



Liew showing the broken lock and gate leading to the space being used as an illegal dumpsite (in the background), located opposite the hospital.
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UNIVERSITI Putra Malaysia (UPM) has cleared and closed the entrance to an illegal dumpsite near Hospital Serdang, the university said in a statement.

“As of July 6, we have cleared the area. We have also locked the entrance to the site, as well as built sand walls and drains that act as barriers to block garbage trucks from entering the area,” said UPM Corporate Strategies and Communications Office director Prof Dr Nor Kamariah Noordin.

UPM said this in clarifying the matter that was highlighted in *StarMetro*, “Parking woes, illegal dumping near hospital.”

The board of visitors at Hospital Serdang wanted the authorities to address an illegal dumpsite and lack of parking space near the hospital.

Board secretary Liew Yew Fook, who held a press conference to highlight both issues, said hospital

UPM steps up to stop trespassers

University clears illegal dump on its land and beefs up security

patients and visitors had expressed concerns about the stench and hygiene problems associated with the dumpsite.

He also suggested that the landowner UPM allow the hospital to use the vacant land as a parking lot for hospital visitors and staff.

The hospital faces severe lack of parking space.

“UPM built a fence and has kept

it locked since 2016 in the area facing Serdang Hospital.

However, the padlock has been broken several times by trespassers who dump their rubbish here,” said Prof Nor Kamariah.

“UPM’s security unit has been directed to monitor the situation and will take immediate action, including lodging reports with the relevant authority if those tres-

passers continue to break into the field.”

On the suggestion to turn the site into a parking space, she said: “Development projects have been planned for the area and these projects are awaiting approval from relevant authorities.”

However, she declined to elaborate on the type of projects or their details.