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Motorists continue to make illegal turns at the junction in front of SK Taman Melawati 2 despite the three 'No U-turn' signs along Jalan Taman Melawati. — SAM THAM/The Star

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FED up with motorists' disregard for the law, residents of Taman Melawati, Kuala Lumpur have started an online petition to request that AES (Automated Enforcement System) speed cameras be installed in front of SK Taman Melawati 2 (SKTM2).

Taman Melawati Zon ABC Residents Association chairman Razman Hakimi Abdullah said they wanted the cameras to deter motorists from making an illegal U-turn at a traffic light junction in front of the school at Jalan Taman Melawati.

Despite the fact that the road had three "No U-turn" signs before reaching the traffic light, motorists were still seen making the illegal turns.

He said there had been many near misses and minor accidents at that spot as the drivers were competing with oncoming traffic.

"The situation is especially bad after school hours because the lane is reduced to one as cars are

double-parked on both sides of the road.

Razman added that motorists failed to make a legal U-turn 500m down the road in front of another school, SMK Taman Melawati.

"Most of them who make the illegal U-turn are heading towards the new developments in Kemensah via Jalan Melawati 6 or the MRR2 (Middle Ring Road 2)," he said.

Razman said in early 2000, before the traffic lights were installed, a divider was constructed along the stretch of road to stop motorists from making the illegal U-turn.

This was after two siblings were mowed down by a car when they used a pedestrian crossing in front of SKTM2.

Taman Melawati (Zon E to P) Safety and Crime Prevention Society chairman Azhari Abdul Taharim said traffic police must take stern action against errant motorists.

"For the past few years, we have been asking Ampang Jaya Municipal Council (MPAJ) and the

police to do something about it but it has fallen on deaf ears.

"Why the apathy against the safety of road users and schoolchildren? Do something before another death happens," he said.

Fearing for the safety of the schoolchildren, an online petition was launched urging the Road Transport Department (JPJ) to place AES cameras in front of the school.

The petition also called for the enforcement of the 30km/h speed limit around the school zone.

Following the petition, personnel from JPJ, MPAJ and Malaysian Institute of Road Safety Research (Miros) conducted a site visit.

MPAJ press relations officer Norhayati Ahmad said they would study the matter and take into account the residents' feedback.

"As this is a three-way junction, we cannot just close it off.

"The 'No U-turn' signs have been there for sometime, so it is up to the motorists to follow them," she said.

As at press time, 639 people had signed the petition.