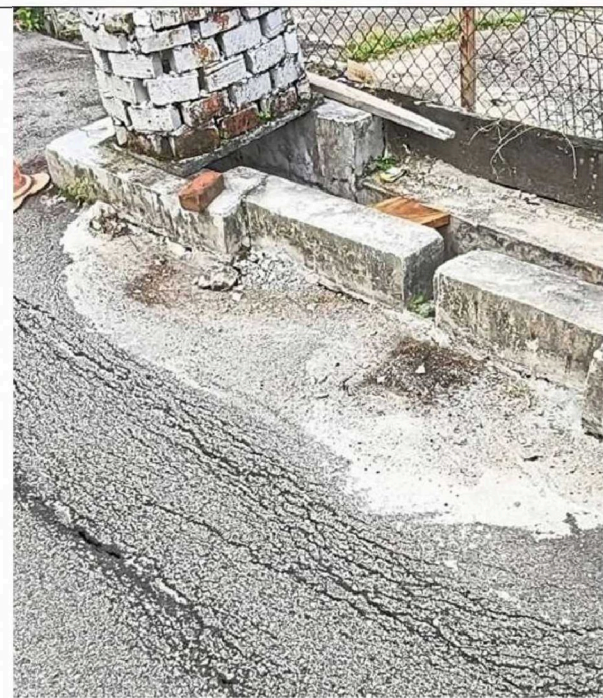




(From left) Koh, Lee and Chua standing next to the sinkhole in Jalan Jinjang Aman 5 in Kepong, Kuala Lumpur.



The sinkhole at Jalan Jinjang Aman 4 has been temporarily patched up by a resident.

Sinkhole danger in Jinjang

Residents turn to DIY repairs while awaiting action by authorities

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THREE sinkholes on two roads at Jinjang Utara in Kepong, Kuala Lumpur have yet to be repaired despite appearing about a year ago.

Residents fearing for their safety have been patching up the holes themselves while waiting for the authorities to take action.

During a site visit *StarMetro*, accompanied by Parti Rakyat Malaysia (PRM) complaints and welfare bureau (central) head Lee Hoi Eng, saw two sinkholes in Jalan Jinjang Aman 5 and one in Jalan Jinjang Aman 4.

Lee said as the space

underneath one sinkhole beside a monsoon drain in Jalan Jinjang Aman 5 seemed hollow, residents feared the road could collapse at any time.

He said the road was also used by heavy vehicles to get to factories in the vicinity.

“These vehicles could further damage the road, making it more dangerous.

“Residents also often use this road to go to the Jinjang Utara wet market, which is about 500m away,” added Lee.

A resident of Jalan Jinjang Aman 5, identified only as Lim, said residents have been patching up the sinkholes on their own due to the lack of action by

the authorities.

“We could only cover up the surface of the sinkholes temporarily, which does not solve the problem,” he said.

On the sinkhole in Jalan Jinjang Aman 4, Lee said it was located outside a resident’s house.

The hole was patched up with a safety cone placed next to it when *StarMetro* visited.

According to the resident who declined to be named, the sinkhole was patched up by her husband and son.

“We took it upon ourselves to do it as we have no idea when the authorities will come,” she said.

Lee urged Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) to quickly deal with the matter.

“If DBKL is facing problems with funding or appointing contractors, they should at least put some markings or safety cones around the sinkholes so that the public is aware of the danger.”

Lee added that residents had lodged complaints with DBKL but had yet to receive any response.

Also present were PRM secretary-general Koh Swe Yong and Jinjang PRM branch chairman Chua Yi Ken.

DBKL did not respond to queries on the issue as at press time.