

Judge is right to side with landowner



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At last justice has prevailed. It is fair and just that the learned judge has ruled against the self-styled Bukit Gasing lobby group opposing the rightful landowner to develop his land in Bukit Gasing.

It is preposterous for the residents to demand that the land be maintained as a green belt, especially as the land is private land and approved for development.

Are the residents willing to buy over the land at market price and pay compensation to the landowner if the project is dropped?

If residents are unwilling to do so, they should stop being selfish.

It is also not right to ask the authority to acquire the land and make the ratepayers of a city bear the compensation for the enjoyment of the few adjacent residents.

The fears of hillside development are baseless as advanced technology has enabled development even in the most de-

manding of places, as clearly demonstrated in Hong Kong and all over Europe.

Yes, the few unfortunate landslides are traumatic and alarming but the findings point not to technical faults but failure of maintenance and lack of quick response to signs of erosion.

Although it is tragic that lives

are lost in accidents, we do not demand that a highway be closed for that reason.

It is a relief that the learned judge had not let emotions nor the vocal minority to prevail in his judgement.

Otherwise, it will set a most unfair precedent and embolden the few at the expense of the

rightful parties.

I am now keenly watching the outcome of the deliberations of the Medan Damansara development and would like to see whether justice or politics will prevail in the decision-making.

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