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First amendment on public display until Nov 18

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THE first amendment of the Kajang Municipal Council (MPKj) Local Draft Plan for 2035 is being displayed at the Menara MPKj lobby until Nov 18.

Showcasing existing and upcoming projects in areas under the local council's purview, the latest amendment shows changes that have been made to Tenaga Nasional Bhd's reserve land alignment in the Hulu Langat and Beranang districts as well as the latest expansions to Broga Hill forest reserve boundaries.

Maps will also mark the latest results for land rezoning applications by owners, potential sites for proposed developments as well as changes made to land status.

One visitor came from Kuantan, Pahang, to attend the public launch of the exhibition.

The landowner who only wanted to be known as Noraini said she had applied for the status of her land in Hulu Langat to be changed from agricultural to commercial.

"I am here to see if my application is approved and to learn about upcoming developments taking place near my property," she said.

Speaking on condition of anonymity, a property development company representative said displaying the plan was a good way of letting the people know what was going on in their area.

"This way, they will be able to voice their objections early, before construction begins.

"Knowing what changes are afoot also enables owners to decide what to do with their land or properties," he said.

Eco World Development Group Bhd deputy chief executive officer Datuk Sundarajoo Somu and division general manager Evon Yap, who were also at the launch, said having a local draft plan would make it easier for township development planning.

"Clear guidelines will ensure developers do not encroach upon reserve land," said Yap.

Retired Public Works Department district engineer Tan On Chin, who



Kajang councillor Lim Kim Eng (second from left) talking to visitors at the launch of the Kajang Municipal Council 2035 Local Draft Plan. — AZMAN GHANI/The Star



was at the draft plan exhibition, said the event would be educational for engineering students as well as those pursuing town and regional planning courses.

"Based on the maps, they would also be able to do research on sustainability and carbon emissions," he said.

In his speech, MPKj president Najmuddin Jemain (*pic*) said public feedback on the local draft plan was crucial in ensuring that development was executed in accordance with current trends and the existing needs of a community.

"The preliminary publicity for the

2035 plan was first held on Feb 4 and it was extended until April 29.

"A total of 409 zone change proposals were then presented at a technical committee meeting on June 2.

"Of these, 88 were amendment requests by landowners and associations.

"The coordination process for changes to land use based on authority approvals, submitted plans and current conditions resulted in another 295 amendments.

"The remaining 26 were zone use changes based on upcoming potential development such as new roads.

"All these recommendations were approved at a council meeting held on Aug 8," he added.

On the current exhibition of the MPKj Local Draft Plan, Najmuddin said the public was welcome to submit objections, recommendations and views to the council via a form available at the Menara MPKj lobby counter.

The local draft plan may also be viewed at the local council's Development Planning Department located on third floor of Menara MPKj, the One-Stop Centre situated one floor below and PlanMalaysia@Selangor on the 16th floor of Darul Ehsan Building in Shah Alam.