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### **STREET FIGHTERS**

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“We got the first notification of rejuvenation – as it was then termed – in June 1996. In fact, the number of housing that was actually demolished was in the region of 350, which decimated the whole area really. What’s there now is kickrails with a bit of grass.

“Initially I thought the programme was quite good. But the more I now sit and think, I believe it to have been ill-conceived, ill thought out and ill-managed. And the only people I can put that back to is the council. It’s all right going down the Mr Wonderful Ideas but if you haven’t got the money to back it up it’s going to fall flat. That I believe is what has happened now.

“There was quite a lot of people who spent a number of years...we’re talking certainly five, six years...of meetings, every fortnight, going into meetings, sitting there, going through different pieces of documentation and different discussions within the groups. To then find out at the end of it that there is not one iota of points that the community put forward that was actually acted on by the council – not one. It makes you get a bit deflated I suppose. But at the end of the day, they’ve already got a programme sorted out that they want to do and they will get it through.”