

No change in Seri Hartamas

Backlanes still a dirty sight

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THE Kuala Lumpur City Hall had stated that it was the onus of business and restaurant owners to clean up the backlanes of Desa Seri Hartamas.

We reported this recently and highlighted the fact that rodents can be seen scavenging for food behind the premises thanks to an alert resident who tipped us.

Our follow-up to the area showed that little has improved. This posh neighbourhood where fine food is served continues to be plagued with the pest problem.

All the local authority can do is issue a notice to clean up. Do you think that is enough? Will this deter errant food operators from continuing with their disgusting habit of disposing of garbage at the backlanes?

While the paper trail piles up, the affected area would remain as a no man's land. Neither the local authority or the operators are owning up.

Would the good citizens of this neighbourhood stand up to get rid of the commercial area's bad image or would they just sit down and wait?

On another note, the Petaling Jaya City Hall has yet to come up with any official statements on the situation



at the SS2 open market and hawkers centre.

Checks showed that the hawkers have bucked up after our highlight. If they can do so, why can't the pub and restaurant owners at Desa Seri Hartamas follow suit?

Someone has to be taken to task and I sincerely hope that the residents association can play a role in organising gotong-royong activities and maintain a good image of the neighbourhood.

Now, on a positive development,

KL City Hall had despatched their workers to clean up the wet market in Old Klang Road.

We were surprised with their prompt action. Now, the market is in a good shape.

No more discarded produce on its floors and poultry waste left to rot under the hot sun.

It is our hope that local councils in Selangor would also carry out their own hygiene campaign to ensure a high standard of cleanliness as well as prevent communicable diseases from spreading in public areas such as eateries and wet markets.

Since we started our hygiene campaign, we have received numerous

e-mails including incriminating photographs of dirty neighbourhoods in the city centre.

Well done! You showed that you are concerned and we are doing our part to highlight such issues. *Star Metro* salutes you for your effort in the upkeep of your neighbourhood.

To keep things in check and balance — our roving photographers will continue to check areas which you have listed as filthy and unhygienic.

You can make a difference. Please e-mail photos of rats, dirty eateries and your tip-off to metro@thestar.com.my

