

'New road will prevent encroachment into Puchong Tamil school'

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A NEW road should be built in Puchong, Selangor, rather than expanding Jalan Kinrara Mas to accommodate a nearby residential development, says Save Kinrara Tamil School Action Team (Sakta).

The group said this would be a better alternative than the current plan which would affect SJK (T) Ladang Kinrara.

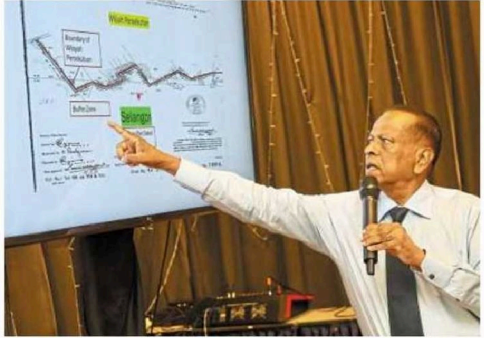
"Our suggestion to build a new road is seen as a way to protect the school's interests while still accommodating the needs of the community," said Sakta chairman Dr Streram Sinnasamy.

He believes any move to expand the road can disrupt the school's environment, increase safety risk for pupils and worsen traffic condition there.

In 2020, Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) approved the construction of a two-block residential building with over 1,600 units next to the school, separated by Jalan Kinrara Mas which is a two-way, two-lane road.

As a result, the developer was required to widen Jalan Kinrara Mas to four lanes, which would encroach into the school.

In March, Selangor investment, trade and mobility committee chairman Ng Sze Han said the state had never agreed to allow a



Dr Streram explaining how the school will be affected by a road expansion.

developer to take over a school's compound to build a road.

He said DBKL decided at a meeting on Dec 7 last year that the developer would need to upgrade Jalan Kinrara Mas into a three-lane road without encroaching into the school.

"SJK (T) Ladang Kinrara was established in 1946, before the delineation of the Federal Territory of Kuala Lumpur was made in 1974.

"The designated border has encroached into part of the school area," he said in a statement.

Ng urged the developer and DBKL to be considerate of the needs and welfare of the 700 pupils before deciding on the land acquisition.

"DBKL and the developer should seek a solution that ensures the school's rights are protected," he said.