

- c says there should be more forms of entertainment in the area?
- d believes that many of the roads in their area need repairing?
- e wants more jobs to be available in the local area?
- f hasn't noticed any improvements being made at all recently?
- g thinks the public transport in their area is reasonably good?
- h would like a local park to be renovated?

1 Fernando

I love living in this area but nowhere is perfect, of course. While the connections to other parts of the city via bus and train links are more than adequate, there just isn't enough to do here for adults, children or young people. Other areas have set up community-owned cinemas and other projects with the help of the local council, and I think it's totally possible to do similar things here. On the plus side, plenty has been spent on rental accommodation that even less well-off families can afford, and the park's been transformed from something resembling a giant green litter bin into a really pleasant, clean area to do a bit of exercise. I think the council should try to attract a greater number of businesses into the area, though, as there aren't very many employment opportunities in the neighbourhood at the moment.

2 Asha

I've lived here for 20 years now and think a lot needs doing to improve the area. While there seemed to be something being done more or less every week previously – replacing worn-out roads and that kind of thing – nothing's been happening in the last few weeks and months, at least that I've seen. The cost of renting or buying a home here these days is scandalous. The only way most people will ever be able to move here is if lots more houses and homes are built that are in a price range that makes them accessible to those on average or low incomes. There's only one green space in the neighbourhood, which is really popular. I know it's impossible to create more parks out of nowhere, but the council should prioritise doing up the one we've got, as the paths and play equipment are looking a bit sad.

