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KUALA Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) has made improvements to several access roads leading to Jalan Gombak, to reduce traffic congestion.

One of the measures taken was removing the motorcycle parking spots along Jalan Semarak Api, which made the road narrower.

Wangsa Maju MP Datin Paduka Dr Tan Yee Kew, who visited the site with DBKL, urged the local authority to instal bollards along the road shoulder.

"The motorcycle parking spots were too close to the traffic lights at the junction of Jalan Semarak Api and Jalan Gombak.

"Sometimes, cars park at those spots, thereby blocking one lane. "To prevent this from happening, DBKL should instal bollards and place 'no parking' signs near the junction," she said.

Currently, DBKL has painted yellow markings along Jalan Semarak Api to discourage vehicles from

'Take more steps to curb congestion at Jalan Semarak Api-Jalan Gombak junction'



Yellow markings on Jalan Semarak Api fail to deter some motorists from parking at the site and even occupying part of the pavement.

parking near the junction.

Tan also proposed moving the U-turn in front of SMJK Chong Hwa along Jalan Gombak.

"The traffic has to be diverted further up the road to reduce congestion," she said.

Tan's special assistant Andre Lai said congestion happened when

parents ferrying their children to school made a U-turn, creating a backlog along Jalan Gombak.

"Sometimes, they would park near the school and take up one lane of the road.

"Parents and drivers can drop students at the roadside across the school and the children can use the

pedestrian bridge," he suggested.

Tan's office had also received complaints about vehicles parked illegally along Jalan Langkawi and Jalan Chong Hwa.

These two access roads that lead to Jalan Semarak Api and Jalan Gombak are used by many motorists.

Danau Kota flats resident David Tan said motorists would park along both roads, leaving only one lane for vehicles to pass through.

"This normally happens during early morning around 6.30am.

"Some residents would park along the road, contributing to the traffic jam," he said, urging the authorities to carry out regular enforcement there.

Tan said a proposal was made to DBKL to remove part of the road divider, which is being used by roadside hawkers.

"Motorists who stop to buy food and drinks at these stalls are also contributing to the jam.

"Once the divider is removed, Jalan Langkawi can be widened to accommodate the volume of vehicles," she added.