

Residents want drain bordering highway cleaned

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A STRETCH of drain located at the border of the Kesas highway and the Kinrara Court apartments in Taman Kinrara 1 has been left unattended for the past year because all parties have denied responsibility over it.

"I have tried asking the Drainage and Irrigation Department, the Subang Jaya Municipal Council and even the Kesas Highway operator but all of them said is not under their care.

"We've gone to all the relevant authorities to find out who's supposed to maintain it but have not received any replies," said Joint Management Body chairman Karen Khor during a press conference at the site.

Khor said there was a period before 2008 where it was cleaned twice a month but the services stopped when there was a change in contractors.

"When it becomes unbearable, we would ask our apartment contractors to clean it," she said.

Puchong MCA chairman Datuk Wong Hock Aun said the drain served not only the Kinrara Court property but it connected all the way to

Taman Kinrara 2.

The 2km stretch of drain is located at the border of the apartment compound and the highway and Wong said that stagnant water would collect in the drain filled with rubbish and leaves, creating a breeding ground for mosquitoes.

Selangor MCA Youth chief Dr Kow Cheong Wei, who was previously the Kinrara assemblyman, said he had called for a meeting between the various parties when he was in office.

"Kesas says that it is not theirs but the drain also caters for the water run-off from the highway. As a MPSJ councillor, I requested for the council to maintain the drains so that the residents would not have to be inconvenienced," said Dr Kow.

Wong said that he would advise the apartment JMB to submit an official complaint letter to MPSJ and follow-up on the matter.

Meanwhile, Dr Kow said that since the Selangor state government have not decided on the list of councillors for the 2012 term, they should look into electing councillors who knows the area well.

"It's a basic criteria that a councillor should have. If he or she knows the place well, then we would not have problems like this," he said.



Mosquito-breeding ground: Khor (left) checking out the clogged drain.