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BUKIT Gasing residents here raised concerns over a new proposed development on the hill in a public hearing with Petaling Jaya City Council (MBPJ) last Monday.

PETALING JAYA: The hearing was also attended by representatives of Noble Land Development Sdn Bhd, who explained the plan to build a gated community with 19 units of double-storey split-level bungalows as well as a community hall there.

The residents' associations in the area, however, were unhappy with the proposal submitted by the company for several reasons.

Some of the issues that were put forward by Gasing Indah residents' association president S. Arockyadassan was the safety of the residents, the possibility of landslides, the proposed drainage and sewerage system as well as the potential damage to the roads in the area.

According to the developer's plans, the access to the new gated community will be through Jalan 5/69.

"There is a kindergarten at the corner of that street and if the development is approved, trucks will be passing on our residential roads. That could pose great danger to the children and other residents as well," said Arockyadassan.

He added that the trucks carrying heavy loads will also damage the roads and even if they are patched, they will not return to its original condition.

Another part of the development that the residents were unhappy with was the drainage system which would flow into the drains along Jalan 5/69.

"We are already having problems with the drainage system and the sewerage that flows from another condominium. Now, we will have yet another one," he said, adding that any access water would flow towards their housing area as the new development will be on higher grounds.

Besides the drainage, the plan to build individual sewerage tanks for the houses in the new development also caused the residents to worry as the sewer might overflow into their drains and cause a stink.

Fraser Towers Joint Management Body chairman, Mohamed Kamar Mohamed, said issues such as noise pollution, dust generation, and possible landslides would also arise.

"There is a school in the vicinity which will be directly affected. For those who are not aware, there have been several landslips along Jalan 5/60 over the last few years," he said.

Kamar added that the residents were also concerned over the long-term effect of the project as any hillside project would need maintenance.

"If something happens five or 10 years from now, who is going to be held accountable?," he asked.

The developer has assured that the plans have been approved and the project is safe.

Project geotechnical engineer, Wong Khein Ngei, said the project was designed based on preceded designs and theories that have been implemented before.

"In fact, engineered slopes can be safer than natural slopes," he said.

Further meetings would be held after deliberation by MBPJ.



The project involves the construction of 19 units of double-storey split-level bungalows and a community hall in Bukit Gasing. Pic by Salim Shaari

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