

Petition and Report on Open Space Misuse and Environmental Pollution on and around Gear School Road (Near Mango Hypermarket)

Submitted by: Residents and Employees at Mahadevapura including Panathur, Bhoganahalli, Doddakanahalli, Bellandur, Gear School Roads, Doddakannelli-Kaadubeesanahalli Road, and RMZ Ecoworld Road.

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Location: Gear School Road (Near Mango Hypermarket), Bengaluru, Karnataka

Addressed to:

Deputy Chief Minister, Karnataka

Commissioner, BBMP

KSPCB (Karnataka State Pollution Control Board)

Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited (Government)

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Introduction:

This petition is a collective call to action by the residents of Gear School Road to address the escalating issue of air pollution from waste dumping and burning, cooking using wood, dust from roads and construction. Burning of waste is also illegal and needs to be stopped completely. This document details the violations and pollution impacting the neighborhood communities, not only in the air but also the groundwater.

Waste burning has been observed at many points along this road including the following GPS coordinates:

1. GPS (12.19219251, 77.6953554), next to APR Villas.
2. GPS (12.920349, 77.698411), behind Mango Supermarket
3. GPS (12.916897, 77.694583), housing shed behind gear road
4. GPS (12.914262121037918, 77.69855685297746), open garbage dump and burning site near AET junction.
5. GPS (12.922746, 77.695135), next to The Organic World

Section 1: Background and Current Situation

Following are the details of the location.

Location1:On Gear School Road, Plot next to APR Villas

The open plot next to the APR Villas back gate, previously unused, has turned into a de facto waste dumping site. Local street vendors (selling coconut and sugarcane), along with other shops and even some residents, regularly dump their garbage there. Abandoned vehicles are also scattered across the area. The property is under litigation and the owners have not maintained it. Additionally, the plot is being used as an open toilet.

BBMP marshals have refused to clean the area, stating that it is private land. Once the garbage accumulates beyond a certain level, it is often burned, causing a significant spike in AQI. This persistent pollution—both in terms of visual blight and air quality degradation—is severely impacting nearby residents.

This land is also under legal dispute and none of the parties are taking responsibilities. Repeated complaints with BBMP have not been addressed.

- **Location:** GPS (12.19219251, 77.6953554)
- **Current Use:** Illegally used as a dumping ground for solid waste.
- **Consequences:** Dangerous air pollution from burning waste, Open toilet, health hazards, increased pest presence, and negative impact on property values.

Included are photographic evidence demonstrating ongoing violations.





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Location2: Bhoganahalli lake beds behind Mango Hypermarket

The location surrounding Bhoganahalli lakebed has a very high level of pollution. The culprit seems to be Mango Hypermarket predominantly, along with a few other businesses that believe the easiest way to dispose of chemical waste and plastics is by burning them in an open space.

- **Location:** GPS (12.920349, 77.698411)
- **Current Use:** Open land used for dumping garbages, fallen trees & green waste
- **Consequences:** Dangerous air pollution from burning waste, Open toilet, health hazards, increased pest presence, and negative impact on property values.
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Location3: Housing shed behind gear road

This site serves as a temporary housing location for construction workers of Adarsh Builders. Over 1,000 people live in sheds with broken toilets and rely on wood for cooking. The resulting ash and pollution levels are very high, occurring both in the morning and evening.

- **Location:** GPS (12.916897, 77.694583)
- **Current Use:** Housing sheds for construction workers provided by Adarsh Builders
- **Consequences:** Air pollution from burning dry wood, & Open toilet

Location4: Open Garbage Dump and Burning Site near AET Junction

This is a public dumping ground and very lax oversight by BBMP.

- **Location:** GPS (12.914262121037918, 77.69855685297746), approx.
- **Current Use:** An open plot with regular collection of mixed waste. It is burnt from time to time.
- **Consequences:** Dangerous air pollution from burning of plastics and mixed waste.



Location5: Garbage Dump and Burning Site near DBH road

This is a relatively recent addition to the list of waste dumping sites. It is close to APR Villas Lane 11. Next to The Organic World, Survey No. 16/2, KB Halli, Opposite To Green Elegance, Gear School Rd, Devarabisanahalli, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560103

- **Location:** GPS ([12.922746, 77.695135](#)), approx.
- **Current Use:** An open plot with regular collection of mixed waste and burning
- **Consequences:** Dangerous pollution in soil, water, and air and from plastics and mixed waste and burning of waste.





Section 2: Environmental and Health Impact

The site is not merely a nuisance; it poses significant health risks affecting lungs, heart, brain and various cancers, due to:

- **Air Quality:** Toxic fumes from burnt waste are carcinogenic and can cause cancer, damage various organs (including the brain and heart), and pose serious respiratory risks.
- **Hazardous Materials:** Presence of mixed waste, non-biodegradable materials, even potentially toxic materials mixed in regular waste.
- **Survey Data:** (Include any survey data illustrating health complaints correlating with pollution spikes, if available.)

Section 3: Action Taken so far

Location1: On Gear School Road, Plot next to APR Villas

- Contacted BBMP ARO Deepashree at the Marathahalli office redirected us to the JC office located at Phoenix Mall.
- BBMP JC MDP Dhakshayani redirected us to Jyothi AEE for land cleaning. She mentioned that the process involves opening a ticket with Swetha Gowda, AEE H&S, who will then issue a ticket to the Land Cleaning Department to clear the garbage. For disputed properties, BBMP will reportedly file a case in court.
- As an additional measure, we are looking at implementing a **Community Neighborhood Watch** to monitor the land and report violations to BBMP marshals.
- Create a petition and get signoff from all affected communities for BBMP to take action

Location2: Bhoganahalli lake beds behind Mango Hypermarket

- We are bringing all the affected community representatives together
- Create a petition and get signoff from all affected communities for BBMP to take action

Location3: Housing shed behind gear road

- We are contacting the Adarsh Chairman to work on a solution
- Facilitate and provide Gas cylinders through donations and Adarsh

Location4: Open Garbage Dump and Burning Site near AET Junction

- None

Section 4: Proposed Actions and Community Request

We respectfully request the BBMP to implement sustainable solutions to mitigate these issues:

1. **Barricade and Limit Access:** Erect a substantial barricade or wall to prevent unauthorized access and dumping.
2. **Surveillance Installation:** Setting up surveillance cameras to monitor activity in the area, deterring illegal actions.
3. **Enforcement of Penalties:** Impose fines or legal action against the property owner and individuals caught dumping waste.
4. **Marshall Deployment:** Provide early morning to late evening patrolling by a designated BBMP Marshall for continuous vigilance.

Community Involvement: Encourage local participation in cleanup drives and awareness programs.

Section 5: Petition Signatories

[Community 1 Name] - [Signatory Name/Position/Contact Information]

[Community 2 Name] - [Signatory Name/Position/Contact Information]

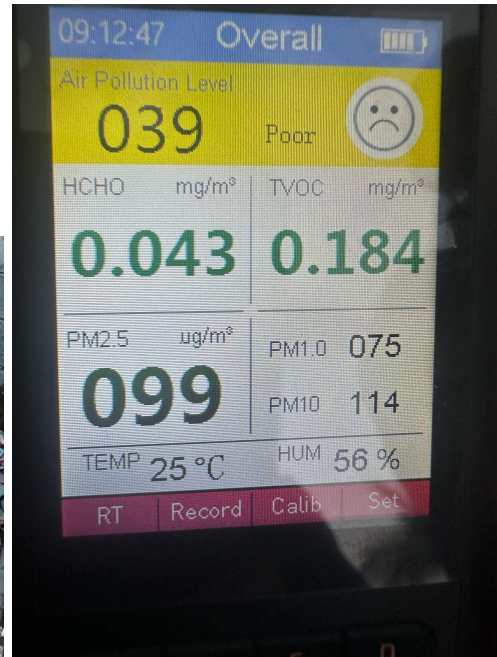
[Community 3 Name] - [Signatory Name/Position/Contact Information]

...and so on for each community supporting the petition.

Section 6: Appendices

1. **Photographic Evidence:** Images showing the current state of the site.





2. **Health Survey Results:** (If conducted within the community, include charts/data reflecting the health impact.)
3. **Correspondence Records:** Any prior communication attempts with local authorities.

Conclusion:

The prevailing condition at the open site is a violation of civic environmental rights. We anticipate prompt action and fruitful dialogue resulting in effective solutions. Our communities stand ready to collaborate with the BBMP in addressing these challenges.

Signatures:

[Signature lines for each supporting community representative]

Sources:

Combating Open Waste Burning to Reduce Air Pollution

<https://wri-india.org/blog/combating-open-waste-burning-reduce-air-pollution>

Open Burning: Health Risks and Environmental Impacts

<https://www.in.gov/idep/openburning/health-risks-and-environmental-impacts/>

Burn after dumping

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