

Developer follows order to unblock Jalan Maarof drains

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SCUPPER drains surrounding a commercial project in Bangsar, Kuala Lumpur, which were inadvertently covered by contractors during construction, have been repaired and reopened.

The developer of the project on Jalan Maarof has also restored the road around the site and removed hoardings and barriers that encroached into public roads as well as parking bays.

The developer was directed to remove the obstructions by Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) following numerous complaints from stakeholders including Lembah Pantai MP Fahmi Fadhil.

Bukit Bandaraya Residents Association advisor Datuk M. Ali, who has been monitoring the site, was satisfied with the work done so far.

"It looks like everything (the developer) promised to do has been done and they have even planted some trees around the site," he said.

Ali was happy the scupper drains were reopened as they were crucial for mitigation at the Jalan Maarof flood-prone stretch.

StarMetro had earlier reported that the developer was asked to do repairs at the site after resi-



Scupper drains along Jalan Maarof, which are crucial for flood mitigation, have been unblocked.

dents complained of damage in the surrounding area.

The matter was first brought to the attention of Fahmi, who visited the site near Bangsar Village II with DBKL officers in October.

Some of the barriers occupied 25m of the road, equivalent to about five parking bays.

The entire stretch of scupper drains along Jalan Maarof, between the intersections of Jalan Maarof and Jalan Ara, and Jalan Maarof and Jalan Telawi 4, had been blocked.

A portion of a public road

behind the Saidina Abu Bakar As-Siddiq Mosque was blocked by flimsy hoarding. This, too, has been removed.

The land where the development project is taking place was originally designated as public space but was sold to a third party more than 20 years ago.

However, the land was never used for its designated purpose.

Instead, for almost 20 years, it housed a luxury car showroom until 2016 when the current landowner applied to develop it and the project was approved by DBKL in 2017.