

Stakeholders decry Jalan Puchong's muddy mess

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A STRETCH of Jalan Puchong 6th mile has turned into a muddy mess due to runoff from a vacant plot of land nearby.

The affected land falls under the jurisdiction of Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL).

Each time it rains, the road-side becomes a slippery hazard – leaving pedestrians frustrated, vehicles splattered with mud and residents wondering why the authorities had yet to act.

“Whenever it rains, this place turns into a muddy mess,” said K. Aruna Samy, a resident nearby.

“It’s not just unpleasant, it’s dangerous. Motorcyclists skid

and pedestrians are forced to walk on the road.”

Residents also said the problem did not end when the rain stopped and that on dry days, the mud hardened into fine dust coating houses, vehicles and laundry.

“I tried drying clothes outside in the sun, but they are covered in brown dust within an hour.

“It’s like living next to a construction site,” said housewife Nur Azlina Ahmad.

Seputeh Residents Representative Council chairman Alvin T. Ariaratnam said he was informed by business owners that their employees were constantly cleaning the walkway to keep it safe for customers.

“It is affecting their business. People don’t want to wade through mud to get to the shops,” Alvin said.

Food stall operator only known as Rosna, said the mud was driving customers away.

“Every time it rains, I lose business. The mud pools in front of my stall,” she said.

A visit by *StarMetro* confirmed that the runoff originated from a vacant construction site showing signs of excavation.

The landowner was issued a stop-work order and the entrance had been sealed with DBKL enforcement tape.

A red notice on the gate confirms enforcement action had been taken.

The site remains a mess, with loose soil, reddish-brown embankments and scattered debris – wood planks, rocks, a green hose and broken pipes.

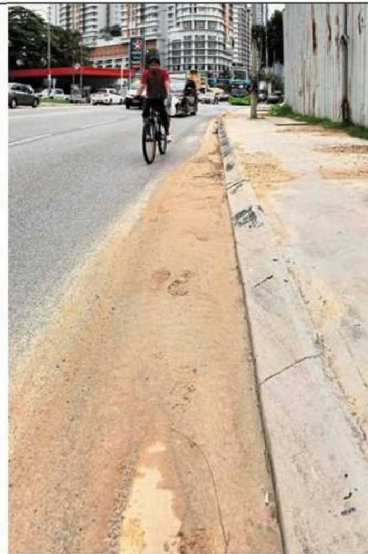
Residents believe the site’s location on the border of Kuala Lumpur and Selangor has led to delayed action.

“It’s always the same story when an area straddles two jurisdictions.

“Nobody wants to take responsibility,” said Alvin.

DBKL did not respond at press time.

Meanwhile, Alice Lan Suet Ling, special assistant to Seputeh MP Teresa Kok, said she would raise the problem with DBKL officers to ensure appropriate action was taken.



When it rains, mud from a construction site flows to the public walkways and spills over to the main road in Jalan Puchong 6th Mile. — Filepic