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A BOARDED up vacant plot of land in Kepong Baru, Kuala Lumpur, is overgrown and has become a dumping ground for rubbish.

The hoarding around the plot is falling apart, and the walkway is obstructed by overgrowth.

Activist Yee Poh Ping said the land at the junction of Jalan Vista Mutiara Satu and Jalan 14/33B needed to be cleared.

“The surrounding area has been developed into apartments and shoplots.

“However, this plot of land has been left idle for over five years.

“Tree branches have encroached into the walkway, and the hoarding is damaged.

“In the event of strong winds or a storm, the metal hoarding could pose a danger to passers-by,” he said.

“Kuala Lumpur City Hall

(DBKL) should order the landowner to clear the land,” said Yee.

He said the walkway along the vacant land connected pedestrians from an office area to nearby restaurants.

“Many workers are forced to walk on the road to reach the restaurants,” he added.

On the May 7 uprooted tree incident on Jalan Sultan Ismail, which resulted in one death, Yee said DBKL must prune or cut trees deemed unsafe.

He said DBKL should also work with relevant agencies such as Forest Research Institute of Malaysia (FRIM) and plant suitable trees in urban areas.

“Many trees in Kuala Lumpur are old. Their safety should be reevaluated, and more suitable trees planted if necessary,” he said. — By SHEILA SRI PRIYA