

# One more time

MPs and stakeholders want a second objection hearing for the Draft KL Plan 2020 since it now includes the Greater KL Plan and the MRT Project. >3

## Protecting stakeholders

Hold second objection hearing as Draft KL Plan has major changes, DBKL told

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**K**UALA LUMPUR City Hall (DBKL) must carry out a second objection hearing on the changes made to the Draft KL Plan 2020 to accommodate the government's Greater KL Plan and the MRT project.

Most of the MPs from the Federal Territory said they would be pushing for a second round of objections hearing with the stakeholders in parliament.

They said this after attending the final public consultation seminar on the KL Draft Plan amendments yesterday organised by DBKL for Kuala Lumpur residents to voice out their grouses.

The MPs argued that the changes made to the plan were not mere amendments but major changes and hence required a fresh objection hearing with stakeholders.

They want to see the plan gazetted, but stressed that it must be done in a transparent manner and the voices of the stakeholders must be heard.

Batu MP Tian Chua said what was presented yesterday at the seminar were not amendments but a new plan.

"Since it is a new plan, it has to go back to the public. The new projects are massive and the public must be given time to absorb the changes and give feedback," he said.

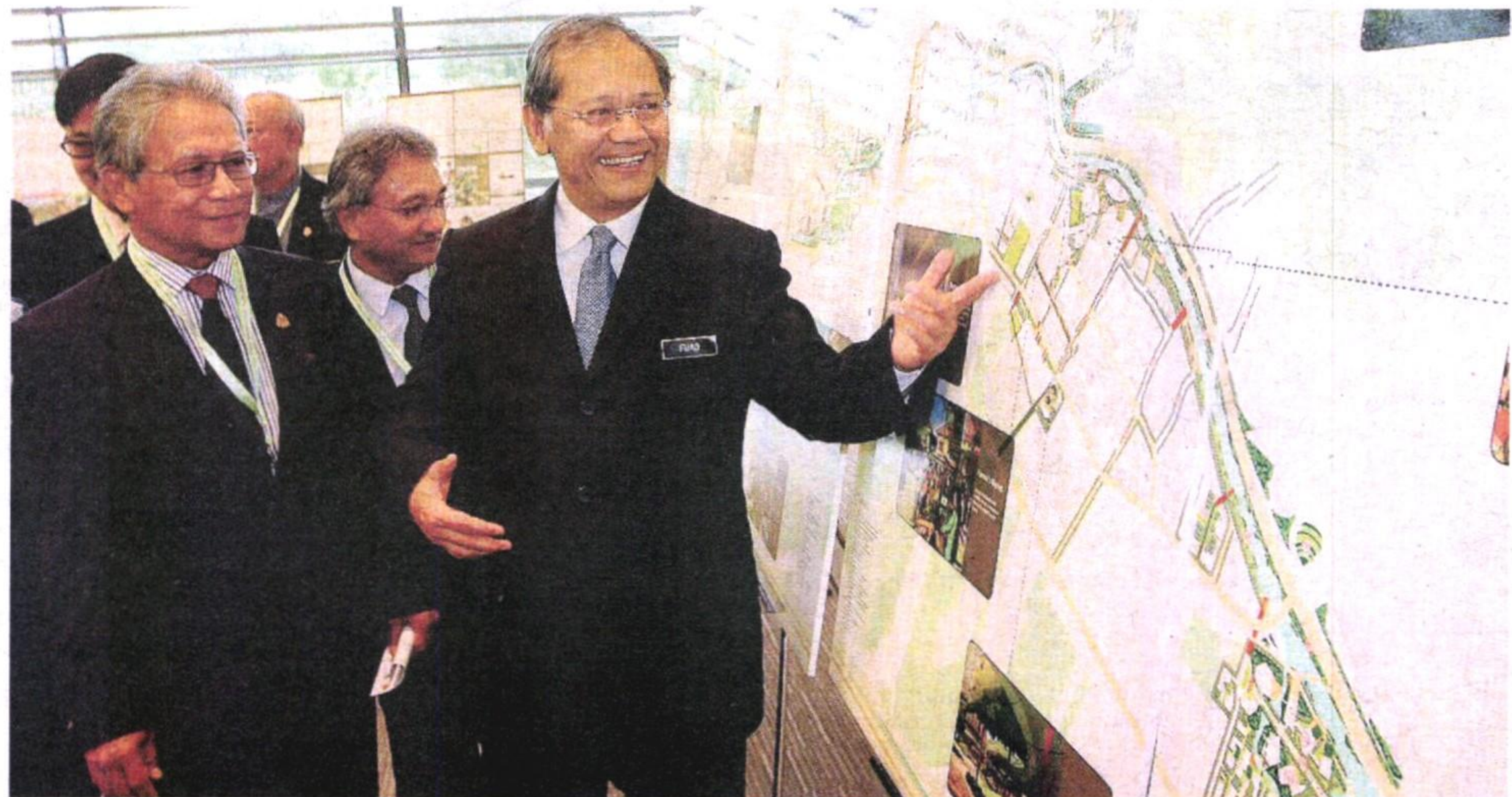
Tian Chua said the changes include massive land privatisation and development in Kampung Baru, Sungai Besi military airbase, Bangsar, Mont Kiara and Batu Cantonment.

"We are talking about public land being privatised and turned into commercial projects and hence DBKL must be accountable to the people.

"At the beginning, we were told the KL Plan is going to make Kuala Lumpur a liveable city but now it looks like it is another money-making exercise," added Tian Chua.

Lembah Pantai MP Nurul Izzah Anwar said the objection period started in May 2008.

"There were about 62,000 objec-



**All laid-out:** Fuad (right) with Town Planner Datuk Esa Mohamed looking at an artist's impression of the KL City Plan.



**Interested lot:** Residents and landowners at the seminar.

tions received and then the MRT project was announced by the prime minister in December 2010.

"We need to know how many objections have been ignored or sidelined in giving priority to the

MRT which came later.

"The plan has changed, as such it must be allowed to be open for objections for greater transparency and accountability.

"It must be pro-stakeholders and

not pro-developer, otherwise what we have here today (seminar) is merely a public relations exercise," Nurul Izzah added.

Segambut MP Lim Lip Eng said the KL mayor was implementing the draft plan as a policy when it had yet to be gazetted.

"I would advise all landowners who have been victimised by City Hall by using the draft plan to acquire their land at below market price to sue the local authority for their losses.

About 600 people comprising residents and landowners attended the seminar.

Last year, KL mayor Tan Sri Ahmad Fuad announced that the draft KL Plan would be gazetted on July 1 this year to include the Greater KL Plan, the MRT project and additional infrastructure.

Fuad said the two volumes that were ready for gazettelement had been sent to the Attorney-General's chambers.

According to the mayor, changes were also being made to reconsider the views of stakeholders who are asking for more time to reach a win-

win situation in their neighbourhoods.

In the case of Jalan Maarof in Bangsar, there had been requests by two groups over the land status issue.

Fuad said the landowners were renegotiating with the residents associations to come up with an amicable solution to satisfy both parties.

The plan was launched in May 2008, and was put on public display until August 2008.

DBKL conducted public hearings with residents' associations, developers, non-governmental organisations and religious groups until June 2009.

A total of 5,052 representations involving 62,224 views, feedback, objections, suggestions and ideas from stakeholders had been scrutinised by the DBKL and by the draft plan's Public Opinion Hearing Committee.

DBKL carried out six seminars and workshops on public transportation, green areas and public amenities throughout last year to engage the public on the changes and feedback given by them.