

Kepong folk tired of risky roads, trees

Residents in Jalan Lang Kelabu call on DBKL to carry out maintenance

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POTHOLEs, unpruned trees and poorly maintained playground are among issues plaguing residents of Jalan Lang Kelabu in Kepong, Kuala Lumpur.

They are calling on Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) to step up maintenance to prevent accidents and ensure residents' safety.

Keith Sean Arul, 51, said the area's many potholes were posing risks to motorists.

"There is one in front of my house which has been there for decades," he said.

He also pointed to some parts

of the drain around the children's playground that were badly damaged.

He said residents occasionally pooled funds to hire contractors for repairs but this was not sustainable.

Resident K. Thanasekaran, 39, raised concerns about untrimmed bushes around the playground.

He said the bushes might collect rainwater and facilitate mosquito proliferation.

"We have lots of mosquitoes in the evening. It's worrying as my mother has contracted dengue before," he said.

Checks by *StarMetro* also found a handful of unpruned trees near residents' homes.



A resident using a makeshift bridge to access the playground area. Those living in Jalan Lang Kelabu are seeking maintenance of road, trees and amenities. — AZLINA ABDULLAH/The Star

Residents are worried these trees could fall onto people or damage their property.

The playground surface was uneven and covered in algae, posing fall risks.

A pile of rubbish was spotted, too.

There were also wooden planks placed over the drain around the playground as a makeshift bridge for residents to access the area.

Kepong community activist Yee Poh Ping said he had sent a letter to DBKL asking for immediate maintenance and upgrades.

"Residents need a walkway in the playground area. They also need a proper bridge to access the facility," he said.

Earlier this year, DBKL said it would undertake several maintenance and upgrading works in nearby areas, following a

StarMetro report on July 9.

These included building a drain in Suria Homes to solve water-ponding issues and fixing the playground equipment in Taman Sri Segambut.

A study was also carried out to identify the necessary measures to upgrade Taman Usahawan Kepong.

On Dec 6, Yee said DBKL had inspected the site but no repairs had been made.