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**GEORGE TOWN:** The Penang Island Municipal Council (MPPP) clarified that tree pruning around the island were done after proper consultation and survey.

MPPP president Patahiyah Ismail said that the councils had engaged experts for advice before carrying out the action.

She added that some trees were pruned to control their canopies while others had to be cut because it was infected by parasites.

Patahiyah said that some 64 Manila Palm trees on Jalan Gottlieb and Jalan Tanjong Tokong will be transplanted elsewhere to allow for road widening works.

"The trees will be planted in other locations, including the Youth Park, Tanjung Tokong and Fort Cornwallis."

She added that the council will discuss with other authorities, including Forest Research Institute of Malaysia (FRIM) to determine the type of trees that can be planted on the 1.8km stretch once the road widening project is completed.

Patahiyah said that the council is in the midst of deciding what trees will be planted on Jalan Datok Keramat, as part of the state government's Cleaner, Greener Penang initiative.

"Once that is decided, we will plant about 280 of the trees on the 1.4km road in March this year," she told reporters after chairing the MPPP full council meeting yesterday.

Several quarters have complained to the media of the trees being 'excessively pruned' around Penang.