

Concerns raised on messy traders

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Kepong MP to discuss rubbish dumping issue with minister

CONCERNS have been raised over traders causing congestion and cleanliness issues at Taman Tasik Metropolitan Kepong, Kuala Lumpur.

Kepong MP Lim Lip Eng said it was unclear if the traders causing the problems were licensed but residents in the surrounding area had complained to him about food packaging and other rubbish left behind.

He also noted that the traders were occupying parking bays meant for visitors.

He said he would contact Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Federal Territories) Dr Zaliha Mustafa to discuss about the cleanliness issue at Taman Tasik Metropolitan Kepong since she had previously instructed Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) to monitor the activities of traders at Taman Tasik Titiwangsa.

Lim was referring to a press statement by Dr Zaliha on traders in Taman Tasik Titiwangsa



The new gazebo, solar-powered lights and outdoor gym equipment at the neighbourhood park on Jalan Jinjang Damai 4 in Kepong, Kuala Lumpur. — CY LEE/The Star

indiscriminately dumping rubbish at that recreational park.

"I hope DBKL looks into the problem at Kepong's Metropolitan park too, and comes up with a win-win situa-

tion for licensed traders and park-goers," he said during a press conference on the newly refurbished neighbourhood park in Jalan Jinjang Damai 4, Kepong.

The refurbishment exercise,

which took about two months to complete, cost RM150,000 and was funded by Lim's parliamentary allocation.

Six solar LED lamp posts were installed around the park, which

according to Lim were the first of its kind in Kepong.

The park upgrade also saw the installation of several new recreational facilities such as outdoor gym equipment, reflexology path, and gazebo.

Lim hoped to encourage more people to participate in outdoor activities now that solar-powered lamps had been installed and recreational facilities upgraded.

"Residents are encouraged to inform their residents associations if they find any suitable wastelands so that they may be turned into public recreational parks," he said.

He also disclosed that there were plans to develop three to four other parks in Jinjang Utara.

Loke Chern Fei, 15, who lives in the area, said he could now play basketball with his friends at night at the properly-lit court.

Retiree Zhang Guan Fu said more people started spending their time at the park since the new lights were installed.