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Uphill task to nab illegal dumpers

Report culprits through MPK's hotline, public urged

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CONSTRUCTION debris, broken furniture and industrial waste, all dumped illegally, have made Jalan Kebun Nenas in Klang an eyesore. This has been a chronic problem for a long time.

It is a known fact that the culprits dump construction debris at night using a four-wheel drive or a one-tonne vehicle at various spots along the 1.9km road that comes under Klang's Public Works Department (JKR) jurisdiction.

Klang Municipal Council (MPK) acting president Elya Marini Darmin, in addressing the complaints on the illegal dump site in Jalan Kebun Nenas, said new strategies were in the pipeline, which included forming a volunteer squad comprising the public, and a hotline to report on illegal waste dumping.

"The sight of rubbish has given the area a bad image. This is a pollution crisis.

"MPK's environmental services department cleans up the illegal dump site but within hours more rubbish is dumped again at a different spot.

"One round of cleaning up cost ratepayers about RM4,250 as it involves workers as well as an excavator and lorries to transfer the debris to the landfill in Jeram, Kuala Selangor," she said.

Last year, MPK spent about RM103,000 to clean up the illegal dump site along Jalan Kebun Nenas but the problem still continued, she added.

"It is a waste of money that could be used for public amenities," she added.

Elya was appalled to see heaps of rubbish set on fire on the roadside

during a spot check last month.

She said, however, the cost would be too high to instal CCTVs on the street light poles as the fire damaged some of TNB's electrical cable wires.

"People living around the area should call the hotline and give us information so that we can nab the offenders.

"In the past, the public gave us crucial information that led to our enforcement officers catching the culprits red-handed," she said.

She added that the council made it easier for people to report illegal dumping with the Pantas Operations Room dedicated line (03-3370 1095).

"Fifteen spots were identified along Jalan Kebun Nenas," she said, urging the public to take photos or videos of the illegal dumping.

"The public must not confront the offenders. One or two clear photos of them in action showing the vehicle and number plate will help MPK take further action," she said.

Elya said council officers in plain clothes would monitor some spots.

MPK environmental services department director Zaireezal Ahmad Zainuddin said the department seized 94 vehicles involved in illegal dumping throughout Klang with 42 nabbed along Jalan Kebun Nenas last year.

"Out of the 94 vehicles, 92 were reclaimed where culprits paid RM87,300 in compound and another RM57,949 for other costs that included storing the vehicles," he said.

Elya said those who dumped waste illegally did so to avoid tipping fees at the Jeram landfill, where private contractors are charged RM55 for a one-tonne load.



The burning of rubbish by unscrupulous parties on the roadside of Jalan Kebun Nenas in Klang had damaged the TNB cables above.



Elya with MPK enforcement officers checking on illegal dump sites along Jalan Kebun Nenas.



Broken furniture and construction debris are haphazardly strewn on the roadside. — Photos: SAM THAM/The Star

Jalan Kebun Nenas, Klang

A road known for illegal dumpsites

