

Drainage project to ease flood woes

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A DRAINAGE project is set to end the flood woes of Taman Desa Karunmas residents in Balakong.

The Kajang Municipal Council (MPKj) has identified an underground TNB cable and a Syabas pipe in the drain at Jalan Karunmas 3 as the root cause of the problem as they restricted smooth water flow in the drains.

There was also garbage clinging to the pipes, aggravating the problem.

Serdang MP Teo Nie Ching said the MPKj has forked out about RM24,000 in early December last year for TNB to move the cable to ground level.

"We noticed that the situation improved after

that although the problem was not completely solved," she said.

The connecting drains at the junction of Jalan Karunmas 3 are not of the same level so the MPKj has to lower one of the drains to improve water flow. Works are expected to finish by end of the month.

"We will discuss with Syabas on the possibility of relocating its pipe," Teo added.

MPKj councillor Lee Kee Hiong said the Urban Services Department would also be required to clear the garbage and mud clogging the underground drain located across Jalan Karunmas 3.

Also present at the site inspection was Balakong assemblyman Yap Lum Chin and MPKj engineering department officers.

A resident, Yap Chow Yin, 67, said the flood problem has been bothering them for years.

"We will rush home every time the weather turned gloomy because we are afraid that our house will be flooded.

"The roads will be inundated with water during heavy downpour and some of our neighbours even built concrete slabs in front of their main doors to prevent floodwaters from coming in," she said.

Chow Yin added that there were no floods for the past one year since a nearby monsoon drain was cleared.

Teo confirmed that it was the Department of Irrigation and Drainage that cleaned the monsoon drain a year ago.