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# Frequent floods irk Ampang folk

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Heavy rains frequently leave residents knee-deep in water in their own homes

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RESIDENTS are furious with the Ampang Jaya Municipal Council's (MPAJ) over the perennial flooding problem in the area.

They said Taman Nirwana, Taman Putra Sulaiman and the area around the Tiara Duta condominium is inundated almost every time there is a downpour.

Residents from the three neighbourhoods voiced their dissatisfaction during a dialogue with Ampang Jaya chief Datuk Ismail Kijo on Labour Day.

Abdullah Hidayat Mohamad, 34, who stays on Jalan Putra 4 in Taman Putra Sulaiman, said he always lives in fear whenever it rains heavily.

"We have to worry about moving our cars and furniture as the street turns into a water retention

area," said the resident of seven years.

He said there has been no upgrade to the drainage system as water from the large monsoon trench is channelled directly into their housing area.

"Our narrow drains cannot cope. Rainwater from the monsoon drains also spills onto the main road, Jalan Ampang Putra, and enters our street.

"It is worse now that the street is higher after the road was re-tarred as the water collects in our houses, sometimes reaching about 10cm to knee height," said Abdullah.

"Most of the residents have raised the front of their houses but water still comes in," added Jalan Putra 4 resident Alan Ng.

"It only takes 20 minutes or less of heavy rain for the drains to be completely filled.



Ismail (in white shirt, black pants) with the residents looking at a flooded playground in Taman Nirwana after a short bout of rain.

"A kindergarten on our street flooded in 2015, trapping the children and it happened again this year though luckily they were not inside."

Taman Nirwana resident Thomas M said flooding was also caused by the funneling of water from Taman Nirwana Phase One into Phase Two.

"The drains at Jalan Nirwana 42 were built to accommodate only three housing areas, now there are more.

"But instead of redirecting the floodwaters straight to Taman Cempaka and out to Sungai Kerayong, the water goes into our

drains," he said.

Thomas added that MPAJ had spent a lot of money hiring consultants without revealing how the situation could be resolved.

Tiara Duta Condominium Management Corporation chairman Jeyseeelan Amalu said residents in the area have spent thousands of ringgit to repair their cars.

"There was a massive flood two weeks ago. It was worse in 2015 when around 15 cars were submerged in water," he said.

Ismail asked residents to provide him with details of the dam-

age sustained.

"I will try to get an allocation from the Urban Wellbeing, Housing and Local Government Ministry and meet with the MPAJ president to see their flood mitigation plans," he said.

It was reported that the drainage system in Taman Nirwana is due for a comprehensive upgrade along with neighbouring Pandan Indah.

The estimated cost will be RM22mil and according to an MPAJ representative, the council had requested for an allocation from the state government.



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## Residents upset to see their separated rubbish mixed in garbage trucks

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TAMAN Melawati residents are hoping that the Ampang Jaya Municipal Council (MPAJ) to ensure waste separation is carried out properly in their area.

"We are more than ready to separate our trash but the council trucks do not come with separate compartments.

"So all the rubbish which residents have separated is mixed up in the lorry," pointed out Taman Melawati Crime Prevention and Safety chairman for Zones A, B and C Razman Hakim Abdullah when met during their family day held at the SMK Taman Melawati field.

To show their support for recycling, residents set up a row of stalls selling preloved items.

Photos of bigger items which could not be lugged there were hung up and buyers were required to collect them at the sellers' houses.

Razman also expressed dissatisfaction with the way the council had handled ongoing development projects in Taman Melawati.

He noted the population in Taman Melawati was expected to increase from 35,000 to 80,000 and wanted measures put in place to control the ongoing development as they were worried the natural environment would be affected.

Razman cited the Joran Waterfall located near the Klang Gates Dam in Gombak as an example.

"Many of the projects currently are taking place without much consideration for the natural environment," he said.

Another issue Razman highlighted was the worsening traffic congestion. During peak hours, residents report it can take an hour to travel 500m along Jalan Taman Melawati.

Residents are also uneasy over the way traffic is being directed from Jalan Lingkaran Tengah 2 (MRR2) into Jalan Taman Melawati to accommodate a new mall which is located right at the entrance of the road leading into the housing estate.

"MRR2 is a main thoroughfare. The traffic coming in is travelling at a very high speed.

"We are afraid for our children's safety," said Razman.

He added MPAJ had rejected an application for the construction of a barrier wall to enable pedestrian access to the housing area from the

main road.

"The basis for their rejection was that those working in the commercial centre would not have access to the mosque.

"If only the council had engaged us in a dialogue, we would have told them about our plans to make a small gate to let people through," said Razman.

The barrier was to have been a corporate social responsibility project by a developer and all construction and material costs would be fully borne by them.

When contacted, MPAJ secretary and deputy president Hasrolnizam Shari advised residents' associations to identify locations where the community can bring their separated waste for disposal.

"The council will then instruct the trucks to pick up the separated

waste from these points."

Hasrolnizam added traffic congestion was partly due to the increased number of students attending SK Taman Melawati and SMK Taman Melawati.

The schools not only cater to those in the area but also Bukit Antarabangsa, Keramat and Ukay Perdana.

Hasrolnizam added there are plans to build a new school in Ukay Perdana.

He asked residents to be patient as in two years' time, the East Klang Valley Expressway (EKVE) would connect Ukay Perdana in Ampang, Selangor and Bandar Sungai Long in Kajang.

With regard to the barrier wall, Hasrolnizam said the council was willing to discuss the matter further.