

# DBKL urged to instal bollards

## Compounds no deterrent to errant motorists, say Taman Million residents

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TAMAN Million residents are urging Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) to instal flexible bollards along several roads in the Sentul neighbourhood to stop vehicle owners from parking illegally.

The residents said vehicles parked haphazardly by the roadside were contributing to traffic congestion in the neighbourhood and the nearby commercial area.

Taman Million resident T. Vetrikumar said indiscriminate parking was common along several roads like Jalan Pipit, Jalan Balam, Jalan Merak and Jalan Serindit.

"Irresponsible motorists are parking their cars illegally along the yellow line.

"All the roads here are meant for two-way traffic but the illegally parked vehicles, which take up half of the lane on each side of the street, left just space enough for traffic from either direction to pass through.

"Residents here have made sev-

eral complaints to DBKL and the authorities have issued summonses to the owners of the vehicles, but it has not made a difference.

"We hope DBKL can address the matter once and for all by installing flexipole bollards that will keep motorists from parking illegally here," said Vetrikumar.

Another Taman Million resident, KH Yap, 55, said the illegally parked vehicles were causing major inconvenience to residents and business owners in the area.

"I frequent the commercial area along Jalan Terkukur for food and I find it difficult to move about.

"It is also very frustrating when vehicles clog up the roads," he said.

In a written reply to

Vetrikumar's complaints sighted by StarMetro, the DBKL Enforcement Department said it had issued 34 compounds to motorists for traffic obstruction.

"The suggestion for the installation of flexipole bollards has also been recommended to DBKL's Urban Transportation Department to study its feasibility," the letter said.



Vehicles parked on both sides of Jalan Merak prevent the two-way flow of traffic.

# 20-year-old bridge in Bangsar needs upgrading

Infrastructure to be inspected by DBKL before repair, painting works

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A FOOT bridge built more than 20 years ago in Jalan Bangsar, Kuala Lumpur, is in need of urgent repairs.

The bridge was built to benefit residents of Kampung Abdullah Hukum, Kampung Paya and Kampung Padang when they were relocated to the Abdullah Hukum Apartment and Putra Ria Apartment in Jalan Bangsar.

As a result of high pedestrian traffic, the bridge's flooring has been worn smooth, which is a safety hazard as people can slip and fall especially if the surface is wet.

There are also holes on the bridge roof, sides and bottom, while many of the lights are out of order.

And Abdullah Hukum Apartment owners' habit of pasting room-for-rent advertisements all over the bridge is adding to the eyesore.

Those who frequently used the bridge also claimed that the closed-circuit television (CCTV) cameras installed there were not working.

The bridge connects to the road leading to the apartments in Jalan Bangsar as well as to The Gardens Mall and Mid Valley Megamall.

It was one of several linkages built during the development of the Bandar Mid Valley project in the late 1990s.

However, the old bridge is still frequently used by the public despite a new pedestrian bridge connecting Abdullah Hukum LRT-KTMB station to The Gardens Mall several hundred metres away.

Long-time Putra Ria resident Herman-Mishah said some of the lights on the old bridge were not working and needed to be replaced.

"Hundreds, if not thousands, of people living in both apartments and the surrounding area use the bridge to get to the LRT and KTM stations nearby.

"There are also many others liv-



The flooring on this old foot bridge, used by train commuters from Abdullah Hukum and Putra Ria apartments, has worn smooth and the lights are out of order.



Herman: Hundreds, if not thousands, of people use the bridge to get to the LRT and KTM stations nearby.

ing here who work at the shopping complexes and the offices around the area.

"Sometimes they need to get to work very early, while some finish work late at night so it is important that the bridge is well lit," said Herman.

A salesgirl who works at a department store and wished to be identified only as Maizurah, uses



Nearby residents claim the CCTV camera at the bridge is not working.

the bridge daily to get to and from work.

"Nighttime is a concern because the lights are not working," she said.

Security guards living at the Abdullah Hukum Apartment and working at a mall and the hotel nearby, said the bridge had numerous holes.

**Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL)** Road Transport Department director Yu Chuan Hock, when contact-

ed, said the bridge was not under its jurisdiction as it had not been handed over by the developer yet.

*StarMetro* reached out to the management of IGB Bhd, who is the developer of Mid Valley and a company spokesperson responded via WhatsApp: "We are liaising with DBKL on the bridge handover matter.

"Repair and painting works will be arranged after inspection by the authority."