Residents see red over yellow barrier

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THE presence of a barrier wall constructed at a T-junction of Jalan Seputeh, Jalan Sg Dua and Jalan Jenjarom in Taman Seputeh Kuala Lumpur is making the residents in the neighbourhood very uneasy.

The so called "barrier" wall dubbed by residents as the "Death Wall" was recently built by the Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) after a freak accident in the area.

"The accident involved a ready-mixed concrete cement truck which lost control and and crashed into the wall of a corner house," said a resident who only wanted to be known as Lee.

According to Lee, contractors from the DBKL worked quickly to build the barrier wall at the junction so as to prevent further accidents.

Lee said residents in the area had been questioning the logic of such an endeavour.

"The wall has encroached on the pedestrian walkway, so now pedestrians have no choice but to walk on the road," said resident L.Y Pung.

Apart from the loss of a safe walkway, the residents also claim that the barrier poses a danger to motorists.

The view for motorists getting out from Jalan Jenjarom is now partly obstructed because of the wall hence causing more risks for road users coming from both directions.

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Residents want an answer from the DBKL as their previous communication with the local authority had resulted in a vague reply that only frustrated them.

"If the wall must stay then we insist that DBKL clear a path behind it and build a proper walkway for residents that is not obstructed by plants and shrubs," said Lee.

Meanwhile, an officer from DBKL's public works department, who visited the site recently, said he would be submitting a report to the mayor.

"We hope to find a solution that is agreeable to all parties," he said.

Impractical: The barrier wall painted yellow in Taman Seputeh is making residents uneasy.

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