

Residents: It's too noisy

They claim child nursery in their neighbourhood is disrupting the peace



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SCREAMING babies and noisy children are driving residents in the usually quiet Ipoh Garden South area nuts.

The residents, mostly retirees living along Jalan Chan Chee Keong and Wu Lean Teh, claimed that the presence of a nursery in their neighbourhood had disrupted their peace and quiet.

S. Ananda, 65, said the peaceful life he and his wife were enjoying was short-lived after two houses opposite their home were turned into a nursery three months after they moved in.

The couple, who had lived in Singapore before deciding to move here, had chosen the housing scheme because of its relaxed and peaceful surroundings.

"Initially, we thought we had made the right choice. But it looks like we will not be able to have our peace of mind now due to cries and screams of children we have to bear from morning until late evening daily," said Ananda, who is a stroke patient.

Ananda was among the 10 residents present to air their objections to Datuk Bandar

» The noise from the nursery is really driving us mad «

RESIDENT LOKE HOOI HONG, 67

Datuk Mohammad Rafai Moktar and Ipoh city councillors on Tuesday.

The residents were called to the meeting so that the council could decide whether planning permission should be granted to the nursery operator.

Loke Hooi Hong, 67, who lived behind the nursery, said he had tried to minimise the noise coming from the nursery by building a 3m concrete wall at the back of his house.

"But it doesn't work. My wife and I are so frustrated as the noise from the nursery is really driving us mad. Our afternoon nap is always disrupted," claimed Loke.

"As old people, we want some peace," he said, adding that the nursery had about 80 children.

Lawyer Earnest Balasingam, who assisted the residents, said Mohammad Rafai would decide on the matter next month.



Public complaint: (From left) Ananda, Loke and other affected residents of Ipoh Garden South discussing their problem with Earnest (in suit).