

# Stop Gasing hill projects

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Precarious parcel - one of the landslip sites in Bukit Gasing that is giving residents the jitters. SUNPIX

**PETALING JAYA (Dec 6, 2012):** Bukit Gasing residents have again urged the local authority not to approve development on the hill slope following the discovery of two more sites of soil erosion and landslip in the area three days ago.

Bukit Gasing Joint Action Committee member Gary Yeoh told *theSun* earlier this week the residents were concerned that development on the fragile slope would pose a danger to them.

"We want the Petaling Jaya City Council (MBPJ) to conduct engineering and environmental studies to determine the causes of the soil erosion," he said.

"The MBPJ should also not approve the proposal to build 18 bungalows in the area," he added.

However, he commended the MBPJ on its effort to consult with the residents on development plans.

Last Friday, residents detected four landslip sites along Jalan 5/60 and similar erosion was seen near an abandoned bungalow plot at Jalan 5/64.

Petaling Jaya councillor Derek Fernandez had reportedly said he would propose that the council impose a stricter process for hillside development, including the need for a mandatory independent audit by geo-technical engineers, as well as the mandatory appointment of specialist contractors with proven hillside construction experience.

When contacted, Fernandez said some 50 residents attended the first consultation at MBPJ last week on a proposal to build 18 bungalow lots near Taman Petaling (Girls) Secondary School within the Bukit Gasing area.

He said the residents would meet again within two weeks after receiving the geotech documents from the developer.

Checks by *theSun* revealed soil erosion behind a shrine at the Sri Maha Sivabatrakaliamman temple at Jalan 5/64 and a fresh landslip with a "sold" sign near Fraser Towers at Jalan 5/60 which was not covered with tarpaulin.

In addition, there were no signs to warn the public of the hill slope debris on the road.