

DEVELOPMENT CONTROL AND LOCAL AUTHORITY ADMINISTRATION: INFORMATION SYSTEM FOR DECISION MAKINGS

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Development control and local authority administration is an important aspect of the management of local authorities in Malaysia. It is in fact an essential duty of the local authority managers to ensure that the development control and administrative functions of the local authorities can be carried out effectively. A poorly administered development control would likely to adversely affect the development of the local areas. In contrast a good system of administration and development control could ensure that people living in the local authority areas not only could enjoy a healthy environment but also a higher income and standard of living.

2. This paper attempts to describe the scope and functions of the development control and administration of the local authorities in Malaysia and suggest a suitable information system for the decision makings so that the development control and administrative functions could be carried out effectively by the local authorities.

Scope and Functions of Development Control and Administration

3. The scope and functions of the development control and administrations of the local authorities are derived from the three related acts of local government. Namely, the Act 171, the local government Act 1976, the Act 172, The Town and Country Planning Act 1976 and the Act 133, The Street, Drainage and Building Act 1974.