

# Plans to upgrade drains and deepen retention pond next year

AS RESIDENTS continue to lament the state of their neighbourhood, Shah Alam City Council (MBSA) has been working on a solution for the problems.

On cleanliness, local councillor Ruthira Surasan said MBSA constantly cleared away renovation and bulk wastes left by business owners in the backlanes and various alleys.

She said the council had desludged oil and grease, cleared drainage using water jet and carried out audit work at business premises these past two years.

She added that known hotspots of illegal dumping such as Jalan 25/35 and Jalan 25/79 had been cleared.

Ruthira pointed out that the current state of alleys in commercial areas was due to lack of civic-mindedness of not just business owners but the public too.

“Even if MBSA cleans the area and conduct awareness programmes, the problem will crop up again after a few days.”

“If we compare Taman Sri Muda five years ago and now, the situation has improved but without public support and appropriate response, MBSA will not be able to achieve its goal for the

township,” she emphasised.

Ruthira said MBSA in the budget last year allocated RM500,000 for a flood research in Taman Sri Muda.

MBSA's Engineering Department said that based on the research carried out, there were several components to the flood mitigation proposal it was looking to implement.

Among the suggestions are clearing of river drainage corridor to facilitate construction works, river and drainage widening works in addition to replacement of bridge and culvert crossings and pond-related structure upgrading and installation.

A flap gate and additional pump will be installed at a flood retention pond in Taman Sri Muda, which will also be deepened.

“The river and pond upgrading will be done by the Drainage and Irrigation Department (DID) under its flood mitigation project at Sungai Rasah,” said a spokesman.

MBSA on the other hand will be upgrading the main drains to larger sizes beginning next year while DID will open tender for the pond upgrading work soon.