Look at the pictures and discuss the questions with the class

Useless phone cabins

Public areas full of trash

Green are used for parking

1. Are there any buildings like this in your town or city?
2. What were they originally used for? What are they used for now?
3. What do you think would be a better use of the space?
4. Is it better to repurpose them or knock them down? Why?

Areas with graffiti

Abandoned homes

Read the article. Complete the definition with the words in bold

1 _____ to make longer or bigger
2 _____ to move to another place
3 _____ to change the use of something
4 _____ to knock down or destroy
5 _____ to repair something so that it looks the same as it did originally
6 _____ to build or make something like a building, road or machine
7 _____ to change something completely

Transforming Main Street

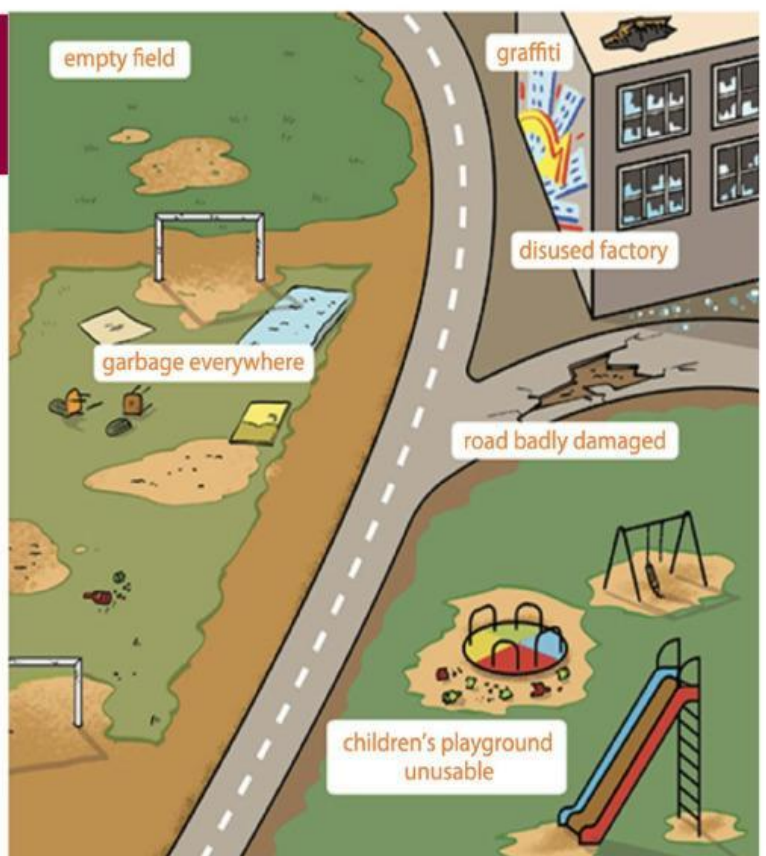Our main priority is to **transform** the public spaces in the city center.

We need to encourage large chains to **relocate** to the city center to make Main Street a thriving shopping area again.

The next most important thing is to deal with the former industrial area. There is the potential to **convert** this into residential properties, stores, cafés and restaurants. We should **demolish** some of the worst buildings but **restore** any of historical interest.

To make this development a success, we will need to **extend** the blue subway line into the area and **construct** new schools for the residents' children.

Use the vocabulary from the previous activity to organize a beautification project

1. The dissused factory could be restored into a community center, or ...

empty field

graffiti

disused factory

garbage everywhere

road badly damaged

children's playground unusable

Complete the ideas with the correct form of these verbs

| demolish | extend | transform | convert | restore | relocate | construct |

1. Do you think it's better to _____ old buildings or _____ them to make way for new ones? Why?

2. What is one change that would completely _____ your hometown for the better?

3. Your hometown wants to _____ a new road through a local park. How would these affect the area?

4. What could old unused houses of green areas be _____ into now to make those places more interesting to visit?

5. Why do some many stores and buildings in zone 1 and other historical places in the ontry have been _____?

6. Do you think it's better to _____ public transportation to all parts of the city or encourage more bike riding? Why?

How would you improve these areas ?