

# Submit sluice gate proposal, DID told

## Residents frustrated by project's slow progress at Sungai Teluk Gadong Besar

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THE Klang District Drainage and Irrigation Department (DID) has been urged to “stop dragging its feet” on the submission of plans for a proposed sluice gate at Sungai Teluk Gadong Besar that will help alleviate flash floods in 10 neighbourhoods.

Klang Municipal Council (MPK) councillor Tony Leong said the new sluice gate will be built next to the current Gate 44, Sungai Teluk Gadong Besar pump house and sluice gate.

“Commercial, urban residential and villagers are waiting for DID to submit the sluice gate proposal to MPK Engineering Department and Selangor Economic Planning Unit for approval.

“Once the plans are approved, the state will fund the project,” said Leong.

Sluice gates are used to control water levels and flow rates in rivers during floods and high tides.

Selangor Local Government, New Village Development and Legalising of Factories Committee chairman Ean Yong Hian Wah had a discussion with DID recently and the state had promised RM3mil for the new sluice gate.

Ten areas prone to flash floods after an



The existing Teluk Gadong Besar Sluice Gate 44 that helps control flash floods for 10 neighbourhoods in Klang. A new sluice gate is expected to be built next to it.

hour's downpour are Taman Sri Andalas, Southern Park, Palm Grove, Taman Bayu Perdana, Taman Chi Liung, Taman Petaling Indah, Taman Radzi, Taman Gembira, Taman Setia and Kampung Delek.

All the rainwater from these areas flows into Sungai Teluk Gadong Besar.

Residents who were impacted by the flash floods have questioned DID and MPK regarding the snail's pace of the project following flash floods on July 17, 19, 21 and Sept 7.

On Sept 19, *StarMetro* highlighted the flood issue faced by residents in Taman Bayu Perdana and its surrounding neighbour-

hoods where lack of drain maintenance had worsened the problem.

“The state government is willing to fund the project to alleviate the floods and help homeowners whose homes are inundated due to overflowing drains each time it rains.

“DID must explain to the people of Klang its sluggishness in submitting the proposal,” he said.

In past years, the 10 areas have frequently flooded during high tides and heavy rain.

Leong said the sluice gate would have a few automatic pumps to double the volume of water that can be discharged and this would complement the current pump house with its sluice gates.

“Our flood problem on Sept 7 was magnified when a downpour occurred with the high tide, there was nowhere for the water to go. So we need more pumps, for the water to be channelled out,” he said.

He revealed that the state government had been invited by Tsinghua University in Beijing to get an insight on how to address floods where China were building “sponge cities” to absorb excess rainwater through upgraded sewer systems, filtration pools, wetlands and permeable public spaces.

Leong added that a delegation from Selangor would go to Beijing soon to learn about the “sponge cities” project.