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#### **Abstract**

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Bandung has always been a prime tourist destination in West Java and Indonesia. The growth of the F&B industry could be clearly seen by the conversion of residential buildings into commercial venues throughout Bandung for all kinds of market segments. The municipality of Bandung encouraged the practice of conversing previously residential areas into commercial areas in the city center by creating zoning laws for commercial functions to be built upon the existing urban residential areas.

Gempol is one of the historic urban residential blocks experiencing sporadeous land-use changes due to the growth of the F&B industry. Developed under colonial rule in the 1920s, Gempol was a densely populated block designed for the lower-middle class with the concept of urban pocket, with smaller houses inside the block surrounded by larger villas on the main streets.

This non-uniform changes in land use inevitably brings tension between owners of neighboring parcels, due to the different needs and interests of commercial and residential areas. From parking and noise disturbance to complains about the visual cohesiveness of the block, it is clear that this fragmented zones is a problem of urban design. The objectives of this research are to identify the physical and non-physical effects of land use changes in Gempol as an urban residential area and to identify the focus of development of Gempol in the present era.

The type of methodology chosen for this specific research is a descriptive research, as the research intends to answer questions of how land-use changes impact the residential community in which it is located. It intends to examine the correlation between building functions and the urban environment through observation. Hence, a reconstruction of the transformations in different eras in Gempol is required to be able to create a valid comparison. 3 layers of information were used to recreate what the environment might have looked like before homes started to be converted to commercial spaces: a CAD Base-map of Bandung, the Prospectus voor de Uitgifte van Gronden, and Satellite View from Maxar Technologies The CAD base map and the Prospectus was used to identify the figure-ground plan of the building, and satellite imagery was used to identify the roof forms accurately. For current situation, the Prospectus is replaced by a plot map from the BPN.

Both the on-field findings on 2023 and the findings from literature of similar transformation capture on the 1990s and the early 2000s show a difference of the transformation process taking place in Gempol. The focus of development in 1990 was densification, development on 2004 focused on consolidation, but developments on 2023 focused on commercialization and maximization of land value – which leads to the fragmentation of urban elements and architectural quality.

**Keywords**: Gempol, land-use changes, transformation

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# CHAPTER I INTRODUCTION

## 1.1. Background

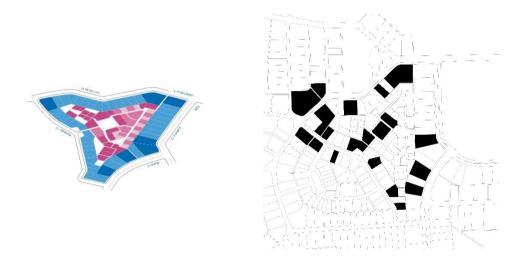


Figure 1 Plot Map of Gempol

Bandung has always been a prime tourist destination in West Java and Indonesia. In 2019 alone, the BPS estimated a record number of 8,428,063 tourists visited Bandung (BPS, 2020). As the tourism market expands, the food and beverages industry experienced significant growth over the years. The number of registered F&B outlets almost doubled in the last decade – from 625 locations in 2012 to 1041 locations in 2020 (Disbudpar, 2021). The growth of the F&B industry could be clearly seen by the conversion of residential buildings into commercial venues throughout Bandung for all kinds of market segments.

The municipality of Bandung encouraged the practice of conversing previously residential areas into commercial areas in the city center by creating zoning laws for commercial functions to be built upon the existing urban residential areas. Plots in commercial zones are given higher floor-area and building coverage ratios for maximizing sellable area, which in turn leads to higher taxes being applied to the property (Distaru, 2022). With high taxes on large property in the city center, some owners have no choice other than to lease or convert their properties into commercial sites.

However, being a historically urban residential area, a significant number of plots are still functioning as active and well-maintained residential areas. Its proximity to key

locations and amenities in the city makes it a desirable location to reside in. Hence, the conversion of land-use happens sporadically and gradually plot by plot, not block by block. A restaurant situated across a house in a common sight in Bandung. The block becomes a fragmented block, patched with commercial functions here and there, without a comprehensible order of any sort.

Gempol is one of the historic urban residential blocks in Bandung experiencing sporadic land-use changes due to the growth of the F&B industry. Developed under colonial rule in the 1920s, Gempol was a densely populated block designed for the lower-middle class with the concept of urban pocket, with smaller houses inside the block surrounded by larger villas on the main streets (Siregar, 1998). In Outer Gempol, the percentage of land-use changes related to the F&B industry reaches 31%, while in the denser Inner Gempol the number is 11%. The combined land-use percentage for Gempol is 17%.



Figure 2 Changing Uses and Degrading Living Environments in Gempol (Permana, 2019)

This non-uniform changes in land use inevitably brings tension between owners of neighboring parcels, due to the different needs and interests of commercial and residential areas. From parking and noise disturbance to complains about the visual cohesiveness of the block, it is clear that this fragmented zone is a problem of urban design.

## 1.2. Research Questions

While land-use changes and conversion of residential plot to commercial areas are becoming ever common, it is unwise to assume that whole blocks would eventually be transformed into commercial districts. Even in highly commercialized corridors like Jl. Riau or Jl. Dago, which were early adopters of commercialization,

a number of buildings still functions as prestigious single-family dwellings until the present day.

This reality of the existence of fragmented blocks and the tension that resides the residential block. In order to pinpoint the consequences of land use changes to the urban environment, it is necessary to ask:

- How did land use changes in Gempol (of residential dwellings to F&B outlets) affect its urban elements (plots, building typology)?
- Do the changes bring more advantage or disadvantage to the environment?

## 1.3. Objectives of Study

Based on the questions mentioned above, the objectives of this research are:

- To identify the physical and non-physical effects of land use changes in Gempol as an urban residential area.
- To objectively pass judgement on whether the current scale of land use changes is tolerable in Gempol based on its effects

In order to achieve the objectives of the study, several related issues to the problem could be brought up:

Urban Morphology Reading

Effects of land use changes are most clearly visible in the physical changes that it brings. Urban morphology plays an important part in categorizing the changes to different urban elements; from elements in which private parties could make significant changes (building typologies) to elements in which residents have the least control of – the streets. By setting urban morphology as a categorizing sysytem, the process of documenting, cataloging, and interpreting findings would be well-structured and legible.

#### Historical Reading

As an area with history dating back to the 1920s, understanding the original design intention of the block would be useful in identifying important physical features that gives the area a specific characteristic or identity. Identifying physical changes could only be done by studying the original structures in the first place.

#### 1.4. Benefits of Study

The study in itself would present an assertion of whether commercialization in Gempol have more negative or positive impacts to its community. However, in the broader sense of urban planning, other urban residential areas facing the challenges of commercialization could look into the case study as a precedent before deciding to embrace commercialization at a certain scale or preserving the residential nature of the area. Future research questioning how much intensity of land-use changes is tolerable / sustainable in urban residential areas could use this research as a case study out of many case studies in Bandung.

## 1.5. Scope of Study

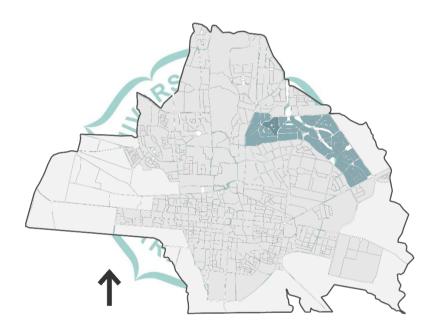


Figure 3 Location of Gempol (in Dark Blue) Within Bandung

Gempol is divided into two dwelling quarters: inner and outer Gempol. The inner dwelling quarter is the quarter usually referred to when discussing about Gempol, but the scope of this study will include outer Gempol and the four street corridors surrounding it: Jl. Trunojoyo, Jl. Banda, Jl. Bahureksa, and Jl. Wira Angun-angun. The number of plots in the block are as listed in the table below:

Outer Gempol	61
Jl. Trunojoyo	19
Jl. Cilamaya	11
Jl. Banda	11
Jl. Sultan Tirtayasa	20
Inner Gempol	132
Jl. Gempol	5
Jl. Gempol Kulon	67
Jl. Gempol Wetan	60

Table 1 Number of Plots of Gempol (BSM, 2023)

The study will target specific land-use changes of residential building to commercial buildings used for the F&B industry, and not into other commercial uses like offices. Landuse changes into public service buildings such as schools will not be the focus of this research. The reason for the limitation is that the issue of converting homes into cafes and restaurants is the big and common phenomenon in Bandung as a city. Conversion of homes into office generally do not bring physical changes to the neighborhood and do not get much resistance from residents. Conversions into schools and other public services are less common. Hence, the study will focus on conversions into cafes, restaurants, or other F&B outlets. The number of plots that fit into the scope of study is as follows:

Number of Converted Plots i	n Gempol 33	17%
Outer Gempol	AHYA19	31%
Jl. Trunojoyo	9	
Jl. Cilamaya	0	
Jl. Banda	2	
Jl. Sultan Tirtayasa	8	
Inner Gempol	14	11%
Jl. Gempol	0	
Jl. Gempol Kulon	5	
Jl. Gempol Wetan	9	

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Table 2 Number of Converted Plots Gempol, personal documentation from (BSM, 2023)

It should be noted that the Pasar Gempol and its numerous tenants are registered as a single plot in Bandung's Spatial Planning Department's database. However, this report will list the tenants in Pasar Gempol as an independent plot. The list of plots that fit into the criteria of study is listed on the table below:

# List of Converted Buildings in Gempol

List of Converted Buildings in Gempol		
No.	Current-use	
Jl. Trunojoyo		
38	Bakery - Bolen Lilit	
40	Restaurant - Etcetera	
46	Restaurant - Ampera	
48	Restaurant - Gijon Steakhouse	
58	Foodcourt - Centro 58	
62	Restaurant - Hittobitto	
64	Restaurant - Sambara	
Jl. Banda		
31	Café - Loy Café	
35	Restaurant - Sky Wings	
Jl. Sultan Tirtayasa		
17	Outlet - Sari-Sari	
19	Restaurant - Laksa 63	
27	Hawker - Seblak Sultan Tirtayasa	
29		
31	Restaurant - Midori	
22	Hawker - Mie Ayam	
33		
45	Bakery - Foursunday	
49	Hawker - Bubur Ayam Mang Oyo	
Jl. Gempol Kulon 5	Hawker - Bakmi Laris	
20 53	Café - Los Tropis Howker Kungt Tahu Connel	
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	Hawker - Mie Ong	
95 II Compol Water	Bodega - Sogan	
Jl. Gempol Wetan	Bodega - Kedai Mama Ella	
2	Hawker - Gado-gado Gempol	
3	Bodega - Warung Nasi Kamojang	
4		
4	Bodega - Rumah Makan Masunda Hawker - Warung Sate	
5	Gempol	
12	Cafe - Kopi Kang Kamal	
14	Bakery - Roti Gempol	
16	Café - Little Contrast	
18	Bakery - Roti Cane Gempol	

Table 3 List of Converted Buildings in Gempol, personal documentation

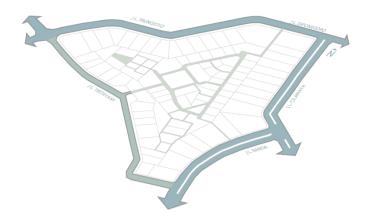


Figure 4 Diagram of Street Hierarchy in Gempol

It also should be noted that in this study, due to time constraints, not all streets will be documented or observed in detail, but three case studies are chosen for more thorough observation. These three streets are representative of their hierarchical scale in Gempol: Jl. Trunojoyo as a case study for major street networks, Jl. Sultan Tirtayasa as a case study for minor street network, and Jl. Gempol Kulon as a case study for the smallest street network.

### 1.6. Framework

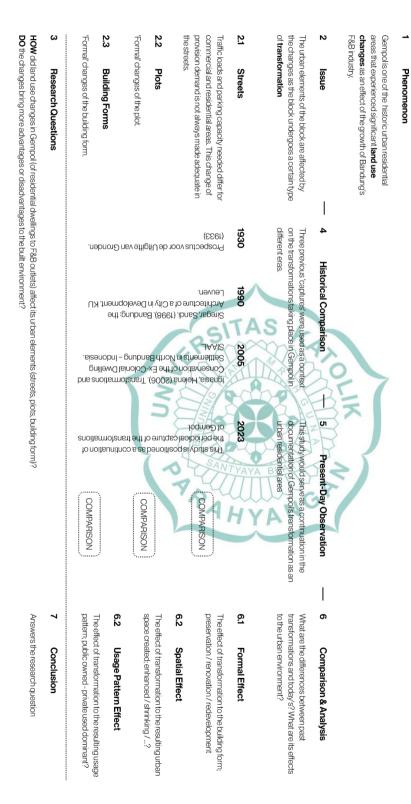


Figure 5 Research Framework