



Food truck operators at the Laman Rimbunan commercial area in Kepong are taking up much-needed parking bays, with some even parking their trucks there overnight.

DBKL urged to find alternative site for food trucks in Kepong

A FOOD truck hub on parking bays at the Laman Rimbunan commercial area in Kepong, Kuala Lumpur is causing traffic congestion as visitors are forced to double-park.

Kepong Community Service Centre head Yee Poh Ping said the lack of parking bays and traffic congestion had worsened since Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) allowed the food trucks to operate longer hours.

Previously, the food trucks would open from morning to late afternoon. But since Nov 15, operators have been able to open until midnight.

A banner at the site states that this will be a trial project until January next year.

Yee said initially, there were only

a few trucks operating along Jalan Rimbunan Raya and Jalan Rimbunan Raya 1 when the movement control order was implemented last year, but the number had since increased to some 20 now.

"These trucks are occupying around 60 parking bays, not including the operators' personal vehicles which are also parked here.

"Some even leave the trucks overnight and 'book' bays with cones for the next day.

"Why is a public facility being used for commercial purposes when there are more suitable locations?" he asked.

Yee said he was made aware that two hawker associations were managing the morning and evening operations.

"The food truck operators pay a daily fee to these associations to manage traffic and cleanliness.

"Food trucks are supposed to be mobile, not occupying already-limited parking spaces," he said, adding that DBKL had not responded to his repeated requests to resolve the issue.

A meeting in September with DBKL to highlight the matter had not been fruitful, he added.

"Shop owners here pay high rentals but their businesses are being jeopardised as their customers do not have enough space to park their vehicles.

"We understand the food truck operators need to earn a living but DBKL must provide an alternative site for them."