



MECHANIC SHOPS: Located just beside the new ramp

Squatters want to stay in Loke Yew

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OVER 80 families and 10 mechanic shop owners living and earning their daily wages near Jalan Chan Sow Lin, who are due to be relocated to make way for a new ramp connecting Jalan Loke Yew and Jalan Chan Sow Lin to the city centre, would rather stay in the area than move.

Instead of moving to the proposed PPR Raya Permai near Sungai Besi town, the residents would rather be relocated to PPR Sri Alam along the old road as it is closer to their current location, Cheras MP Tan Kok Wai said.

The squatters are now living and working beside

the new ramp, aimed to reduce traffic in Loke Yew and the Sungai Besi roundabout, which is scheduled to open next month.

"They have been living here for decades and their welfare and livelihood have always been centred around their squatter area," said Tan, who added that the squatters were mainly hawkers whose children go to schools in the nearby area.

Tan is seeking a discussion with City Hall soon and hopes an amicable decision can be reached between City Hall and the residents.