

Damaged retention pond causing floods, say Klang residents

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A WALL of a retention pond off Jalan Raja Nong in Klang that collapsed 18 months ago has not been rebuilt and this is causing flash floods during downpours.

Taman Sungai Jati residents association ad-hoc committee head Desmond Thomas said there was an urgent need to rebuild the retention pond to prevent rain water from gushing into the neighbourhood's drains.

"There were flash floods before but it had worsened since the retention pond was damaged.

"The water channel leading to the pond is also heavily silted. What used to be a 1m deep drain is now covered in silt.

"There has been no maintenance work on the drain for months," he said.

Thomas, 38, and his neighbours N. Rubenraj, 37 and A. Vellayutham, 67, want the Klang Municipal Council (MPK) to rebuild the retention pond.

"One side of the retention pond wall has collapsed. We feel that the earth-cut pond should be rebuilt with a gabion wall structure that will withstand the pressure of water rushing into the pond," he said.

Thomas urged MPK to clean up and deepen the water channel that begins from the pump house at the end of Jalan Mohd Tahir 20C.

Vellayutham said the water channel had not been properly



Vellayutham says rubbish traps must be installed in the neighbourhood drainage.

maintained and rubbish trapped in the pump house had not been cleaned up for months.

"We also want MPK to install rubbish traps at nine drainage inlets leading to the pump house.

"It is important because the rubbish could clog the pumps causing it to malfunction," he said.

MPK Engineering Department director Zamri Othman said the council will start rebuilding the pond in two weeks' time.

"Desilting of the pond will be carried out soon as the contractor has been appointed.

"We just need to arrange the consent form for earth works as the area is underneath Tenaga Nasional Bhd's high voltage transmission line," he said.

Zamri added that the desilting of the water channel leading to the pond will be done this week.



Desmond (right) and Rubenraj checking the condition of the pump house at Taman Sungai Jati in Klang.

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