

Kepong road, drain, park repairs to start next month

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REPAIRS and upgrades of various public facilities in Jalan Lang Kelabu, Kepong, are expected to start next year.

Road resurfacing, repairs and clean-up of drains as well as upgrades of the playground are among the works to be carried out.

These projects are being undertaken by Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) in response to a *StarMetro* report on Dec 9.

The report highlighted residents' complaints about potholes, damaged drains and a poorly maintained playground, among others.

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.

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 col-



A resident using a makeshift bridge to access the playground area. Those living in Jalan Lang Kelabu are calling for 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

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

StarMetro report on July 9. These included building a drain in Suria Homes to solve water-ponding issues and P

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Concerns were also raised about a strong presence of mosquitoes due to stagnant

water, with residents calling for immediate action from local authorities.

DBKL said the road resurfacing work was expected to take place from Jan 6 to Feb 2.

"This area is among locations identified as part of our citywide road-resurfacing programme in 2025," it said in a statement to *StarMetro*.

As for damaged drains in the area, DBKL said inspections found that restricted water flow contributed to the issue.

"Clean-up works will be initiated and a contractor will upgrade the facility between Jan 20 and March 16," it said.

DBKL also responded to residents' complaints about water ponding and facilities at the playground.

It said that although the play

equipment was in good condition, the grass needed trimming.

"Works to upgrade the playground area are expected to begin in early 2025," said DBKL.

It also acknowledged the need for a pedestrian walkway in the area and said it would prepare a plan to construct one.

Earlier this year, DBKL had said it would undertake 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 repairing playground equipment in Taman Sri Segambut.

The work was completed in August.