

Remove floodgate, please

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RESIDENTS and shop owners at Pekan Salak South want a floodgate built on the monsoon drain near their premises demolished as promised.

They collected 147 signatures, with only one person objecting to the plan.

The floodgate was seen to be the main cause of major flash floods that have hit the town since it was built four years ago.

Initially, the floodgate was built to prevent Sungai Kerayong from spilling over but the residents said the water level in the monsoon drain was always seven to eight feet high-

er than the river during heavy downpours.

"Every time there is a downpour, the Salak South Main Road will be flooded," said Pekan Salak South Residents Association deputy chairman Dr Ho Shu Nam.

Ho added that the pump house to pump water from the monsoon drain into the river was also insufficient, indirectly contributing to the floods.

Every time there is a heavy downpour, the water level at the main road can reach waist-height.

Shop owners and those working in the area have to be prepared to move their vehicles while shops are said to suffer losses amounting to RM10,000 each time the water overflows.

Ho said FT Ministry parliamentary secretary Yew Teong Look visited the area last year and promised that the floodgate would be demolished as long as the majority of the residents and premises owners agreed.

Federal Territory MCA public service bureau deputy chairman Banie Chin, who received the memorandum from Pekan Salak South Residents Association chairperson Lai Tin Sang, said he would meet Yew and hand it over to him with members from the association.

"Business here is slow and the people are suffering each time there is a heavy downpour and yet the issue had not been solved," said Chin, who hopes the problem would be solved soon.



Lai (third from left) handing over the memo to Chin (second from right).