3 Kim

I moved to this area when I got a job here a year or so ago and think it's a great place, but it has lots of potential to get even better. I cycle whenever I can rather than taking my car. That's partly to help the environment but also because it's so much quicker than using public transport. Hardly any buses come close to where I live these days so I just don't bother. Anyway, I've noticed that the state of most of the streets here is shameful. I almost fell off my bike the other day after I hit a huge hole. Something really needs to be done about it. I must say that I've never been short of things to do here – there's a cinema, leisure centre, theatre and even an ice rink. However, I wish the council would provide more bins and employ more people to pick up all the rubbish that people throw away.

Read the letter extracts again and do these tasks.

a Tick (✓) the statement that best explains the purpose of the first sentence in each of the letter extracts.

A It summarises the writer's opinion about the neighbourhood. _____

B It explains how the writer came to live in the neighbourhood. _____

C It gives details of the writer's main concern about the neighbourhood. _____

b What features do the writers use to support their points? Tick (✓) all that apply.

A Information _____

B Examples _____

C Explanations _____

c In each letter extract, 1, 2 and 3, underline examples where the writer mentions something positive about the area in one sentence then contrasts it with a problem in the next.

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