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DRAINS have been upgraded along Jalan Burung Jentayu in Taman Bukit Maluri, Segambut, with the aim of resolving flooding woes in the area.

A 90m stretch near the entrance of Jalan Burung Enggang has been widened and elevated to accommodate larger volumes of water during heavy rain.

Segambut Residents Representative Council (MPP) chairman Wong Zhong Yi said the project was completed last month.

"The cost was not disclosed by Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL)," he said during a site visit, adding that works began in June.

"With the upgraded drains, water now flows more smoothly," he said of the drainage that had collapsed in places, and also caused flooding downstream.

Taman Bukit Maluri Residents Association (RA) chairman Ng Cheong Kok said they used to receive complaints about flooding, especially from residents living near downstream sections.

"Even restaurants experienced water entering their premises during heavy rain," he said, adding that such flooding would

90m stretch of drain upgraded in Taman Bukit Maluri to relieve flooding

hopefully be a thing of the past.

However, Ng added that further improvements were needed.

"We hope DBKL can fence the area around the drain to prevent people accidentally falling in," he said.

MPP Subzone 1 chairman Datuk Seri Yap Keow Seong said one of the causes of the drainage collapse was the presence of ageing trees nearby.

"These trees' large, strong roots exerted pressure on the drains, causing them to break.

"When the drains overflowed, nearby walkways were damaged too."

Yap said future maintenance should also include trimming or replacing trees with species that have less invasive roots to prevent recurring damage.

Jalan Maluri 1-7, Taman Bukit Maluri RA chairman Low Kok Leong was thankful to the MP's office and DBKL for helping to resolve the problem.

Wong added that 200m of walkways and drainage along Jalan Burung Hantu were also upgraded recently.



(From left) Ng, Wong, Yap and Low standing over the recently upgraded drains along Jalan Burung Jentayu in Taman Bukit Maluri, Segambut. — LOW BOON TAT/The Star