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## Forest reserve to be degazetted for housing project?

A public hearing to obtain feedback on a proposal to degazette a part of the Bukit Lagong Forest Reserve in Gombak for a housing development project is under-way. The 30-day hearing will allow stakeholders in the Gombak district to voice their objections to the proposed degazettement of 28.3ha near the fringe of the forest reserve.

The Bukit Lagong Forest Reserve is located close to the Forest Research Institute of Malaysia

(FRIM) in Kepong and stretches over 3,624.1ha.

According to plans that are displayed at the Selangor Forestry Department office in Shah Alam, a housing development has been proposed on a strip of land between the two residential areas of Taman Amansiara and Templer Hills, just 2km away from the forest reserve's recreational area of Taman Rimba Bukit Lagong and Kampung Orang Asli Bukit Lagong.