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THE Ampang Jaya Municipal Council (MPAJ) is checking on the status of a narrow strip of land in Taman Tun Abdul Razak, Ampang after it was once again closed off with metal fencing.

The land between two bungalows along Jalan 1 is the entrance to a popular hiking trail known as Bukit Kembara.

The trail leads hikers to an old disused reservoir surrounded by the Ampang forest reserve.

*StarMetro* reported in August that the access route to the trail was illegally closed off by a group of residents citing safety concerns. The fence was removed by MPAJ following complaints.

However, on Oct 11, it was discovered that the route was again fenced up, this time with a signboard stating that the land belonged to a private developer.

MPAJ press relations officer Norhayati Ahmad said they were in the midst of determining whether it is state land or private land.

"MPAJ did not order the closure and we are communicating with the parties involved," she said.

A recent check showed that the fence had been removed and disposed of at an abandoned house

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Regular hikers (from left) Arivenesan Ganesan, Fernz, Low and Shaziman Mohamad at one of the Bukit Kembara pit stops in Taman 1un Abdul Razak.

next to the entrance.

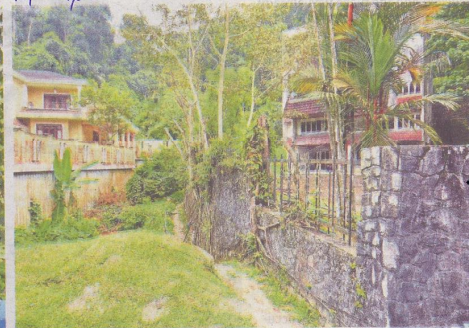
Norhayati confirmed that the council had not removed the fence.

Regular hiker and Bukit Indah resident Natasha Fernz, 40, said there was no reason to fence up the access route.

"If this is done for safety reasons, then the whole area would have to be fenced up. There are also many routes to go up the hill.

"This is a popular trail because it is not too strenuous a hike and a scenic route.

"A lot of retirees tend to hike it



The narrow strip of land between two bungalows which is also the access route to Bukit Kembara. — Photos by P. NATHAN/The Star

daily and the route is also maintained by them," she said.

Senior hiker Sunny Low, 63, said the hikers hoped that the status of the access route would be sorted out soon.

"A group of senior hikers maintain the trail, even go so far as to

put up safety ropes and clearing any debris," he said, adding that he had been hiking there regularly for the past nine years.

Low said several hikers would be sending a formal letter to MPAJ and the Selangor Forestry Department about the issue.



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## Penduduk rayu kaji kebenaran tebang pokok

**AMPANG JAYA 1 Nov.** - Majlis Perbandaran Ampang Jaya (MPAJ) diminta mengkaji semula projek pelebaran jalan di sekitar Pandan Perdana yang bakal menjejaskan pokok-pokok dan tumbuhan di kawasan berkenaan.

Pengerusi Persatuan Penduduk Pandan Perdana, Lim Ah Chai berkata, sebanyak 200 pokok berusia lebih 30 tahun di empat jalan antaranya Jalan Pandan Utama, Jalan Cheras Indah serta Jalan 6/2 telah ditanda dan menunggu masa untuk ditebang.

Beliau berkata, pelebaran jalan sebanyak tiga kaki persegi itu didakwa merupakan sebahagian daripada projek perumahan kondominium tiga blok berdekatan Tasik Pandan Perdana.

"Saya mewakili lebih 22,000 penduduk di sini membantah serta terkilan apabila pokok mahu dimusnahkan. Kenapa mereka tidak mencari alternatif lain tanpa mengorbankan keindahan alam sekitar."

"MPAJ sepatutnya mem-



**LIM AH CHAI**  
Pengerusi Persatuan Penduduk Pandan Perdana

penduduk setempat.

"Pihak kami telah mengadakan perbincangan bersama MPAJ sejak tiga tahun lepas tetapi sehingga kini tiada sebarang maklum balas diterima."

"Selain itu, projek pelebaran jalan ini juga akan menjejaskan pelbagai kemudahan awam seperti tempat menunggu bas," katanya.

katanya dalam sidang akhbar di sini.

Tambah Ah Chai, jika pokok itu ditebang suhu pasti meningkat sekali gus tidak memberi kesejahteraan kepada



**DERETAN** pokok yang ditanda untuk ditebang bagi projek pelebaran jalan di Jalan Pandan Utama, Cheras.