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Feedback needed from stakeholders to outline Selayang's development until 2030

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YOUR views are needed. Selayang Municipal Council (MPS) is calling all residents, landowners and stakeholders to submit their input on the MPS Local Draft Plan (Replacement) 2030 between now and Oct 15.

The council wants to find out how the local people want their municipality to be like, especially with regard to natural environments, through the data collected.

While it is an urban area, Selayang is still home to hills, water bodies and forest reserves, therefore the council endeavours to ensure that such rich ecosystem is preserved over the next decade in this draft plan.

Council deputy president Datuk Juhari Ahmad has assured the public that the council would protect the natural environment while pursuing its development aspirations.

"Within the municipality are the lush Forest Research Institute of Malaysia, Bukit Lagong Recreational Forest, Commonwealth Forest Park,



Mohamad Zin (right) discussing about the local draft plan with Planning Department employees at the council's lobby. The public is welcome to view the plan and give their input. — EDWARD RAJENDRA/The Star

Sungai Tua Recreational Forest, Kanching Reservatory Forest, Templer Forest Park, Selayang Hot Spring and Damai Caves.

"We will preserve all these places and their biodiversity, which are of high value," he said.

"With the new draft plan, people will be assured that the forest reserve area that covers 3,665ha will continue to be preserved," he said.

Juhari added that people's feed-

back and an update on ad hoc developments that had taken place in the municipality would provide a better direction for the council to enhance the earlier Local Draft Plan 2020, especially when concerning applications to convert agricultural land into housing or commercial.

The MPS Local Draft Plan 2020 (Gazette 141) came into effect on January 20, 2011 and there had been five rounds of amendments

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to the plan since July 18, 2013, to meet the people's latest needs.

Juhari noted that there had been calls from the people to include fresh initiatives that would support the community.

"We are calling for all to give us constructive feedback to craft out this new plan that will cover a period of 10 years.

"We want this new plan to be clear, and that it can accommodate changes required for new developments," he said.

He said policies in the plan would promote sustainable development of Selayang spanning 54,559ha.

MPS Planning Department technical assistant planner Husni Khusairi Abd Ghani said the new local plan would outline how Selayang would be developed in the next decade.

"It ensures that growth will also come with the supporting infrastructure, including roads, basic amenities and various commercial and community facilities," he said.

MPS Corporate Department director Mohamad Zin Masoad said Selayang had excellent connectivity and potentials, therefore

there was need to update the local draft plan to keep up with the times.

"With the new draft plan, we will be able to protect the environment that residents cherish and enhance what they love about Selayang.

"For example, we need to build more houses and in particular, houses that families can afford to buy and to rent," he said.

Councillor Puspa Rizal Mohammad said the new local plan would ensure that development within the area would be carried out with proper planning.

"MPS must have an up-to-date local plan that outlines its future developments, rather than building everything ad hoc which often does not benefit the local communities," she said.

Puspa added that MPS must always engage and listen to the people to make sure that they get things right.

Selayang residents who want to give input for the new draft plan can fill out the relevant form at Menara MPS, Persiaran 3, Bandar Baru Selayang or email [rancangan-tempatan2030@mps.gov.my](mailto:rancangan-tempatan2030@mps.gov.my)