

Shah Alam residents want to meet MoT over LRT3

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RESIDENTS and stakeholders in Section 7, Shah Alam are not backing down from their decision to reject the LRT3 project and have demanded to meet the Transport Ministry to complain.

The LRT3 alignment runs through their neighborhood and despite explanations from the project delivery partner George Kent Sdn Bhd (MRCBGK), they want it realigned.

Retired soldier Davu Dars Arikrishnan, 55, and one of the neighbourhood's early settlers when it was known as the Midlands Estate, said it was pointless in having meetings with MRCBGK or project owner, Prasarana.

"We do not want the alignment running through our neighbourhood, and that is it," he said during a special engagement session between MRCBGK and Section 7 residents organised by Kota Anggerik assemblyman Najwan Halimi and Shah Alam city councillor Danial Al Rashid Haron Aminar Rashid.

This was after the panel from MRCBGK including its director of infrastructure Mohamad Amjad and general manager corporate communications Ravindran Raman Kutty explained the implications of a realignment and the costs and



Najwan (in yellow) speaking to residents after the dialogue session with MRCBGK.

time it would involve.

Davu was one of the residents who turned up to voice their discontent and concerns over the LRT3 project line that runs through several high-density residential properties.

The LRT3 alignment will also run through a playground in the gated-and-guarded community of Jalan Plumbum while a station will be built next to SJK(T) Ladang Midlands.

Jalan Plumbum resident Nurziha Jailuddin, who bought her house

opposite the playground at a higher price, said their rights as homeowners were disregarded.

"They will close the playground for the next six years to develop the LRT3, so where are our children supposed to play?"

"The developers say the children can play under the tracks once the line is ready, but by then our children will be too old," she said.

SJK(T) Ladang Midlands Parent-Teacher Association chairman Elangovan Muniandy said the school was not informed about the

LRT3 line's proximity to the school.

Najwan said he wrote to the Transport Ministry to explain the residents' concerns and included proposals for realignment but had yet to receive a reply.

Ravindran said they were waiting for further instructions from the ministry.

"We have engaged with all the resident communities here but some have transitioned to new teams, which is why they are unaware of prior discussions," he added. — PRIYA MENON