

Fight to save Jln Tun Tan Cheng Lock

FLIPPING through the papers these days can be quite frustrating for me. Why? As an ex-trader in Jalan Tun Tan Cheng Lock, I'm gobsmacked that some selfish parties who oppose the MRT alignment going through Jalan Sultan are suggesting that the line should go under Jalan Tun Tan Cheng Lock instead.

Why am I angry? Recent media reports state that 29 privately-owned buildings will be demolished to make

way for the construction of the MRT stations if the alignment goes under Jalan Tun Tan Cheng Lock.

How come I was unaware of this? How come everyone working or living in Jalan Tun Tan Cheng Lock was unaware of this as well?

Those opposing the development of the MRT on Jalan Sultan argue that heritage buildings will be demolished if the alignment passes the area.

From my understanding,

only three buildings which are owned by the government will be demolished to build the underground station in Jalan Sultan and the tunneling works will not even affect the private shoplots above ground.

So why is there a need for realignment? The people in Jalan Sultan have nothing to lose.

So, if we realign to Jalan Tun Tan Cheng Lock, does it mean that our buildings

are not considered heritage buildings? The opponents must certainly think so because they are not bothered that 29 buildings in our area may be demolished compared to three government-owned buildings in their area.

They must also think that it would be fine if our shoplots were demolished and we lose our primary source of income.

I urge all the Jalan Tun Tan Cheng Lock residents to speak

up and take this matter seriously if the Jalan Sultan folks are still adamant with the realignment.

We must fight to safeguard our heritage — Jalan Tun Tan Cheng Lock — and our rice bowl, whatever the cost. If these irresponsible folks can bring the matter up to the prime minister, so can we, and we will.

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