

# Urgent repairs needed at riverbank in Brickfields

## City Hall urged to fix broken tiles, street lights and railings



Cyclists are annoyed with people who obstruct the blue cycling lane. (Right) This street light at the RoL walking path is missing its cover and exposed wires pose a risk to visitors.

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OUTDOOR enthusiasts are delighted with the new and improved River of Life (RoL) jogging and cycling lane along the riverbank in Brickfields, Kuala Lumpur.

However, many claim that the 3km track from Dataran Merdeka to Mid Valley City is not safe in some places.

They say dozens of street lights along the walking path are not working while at some spots, tiles are giving way and joggers are tripping over them.

In some stretches, railings along the path have also come off, believed to be the work of vandals.

Those living in the area also want these parts of the infrastructure repaired to prevent injuries.

"It's a fantastic project by Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL), and I enjoy my morning walks there.

"But some of the infrastructure are in need of repairs," said Jayanti Krishnan, a resident of Villa Scott condo.

"I have to be mindful of my children when walking there in the evenings as it can be a bit dangerous," added Selvi Kumar from Palm Court apartments.

Brickfields Rukun Tetangga chairman SKK Naidu, when contacted, said the residents' had valid concerns, especially regarding the street lights.

"Many people go for walks here after dinner.

"They complained that some street lights are not functioning.

"When I checked, more than half of the street lights were not working," he said, adding that if the lights were functioning, more people would be using the path.

Naidu was also upset with litterbugs who would leave empty liq-

Missing railings can be dangerous, especially for children who use the cycling and jogging track in Brickfields.— Photos: FAIHAN GHANI/ The Star

uor bottles at benches during the night.

*StarMetro* visited the site one night and noticed that some lights were not working, tiles in some parts of the walkway were broken and parts of the railings were missing.

The blue bicycle lane was also obstructed by cars, much to the annoyance of cyclists.

"There must be enforcement by the authorities. Otherwise, what is the point of all these facilities," said cyclist Kevin Tan.

It was reported that since a child fell into the blue pool area at the heart of the RoL site in Masjid Jamek last month, DBKL has been trying to find ways to upgrade the infrastructure there to ensure the public's safety.