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Two task forces formed on KL structural plan



Zahir (third from right) speaking during a panel discussion with (from left) Taman Supreme RA deputy chairman Lee Lit Heng, Universiti Malaya Assoc Prof Dr Melasutra Md Dali, engineer Samuel Lee, Universiti Putra Malaysia's Prof Dr Abdul Rashid Mohamed Shariff and Phang.

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TWO task forces have been set up to look into the draft Kuala Lumpur Structure Plan (KLSP) 2040 in efforts to ensure greater inclusivity and transparency.

This was decided at the "Towards a Sustainable KL City Through a Wholistic (Whole-of-Society) Approach" conference organised by a coalition of 52 residents associations.

Conference organising committee member Jeffrey Phang said public engagement was important.

"We want the transparency of the process upheld when it comes to tabling the draft KLSP2040.

"Despite KLSP2040 inviting public feedback several years ago, changes to the draft plan were not shown to us.

"In the coming week, we will be writing to the Prime Minister's Department to consider putting the draft plan on hold," he said.

Previously, non-governmental organisations and residents were angered upon finding out that changes were made to the Kuala Lumpur City Plan 2020.

The plan was attached with an addendum on developments that were contrary to the plan.

Several amendments were made to KLCP2020 even after it was gazetted.

Wangsa Maju MP Zahir Hassan said both task forces would relook the KLSP2040 draft plan.

"I have been told that the draft

plan is with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

"We hope he will put it on hold and give us time to look into the plan again," he said.

Both task forces will also look into other community problems that affect Kuala Lumpur folk such as flash floods and traffic congestion, he said.

Selamatkan Kuala Lumpur (SKL) chairman Datuk M. Ali is urging Anwar and Kuala Lumpur MPs to not endorse the draft KLSP2040.

"It needs to go through a thorough engagement and effective consultation with stakeholders.

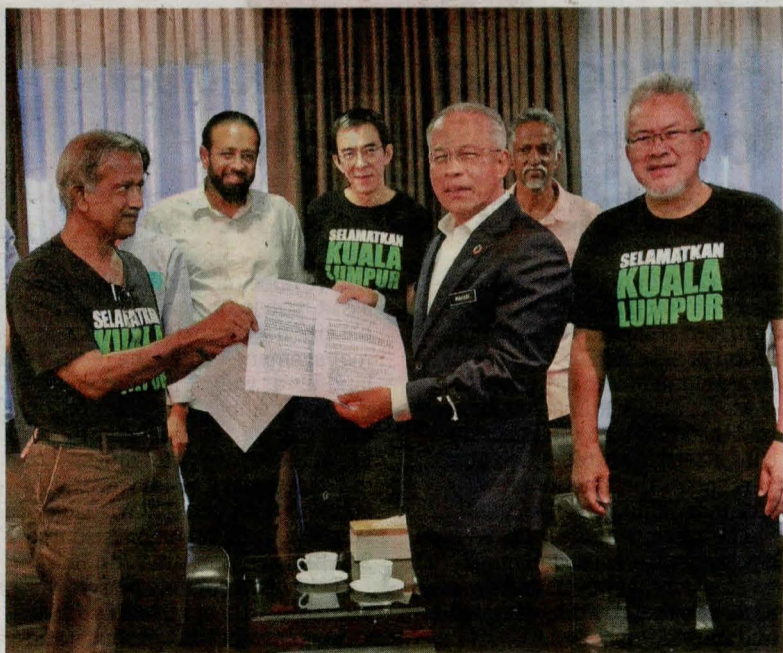
"SKL had participated in the KLSP2040 public hearing process and had submitted 60 pages of inputs, recommendations and objections.

"Until today, the authorities have not addressed the feedback we gave. So SKL calls on all Kuala Lumpur MPs to ensure that the KLSP2040 is not gazetted," Ali said in a statement.

On March 10, SKL had presented a memorandum on KLSP2040 to Kuala Lumpur mayor Datuk Seri Mahadi Che Ngah at Menara DBKL in Jalan Raja Laut.

The conference attracted about 170 delegates with two panel sessions on the importance of inclusivity and transparency in ensuring sustainable development in Kuala Lumpur.

Also present were Cheras MP Tan Kok Wai and Batu MP P. Prabakaran.



Ali (left) presenting the memorandum from Save Kuala Lumpur to Mahadi on the draft Kuala Lumpur Structure Plan 2040 at Menara DBKL. — Filepic