be allowed on it.
7. The Opel car service station in the park should be shut down, since it is against the function of the public green area.
8. The landscaping elements of Gezi Park should be restored and maintained, since they are part of the cultural legacy of the Park. The limestone colonnade and railings demolished by the car park establishments should be repaired.
9. The stairs at the entrance of Gazi Park should be repaired, and the illegal cabins on them should be removed. A less intrusive alternative to place the security forces in the Park should be found.
10. The paving and structure of the entry platform should be redesigned to house multiple events/ performances.
11. A non- concrete, small concert platform should be placed in the Park.
12. The concrete formations on Macka Park, which is a continuation of Gezi Park, should be removed. The old pedestrian routes, which follow the natural topography of the site, should be restored. Restaurants should be banned from blocking the stairs (which connect to the walkways) for their use.
13. An overall protection plan for the Gezi and Macka Parks should be created. A regulatory plan for the rehabilitation and development of the trees, landscaping and foliage, as well as waste removal, usage and functions should be devised.
14. The project of the municipality to protect the tombstones inside the Park should be implemented.
15. Nisantasi Park should be redesigned, allowing for pedestrian routes connecting to CRR, Military Museum, and Muhsin Ertugrul.

16. The "Gasometer", which is certified as a cultural landmark, should be protected and restored, and a proposal for its lighting should be developed.
17. Suggestions should be developed to cover the tunnel entrance in Dolmabahce, and provide ease of pedestrian access to the stairs.
18. An "urban furniture design guide" for Gezi and Macka Park should be prepared.
19. The main subway entry point in Taksim should be designed to be pedestrian-friendly, and provide connection to Istiklal Avenue.
20. Through a pilot management study with the NGOs, a solution should be provided for the proper ventilation of the exhibition space, as well as future events arranged, in the historic reservoir building in Taksim.
21. A system to make Gezi Park accessible for the disabled should be implemented.
22. The Square should not be used as a bus park / waiting area.
23. The busses, which arrive from Tarlabasi Boulevard, should be prevented from blocking the traffic by waiting at the entry point of Cumhuriyet Avenue, by placing the bus stops ahead.