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Taman Intan Baiduri folk fearing jam object to affordable housing project

THE proposed construction of a Rumah Belia Madani (RBM) project next to the Middle Ring Road 2 (MRR2) has received objections from residents living nearby Taman Intan Baiduri, Kuala Lumpur.

They are citing traffic congestion on neighbourhood roads as well as the main road as their concern.

The proposed project is at Lot 59432, Jalan Intan Baiduri 5D, Mukim Batu.

Residents say the construction of two blocks of 1,048 RBM units would not only increase the already swelling population in the area, but worsen congestion.

Taman Selayang Jaya resident Yap Kwei Yuet, 58, said it takes her an hour to travel from her home to Taman Intan Baiduri to work during peak hours.

“The distance is only about 2km, which should take about five to 10 minutes.

“However, during peak hours, traffic is often at a standstill as many motorists use the neighbourhood roads, such as Jalan Taman Intan Baiduri, to get to MRR2.

“The project would only add more traffic to the road,” she said, during an engagement session with the project developer at SK Intan Baiduri.

Taman Intan Baiduri resident Raymond Tan, 67, said schools



The RBM project will take over an existing link road. — CHAN TAK KONG/The Star

and morning markets also contributed to the congestion.

“There are three schools along Jalan Intan Baiduri 5D and vehicles choke up that road daily,” he said, adding that visitors to the morning market at Jalan Taman Intan Baiduri also added to the traffic congestion.

“The area is not suitable for any more housing projects as it is densely populated.”

Social activist Yee Poh Ping, who also attended the briefing, said the proposed project would be built on land currently occu-

pied by an MRR2 link road, which would be redirected later.

“The project also plans to extend Jalan Intan Baiduri 5D, a cul de sac, to the link road.

“This would encourage more motorists to take the shortcut to get to MRR2, which would further increase the traffic load in the area,” he said, urging the authorities to reconsider the planned project.

Yee also questioned the absence of representatives from Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) at the engagement session.

“We have written to DBKL

requesting for an engagement session, but only the developer’s representatives are present.

“Therefore, we cannot directly voice our feedback to the authorities regarding the project,” he said.

Residents who attended the briefing called for another engagement session with the developer to address the matter further.

Earlier reports on the project had stated that the RBM units would be built on a cross-subsidy basis by the Housing and Local Government Ministry and Syarikat BMG Global Sdn Bhd.

Under the agreement, the developer will build 1,996 units of Rumah Mampu Milik (RMM), priced at RM300,000 with the sales profits being used to build RBM units as return in kind to the government.

BMG Global senior project manager Johan Iskandar said the company would take into consideration residents’ feedback.

“On traffic management, we plan to widen the surrounding roads before commencing construction on the project.

“The project also includes one parking space for each unit,” he said.