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Putting a stop to floods

Drains in Serdang Lama to be upgraded

RESIDENTS of Serdang Lama can expect some relief from their flood woes when 400m of drainage along Jalan Telaga Hijau and Jalan Besar Serdang Lama is upgraded.

Subang Jaya Municipal Council (MPSJ) councillor Loka Ng said the work would involve deepening the drains by between 70cm and 1m depending on the land gradient.

"When it rains, a large volume of water collects in the low-lying areas and the current drainage system cannot cope, thus making floods common," said Ng during a site visit with personnel from MPSJ's Engineering Department.

"Hopefully the upgrade will help mitigate the problem," he said.

The drains connect to a culvert below the adjacent Besraya and PLUS highways, as well as a larger drain across the road which will flow to Sungai Kuyoh.

Seri Kembangan New Village (JKKK) section 2 and 3 coordinator Thong Kim Fatt said they had been plagued by floods for more than 20 years.

"About 60 houses and a primary school along Jalan Telaga Hijau are affected because they are lower than the surrounding areas," he said.

He added that the situation was especially dangerous for motorists as there had been cases of them driving into a drain during a downpour.

Upgrading work began this month and should be completed by November.

Ng urged other agencies to work together with MPSJ to tackle the issue.

"The culvert under the highways are maintained by the concession-

aires," he pointed out.

He added that the Kajang Municipal Council and Drainage and Irrigation Department (DID), which also have connecting drains nearby, should also maintain their property.

On concerns that upcoming developments in the area will contribute to the floods, Ng said that MPSJ had told the developers to ensure proper drainage systems are installed.

"They will have to adhere to procedures when submitting any development plans," he added.

Meanwhile, drains will also be upgraded in four other locations in Seri Kembangan — Jalan Sungai Besi Indah 1/2, Jalan Sungai Besi Indah 1/4, Jalan SK 13/4 and Jalan SK 5/1.

The upgrading work in all five locations will cost RM382,000.



Here's the plan: Ng (left) explaining the upgrade of 400m of drainage in Serdang Lama during a site visit with representatives from MPSJ's Engineering Department.