

2 Pre-reading task

Replace the words and phrases in *italics* in the sentences with a word from the box.

transform affordable adequate worn-out investment
renovated do up scandalous

- a I bought an old house in a terrible condition which I'm going to *improve*. _____
- b There are very few houses that are *cheap enough* for those on low incomes. _____
- c I need a new jacket because this one is really *old and damaged*. _____
- d The suggested improvements to the park are really going to *change* it. _____
- e The old theatre has been *made as good as new* and it looks fantastic now. _____
- f The public transport in this town isn't *good enough*. _____
- g I think it's *terrible* that the council has made so few improvements. _____
- h There needs to be a lot more *money spent* in this part of the city. _____

3 Reading letters

Read the extracts from letters that three residents have written to their local newspaper about improvements they would like to see in their neighbourhoods. Match the questions to the residents. You will need to write each resident's number more than once.

Which resident:

- a thinks that litter is a major problem in the area? ☐
- b would like to see increased investment in affordable housing? ☐