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East Marsh. Mr Jayaswall said the layout of the one-bedroom cottages will be transformed.

The wall to the single bedroom, accessible off the corridor, has been knocked out to create a spacious front living room and kitchenette. The former kitchen area at the rear has been transformed into a bedroom with en-suite toilet and tiled wet room, accessible for disabled or elderly prospective tenants.

There is underfloor heating throughout and modern lighting. There are usb sockets and cupboards and wardrobes have been fitted to make maximum use of the space.

Vikash said: "It has been completely transformed."

He is proud of the transformation of the garden. But due to further works required for water supply the newly laid garden a total of £25,000 will be invested so Anglian Water can connect all 10 properties.

Vikash said: "The biggest challenge has been the water supply to get all of them interconnected. Our budget for the refurbishment was £100,000 but we will do the extra work anyway. What you see here will be mirrored across all the properties. We will be inviting people in to see if they want a shower or bath in the other properties and if they want underfloor heating and tweak it for each of the tenants."

He added: "As we have been doing the work, local businesses have contacted us offering to be part of the journey, such as kitchen contractors. We have always said we want to use local traders with local materials."

Work is due to be completed on the other homes by the summer.



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