

# 'Taman Kanagapuram illegal dumpsite under DBKL purview'

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A PLOT of vacant land between Jalan 18/18 and Jalan 18/17 in Taman Kanagapuram, Petaling Jaya in Selangor, has been turned into an illegal dumpsite.

Roll-on, roll-off (RoRo) lorries have been discarding their waste near the area, said Petaling Jaya City Council (MBPJ) councillor Tan Wei Kiat.

He said the neighbourhood's CCTV cameras had captured lorries entering the area laden with rubbish, and leaving empty.

"Unfortunately, the identities of those involved could not be ascertained as the vehicle number plates were hidden from view."

He said the rubbish comprised household furniture as well as construction waste such as fragments of wood, bricks and concrete.

The issue had been brought to Tan by residents of Taman Kanagapuram, which sits off Old Klang Road.

Tan said although the land's owner had yet to be identified,



the area fell under the purview of Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL).

Following the first complaint on Feb 23, Tan said he had informed DBKL of the matter.

During a press conference at the site, he said DBKL responded that it had sealed the area with tape in mid-March and would monitor the situation.

However, residents later complained that the tape had been pulled down.

Tan hopes DBKL will take immediate action as the area has become a hazard to health and safety.

He also suggested that the entrance to the site be blocked using cement road barriers that could not be easily removed.



(Above) The illegal dumpsite near Taman Kanagapuram.

(Left) Tan and Rajiv looking at the tape cordon that was pulled down at the illegal dumpsite. — Photos: SAMUEL ONG/The Star

"I really hope that more frequent monitoring will happen.

"DBKL can also instal their own surveillance cameras to identify the culprits.

"If enforcement is carried out, the culprits would hesitate before dumping the rubbish here illegally," he added.

Bukit Gasing assemblyman Rajiv Rishyakaran also called on

DBKL to take action.

"Whether the land belongs to a private owner or the government, it is beyond our (Selangor) authority to step in," he said.

Rajiv said if the land was privately owned, DBKL must hold the owner responsible.

"If it belongs to the government, DBKL must clean the area," he said.