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Selva says enzyme should be used to treat the lake just like what is being done in Taman Aman.

"The jogging and walking pavements were repaved not too long ago but some parts are damaged and unsafe for users.

"It is dangerous for joggers and the elderly who visit Taman Jaya," said Lee, who has been visiting the park since 2015.

The bad stench, he said, made it unbearable to jog and asked the city council to address the matter.

Lee added that he was happy to hear that renovation works would take place and hoped more colourful plants would be included in the new look.

He also hoped the open concept library project would also be sped up.

Section 14 (Jalan 14/1 to 14/15) Residents Association chairman Selva Sugumaran said MBPJ should remove the drainage connectivity from the surrounding neighbourhoods into the lake.

"Deepening the lake will not have long-term benefits if the lake continues to get unfiltered matter from the drains and other sources.

"The city council should also consider treating the lake with enzyme like what is being done at the Taman Aman lake."

He said it would be good to have small-scale businesses such as well-regulated food trucks at the park.

Selva recalled that in the past, there were permanent chess boards

on council benches.

"Have more mini outdoor games here for the children, teenagers and adults. MBPJ should have a mini basketball court and some ideas could also be taken from the Titiwangsa Lake in Kuala Lumpur.

"However, whatever plans in the pipeline must not result in the big and old trees being chopped down," he added.

Former Centre for Environment, Technology and Development, Malaysia (Cetdem) executive director Anthony Tan said MBPJ must spell out in detail all renovation works it has planned for Taman Jaya.

This, he said would ensure transparency and keep residents up to date with the city council's plans for their park.

"In 2015, the park underwent some upgrading and renovation works.

"The notice board stated that the landscape furniture would be upgraded.

"Some of these renovated facilities, including the walkway, were poorly built. What happened to the maintenance of these facilities?"

"The city council must have a good park maintenance plan for the facilities. The park used to have more benches and over the years, the broken ones were removed but they have not been replaced.

"I hope plans for the upcoming

project are better spelt out.

"MBPJ must make it compulsory for the contractor to list down all the works that will be carried out on the development notice board," he said, adding that this would provide transparency among stakeholders.

Tan also complimented the city council for providing 300 free parking bays adjacent to the Satellite Chicken Rice restaurant in Section 10 as the park had limited parking space.

Eco-activist Gurmit Singh said he wondered if the lake's last upgrade project was supervised.

"The city council has a responsibility to explain why some parts of the pedestrian paths are now in poor condition despite renovations taking place a few years ago.

"Now, there is going to be another upgrade which will take a year to complete. I hope the park will have covered walkways from the park to the Taman Jaya LRT station," he said.

Meanwhile, Section 10 Residents' Association president Ronald Danker said it was time for the lake to be cleaned because it overflowed during downpours.

"The lake needs thorough cleaning. The walkway around the lake needs to be upgraded and lighting has to be improved," he said.

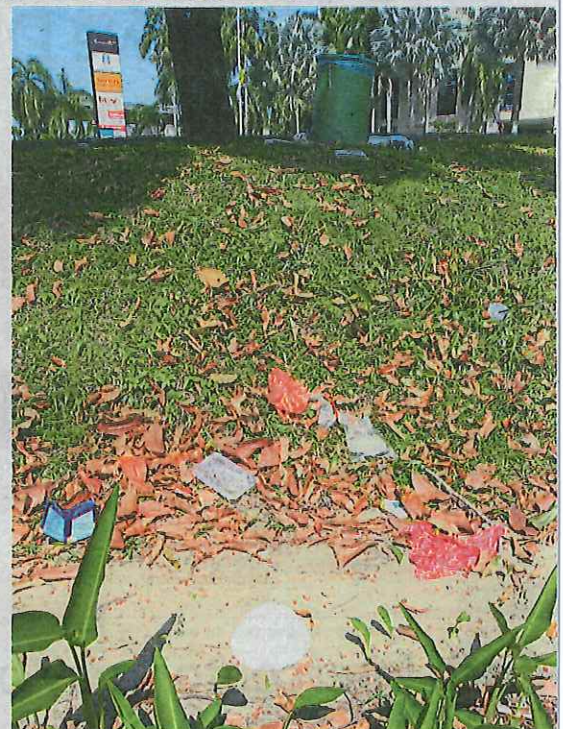
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The poor condition of benches at Taman Jaya.



A toppled signage poses a danger to park-goers, especially children.



Many say the irresponsible dumping of waste at the park has to stop.



Park-goers want MBPJ to speed up the opening of the outdoor library in Taman Jaya.