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MP pledges to keep green lung in SS3

RESIDENTS of SS3, Petaling Jaya have been assured that a 0.4ha plot of land in Jalan SS3/2 will remain as a green lung and not be developed.

Kampung Tunku State Assemblyman Khoo Ooi Seng said he would ensure that any application to develop the land would be rejected by the Petaling Jaya Municipal Council.

"I will see to it that any application to the Petaling Land Office to convert the land status for development or application to the Petaling Jaya Municipal Council for building approval on that piece of land be rejected," he said at the SS3 residents' association family day and annual general meeting yesterday.

Khoo said he could also make a similar stand in his status as a member of the Petaling Land Office Land Committee and the MPPJ's Building and Planning Committee.

Residents of Jalan SS3/2, SS3/2A and SS3/4 are worried over rumours that the land at the junction of Jalan Majlis and Jalan SS8/1 had recently been sold by its owner, United Properties Co-operation Sdn Bhd, and was currently being converted for the building of hostels or apartments.

Khoo said neither the Land Office nor the council had received any such application from any developer.

SS3 Residents Association vice-chairman Dr Wong Sai Hou said residents would be deprived of a green lung should the plot be developed.

"There are so few greenlungs in this area. The authorities should preserve this plot," he said.

Dr Wong said some residents had even thought of buying the land from the owner.

"I think any project on this plot should be stopped, especially at a time when Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is campaigning to green the nation," he said.

Khoo also announced that the MPPJ would call for tenders to build a hawkercentre at Jalan SS3/33 to accommodate hawkers at Jalan SS3/29.

"The council will call for tenders next month to build the centre which will cost about RM500,000," he said.

Khoo said the hawkers would be able to provide cleaner food in a better environment as they will have basic amenities like piped water, proper drainage, electricity and furniture at the centre.

"Construction will start next month and be completed in six months," he added.

There are about 20 hawkers trading along Jalan SS3/29. Residents have expressed concern over hygiene and cleanliness at the stalls.

Residents Association chairman Dr N. Ganesan, in his speech, said residents were not against hawkers operating at Jalan SS3/29.

"What we want is a proper place for them to trade, with a garbage disposal system."

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