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Ampang Jaya folk advised as council conducts post-flood checks in area

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AMPANG Jaya residents have been advised against planting crops or having a garden on the hill slopes in the township.

"They are advised against doing so for safety and legal reasons, as this affects the soil stability and is against the law.

"If they want to have a community garden, they can use the open spaces under the management of their residents' association," said Teratai assemblyman Bryan Lai.

He was speaking during a site visit with Ampang Jaya Municipal Council (MPAJ) officers at Taman Seraya, Ampang, to check on hill-slope movements and post-flood situation after a downpour on Nov 11.

The officers used drone surveillance to capture footage of the affected site, estimated to be 20m by 30m in size.

"We are using the drone to survey the Taman Seraya and Taman Bukit Permai residential areas, located at the bottom and on top of a hill, respectively," said MPAJ councillor Mohamad Samat, adding that the slope has had a history of minor soil movement before.

"MPAJ will use the footage to review and assess the risk area, as well as make better estimations and follow-up action."

Mohamad added that council was planning to build a retaining wall at Taman Seraya within the next few years.

It would be an extension of the RM3mil retaining wall built at neighbouring Taman Mega Jaya several years ago.

Lai also gave an update on the situation in his constituency after the heavy rain on Nov 11 when six mud flood cases, 17 flash floods and 10 minor soil movement or structural damage cases were reported.

"Three families had to move out when their houses in Jalan Tasik Permai B were damaged due to an illegal kitchen extension built on land belonging to the Drainage and Irrigation Department (DID)," he said.

"The Land Office will cover the rental of their temporary housing until DID completes its riverbank repair works which cost more



Lai (centre) and Mohamad (second from right) looking at the drone surveillance footage with MPAJ officers and residents.

than RM180,000.

"Thirteen houses along the same road also had structural damage to the extensions built on JPS land, although there is no need for them to move out as yet."

Lai had also asked the Sungai Besi-Ulu Kelang Elevated Expressway (SUIKE) contractor to help clear the damaged area as a corporate social responsibility gesture, to prevent water flow blockage that could potentially cause more serious incidents.

"MPAJ will carry out immediate repair works on the landslide at Jalan Bunga Tanjung 2. It is waiting for the fund approval from the Selangor Economic Action Council (MTES) to be apportioned," he said.

"Meanwhile, the Pandan MP's office is contributing funds to help with roof repairs for a house in Taman Putra.

"The SUIKE concessionaire has also agreed to help the Bukit Segar Jaya Joint

Management Body (JMB) repair the slope affecting two blocks as a CSR gesture."

Lai added that KDEB Waste Management Sdn Bhd was providing large bins for residents to dispose of furniture and large items damaged in the floods, and a high-pressure jet truck has been employed to clean drains around apartments in Pandan Mewah, even though drain cleaning works are under the joint management body's purview.

"I will hold a meeting with various agencies to look at long-term plans to address the high volume of rain overflow in this area.

"The Teratai service centre has been busy assisting the community with clean-up works and follow-up action where necessary," he said.

Lai urged residents with flood-related complaints to visit the service centre at 27, Jalan Bunga Tanjung 18, Taman Seraya or call the office during office hours at 03-4297 6688.