

Survey on Bukit Bandaraya homes

KUALA LUMPUR: A survey will be conducted by an independent survey firm on homes in Jalan Medang Serai and Jalan Gegambir in Bukit Bandaraya this month.

This is to record the condition of the houses before the construction of the Sungai Buloh-Kajang MRT line.

Residents are worried that the safety of their houses will be compromised with the construction of the railway track from the Section 16 MRT station to the Pusat Bandar Damansara MRT station.

About 50 residents met Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp) to raise concerns over noise pollution, traffic congestion and their security.

Bukit Bandaraya Residents Association president Mumtaz Ali said they had met the authorities, in January last year, to voice their opposition to the construction of the elevated track near their houses.

They had suggested that an underground line be built instead.

"There's no reason to have an MRT station here because in Bangsar we already have two stations, which is the Abdullah Hukum LRT station and Bangsar LRT station.

"The best solution is for MRT Corp to provide feeder buses to take us to the stations.

"As it is, Bangsar is congested. The traffic is unbearable. Just imagine, once the construction of the MRT

line and multipurpose car park building starts, the volume of traffic will be even worse."

With regards to noise pollution, he said, they had requested that a sound barrier wall be put up until the project was completed, at the previous meeting

"We asked them to put up a sound barrier wall but no one seems to have the answer for it," said Mumtaz.

"Also, during this briefing there were some matters that were not explained adequately.

"We are especially worried about the noise and the proximity of our houses to the line," he asked.

Mumtaz added that details such as the exact number of houses that would be affected were not made available.

"This kind of information is vital because only then will we know how many houses are going to be affected and how close the elevated track will be to our houses."

MRT Corp assistant general manager strategic communications and public relations Leong Shen Li said MRT would look into the concerns raised by residents.

"We understand the need for this and we will take the matter into consideration. We will be starting with the pre-construction survey soon whereby emails or calls will be made out to the affected residents requesting for their appointment.



Mumtaz Ali raising a question at the meeting with MRT Corp representatives. Pix by Muhd Asyraf Sawal

"This is just a normal procedure that is carried out before any of the construction works begins.

"The purpose is to detect whether there are any signs of cracks on the walls because once the works have started we may not know whether

the cracks that appear are from our construction or other construction work in the area," he said.

Leong added that meetings would be held regularly to keep residents posted on the progress of the construction work. **By C. Premananthini**