

Parking spots of contention

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Taman Usahawan Kepong business owners want food trucks moved from public bays to designated site

FOOD trucks are occupying already-limited public parking bays at Taman Usahawan Kepong in Kuala Lumpur, and business owners there are not happy about it.

Restaurant and coffeeshop operators claimed that their customers were unable to find parking space.

Kepong Community Service Centre head Yee Poh Ping said more than 30 business owners signed a petition urging Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) to relocate the food trucks.

“They should not be operating from public parking bays.

“I have received many complaints about these food trucks operating along Jalan Rimbunan Raya, Jalan Rimbunan Raya 1 and Jalan Metro Perdana Timur 2 in Taman Usahawan Kepong.

“This has affected business as fewer customers are patronising shops in the area because of the lack of parking spots,” he said.

Yee noted that the number of food trucks in the area had also increased.



Yee says food trucks should be moved to Jalan 1/33a in Kepong Baru, which is the designated site for them.

“Before May, there were only two food trucks.

“Now, there are about 18 occupying some 60 parking bays.

“Some of them are even parked there overnight.

“We want DBKL to ensure that they move to Jalan 1/33a Kepong

Baru, where there is a designated spot for food trucks.”

Yee said a meeting was held between DBKL, food truck operators and business owners last month, and hoped for a win-win outcome.

Coffeeshop operator Loke Mai

Yoke said she had lost some customers because of the issue of parking.

“I have been operating here for nine years and the food trucks are affecting many of us,” she said, adding that business had dropped by about 30%.