

Ideas to redevelop Ipoh's Waller Courts welcome, says Perak exco member



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IPOH: The state government welcomes all ideas to develop the dilapidated Waller Court flats in Ipoh, says Sandra Ng Shy Ching.

She said that the Ipoh City Council (MBI) is also working on what can be done.

"While we welcome private agencies and companies to contribute to redeveloping the flats that many locals have sentimental value for, the ideas must also include the residents still staying there," the Perak local government and housing committee chairman told reporters after officiating the Grab Driver Centre at Aeon Midtown Falim here on Thursday (Dec 15).

On Dec 11, Local Government Development Minister Nga Kor Ming announced several projects in Ipoh, including the construction of a multi-level car park at the Ipoh Old Town area and redevelopment of the Waller Court flats.

Located at Jalan Lim Bo Sing, Waller Courts were built in 1962 by the then-Ipoh Municipal Council president SP Seenivasagam to house low-income families.

Separately, Ng said she would pay a visit to the Batu Gajah District Council to look into parking charges on weekends and public holidays.

"Each local government and district offices have their own rules. However, I will check with them," she said.

On Wednesday (Dec 14), a photo showing the new parking rules in Batu Gajah went viral on social media, which claimed that motorists would have to pay for parking spots under the council from 8am until 5pm every day, including Sundays and public holidays.

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