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MBPJ first local authority to implement sustainable development goals for planning



Petaling Jaya sees vast development that has impacted the people. — Filepic

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DEVELOPERS are now required to submit a written evaluation on how their proposed development would affect people's quality of life.

Petaling Jaya city councillor Derek Fernandez said it was also a compulsory requirement for developers to carry out public engagement.

"The engagement must be conducted to allow those likely to be affected by the development an opportunity to submit opinions and views on how it might affect them.

"This will be consistent with the normal practices of MBPJ in seeking views of neighbouring owners and residents to assist in a more informed and better decision making process.

"A checklist will be created on the requirements for the developers to fulfil," said Fernandez at the closing speech during the Petaling Jaya City Council (MBPJ) full board meeting.

Fernandez said this ruling would be in line with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, Local Agenda 21 and the Town and Country Planning Act 1976.

"MBPJ is the first local authority

in the country to use such powers given by Parliament to directly implement the sustainable development goals for planning and development control."

He said MBPJ could call for a meeting, when it was necessary, to coordinate the collection of data with regards to the development impact on the quality of life, infrastructure and traffic in the surrounding area.

Fernandez said the social, traffic and infrastructure impact reports must also be submitted.

"The proposed mitigation measures in line with the sustainable development goals and objectives must be submitted too," he added.