

Do something about vandalism in Taman Maluri park, DBKL told



Lee (left) and Taman Maluri resident Frankie Chong looking at an exposed cable on a fallen streetlight pole. — Filepic

KUALA Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) should seek police help to deal with vandalism of its properties.

Social activist Tan Sri Lee Lam Thye was commenting on recurring incidents at a neighbourhood park in Taman Maluri.

He said at least three streetlight poles had been taken down, likely by thieves who wanted the cables.

The metal fencing behind the futsal court goalpost was slowly being removed too, said Lee, who lives nearby.

He said that since DBKL was the owner of the park,

they must act.

"The park is used regularly by people in the surrounding area.

"The area where streetlights are not functioning is dark. People do not feel safe using the park."

He said the foundation of the streetlights did not seem strong enough to anchor the poles.

Lee said residents had lodged complaints with DBKL on the acts of vandalism.

In a *StarMetro* report on June 26, Lee had highlighted the park's poor condition.

"Perhaps DBKL could look

into how to monitor the park to avoid unauthorised activities within the premises," he was quoted as saying.

Lee had said that some of the park's facilities needed to be repaired, such as broken lig and fences.

In response, DBKL had said that there were over 400 neighbourhood parks in Kuala Lumpur and it did not provide security for any of them.

It encouraged residents' associations and Rukun Tetangga to help monitor and take care of parks within their neighbourhoods.