

Fuming over illegally parked vehicles along Jalan Kiara 1

ERRANT motorists who ignore tow-away zone signs and park illegally along Jalan Kiara 1, Kuala Lumpur, are riling up residents there.

The parked vehicles are blocking parts of the road, causing inconvenience and posing a hazard to motorists and pedestrians.

Although residents have sent several letters to Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) to highlight the matter, the problem persists.

A recent check by *StarMetro* revealed that vehicles were parked right in front of several tow-away zone signs in the area.

10 Mont Kiara resident Diane Douglas, 49, wants DBKL to be more stringent and increase enforcement.

"The situation along our only access road, Jalan Kiara 1, has gotten worse with more cars parked

on the side of the road.

"This is despite additional tow-away zone signs being installed.

"DBKL's enforcement has not been effective enough," she said, adding that there was even a food truck selling coffee operating under a tow-away zone sign.

Douglas added that aside from traffic congestion, the illegally parked cars also prevented council workers from collecting the dried leaves that fell onto the road.

"When there is a downpour, the leaves would be washed into the drain and this clogs the drain.

"These vehicles parked by the roadside are becoming a nuisance to the residents here," she said.

10 Mont Kiara joint management committee resident manager Wan Mohd Rizal Wan Jamaludin said letters highlighting the danger posed

by illegally parked vehicles were sent to DBKL Enforcement Department and Kuala Lumpur mayor's office on Jan 21 and Jan 26.

"We have also suggested that DBKL instal bollards to prevent indiscriminate roadside parking.

"This is a public road, we can only hope that DBKL will take our suggestion into consideration," he said.

StarMetro reported on the same problem in April last year.

Residents in the area believed that the vehicle owners worked nearby and were taking advantage of the free parking and shaded stretch of the road.

The report also quoted a statement by DBKL that Jalan Kiara 1 and Jalan Kiara 4 in Mont Kiara were hotspots for traffic offences and DBKL has been issuing summonses to errant motorists.

In 2021 alone, DBKL issued 2,386 compounds in those areas.

DBKL could not be reached at press time. — By JAROD LIM



Some of the vehicles illegally parked along Jalan Kiara 1.

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