GCSE Geography A

Summary of DE&I improvements

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In the detailed content for 4.8a, we have updated the wording as follows: • ~~Effects~~ Challenges resulting from the chosen city's rapid urbanisation: variable quality and provision of infrastructure, services and housing; ~~housing shortages, squatter settlements,~~ under-employment and informal employment~~,~~; pollution ~~and inadequate services~~.	19	We have replaced 'Effects' with 'Challenges' to match the wording in key idea 4.8. We have removed the phrases 'housing shortages', 'squatter settlements' and 'inadequate services' and replaced them with the phrase 'variable quality and provision of infrastructure, services and housing' as this is more neutral and allows for a more balanced study of your chosen city. It also reflects the fact that teaching focuses on the availability and quality of housing in the chosen city, rather than the right to property or land. The term 'squatter settlements' is stereotypical and has the potential to confuse and cause discomfort. Changing this language is therefore an important step in improving the diversity, equity and inclusion (DE&I) of this area of content. We also appreciate that many teachers are already avoiding the use of this term. We have added 'informal' before 'employment'. There was a missing word previously, and this is the word that was originally intended. Student responses show that informal employment is a well understood and widely taught concept.
In the detailed content for 4.8b, we have updated the wording as follows: • Advantages and disadvantages of both bottom-up and top-down approaches to ~~solving~~ managing the chosen city's ~~problems~~ challenges and improving the quality of life for its people.	19	We have amended 'solving problems' to 'managing challenges' as this presents them in a more neutral way and it matches the wording in key idea 4.8. We also corrected 'or' to 'for' as was originally intended.