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### Castlefields to be regenerated thanks to major investment

Castlefields in Oswestry is set to benefit from a major investment, as a local Housing provider steps up their efforts to improve the area.

Shropshire Towns and Rural Housing (STAR) ran a consultation with tenants of the Castlefields estate to understand what they felt was needed to improve the area.

Lauren Woods, Involvement and Empowerment Officer for STAR Housing, said:

*“The Castlefields area has long needed to be improved, so this investment and regeneration is a wonderful opportunity.”*

*“Our tenants are central to the decisions we take, so we always look to involve them in community improvement. I’d like to thank everyone who shared their ideas for the work with us.”*

Following the consultation feedback, the improvement works will see new parking bays, green space and landscaped areas; as well as a new play area for young children.

Vince Hunt, Shropshire Councillor for Oswestry West, said:

*“This news is highly positive for the area and something Castlefields has long needed.”*

*“A lot of work has gone into making these improvements happen from myself, STAR Housing and our partners and I’m delighted that the tenants are to reap the benefits.”*

Oswestry firm Evans Construction were the successful bidder in tendering for the project and will work with STAR Housing to deliver the renovation. Lauren Woods said *“we are delighted to have contracted a local company to deliver the renovation.”*

Joanne Cosgrove, Oswestry Area Senior Neighbourhoods Officer for STAR Housing, continued:

*“We’re always looking to improve our communities and Castlefields is no exception. This is great news for the area and the tenants living there and the £185,000 will bring about huge improvements.”*

The project will be joint funded by Shropshire Council and STAR Housing. Once the regeneration is completed, the area will become more desirable for potential tenants delivering an ongoing rental income for generations to come.

For more information on the renovation, please email [involvement@starhousing.org.uk](mailto:involvement@starhousing.org.uk) or call 01743 210206.