

Residents annoyed over poor upkeep

Broken drain covers and illegal dumping among problems faced by Bandar Menjalara folk

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BANDAR Menjalara residents in Kepong are frustrated with the lack of maintenance of public facilities in the area, with uncovered drains, illegal dumping of rubbish and pothole-ridden roads among the issues faced.

Rows of broken drain covers also lined the cracked sidewalks within the neighbourhood.

"Cleaners from Alam Flora came to clear the drains but the broken covers were not replaced and instead were left on the side," said Lee Seh Yap, 64, a resident who moved into the neighbourhood in 1995.

"The covers have been broken for at least four or five years," he said.

He added that residents were forced to block off Jalan 23/62B's back alley last year as trucks used it to get to a nearby monsoon trench to dump construction waste there.

"Alam Flora came in to clean up the area many times but after a few months, the lorries would return and continue throwing rubbish at the site.

"After we closed off the road leading to the monsoon drain, the lorries started dumping at the back lane entrance.

"It took three big lorries to remove all the rubbish in July, which included sand, bricks and other materials," he said, adding that the road and drain covers were repaired seven years ago at a cost of RM200,000 but now they were damaged again.

A resident of nine years, K.L. Chew, 46, suggested the need for fencing around the monsoon drain to prevent people from falling into the deep trench and further illegal dumping activities.

Chew also said there were debris and broken pieces of playmats left at the site of the former playground.

The playground was built seven



(From left) Tay, Lee and Chew showing the broken pieces of playmats at the site of the former playground. — Photos: EBBY SAIFUL/The Star



A pile of chopped logs have been used to block off the back lane of Jalan 23/62B to prevent illegal dumping.

years ago and relocated a year later to a nearby plot of land.

"We hope the debris from the playground will be removed and the plot of land flattened," he said.

"Safety is also an issue in the neighbourhood as many cars have

been stolen from the area and my house was broken into recently."

Resident Selina Tay, 49, said the main road at Jalan 3/62B was in a deplorable condition as it was filled with potholes.

Segambut MP Lim Lip Eng said

he would highlight the maintenance issues to Kuala Lumpur City Hall.

"It all boils down to poor maintenance by the authorities – the only reason I can think of is a lack of funds," he said.