



An artist's impression of Alfred Place in Fitzrovia (above) and New Market House and Romford Market Place (right)

Funding boost for all boroughs

Central London's first new park in 100 years will be built as part of a series of plans to improve public spaces across the city.

THE new green space in Alfred Place, Fitzrovia, is one of the ways that boroughs will benefit from £220million from the Mayor and TfL in transport, town centres and outdoor areas in 2017-18 through local implementation plans.

The money will go towards a range of projects to make roads safer, revamp local areas, encourage cycling and walking, and improve air quality.

Among the other schemes to receive financial backing are a new cycle and walking route along the Longford River to Feltham town centre, road safety improvements in the City of London, a new market in Romford, and a number of cycling, walking, bus and public space improvements in Westminster.

The borough of Camden will receive £6.7million, with £4.3million to be invested in the first phase of

improvements on Tottenham Court Road, Gower Street and Bloomsbury Street.

Lambeth will get £3.8million, with £789,000 to be spent on measures to encourage more walking and cycling at Norwood Road.

There will be £1.9million invested in Bexley, with £500,000 for road safety measures, particularly around schools, and parking enforcement.

A total of £148million will support transport projects, while £70million will go into other schemes such as walking and cycling programmes.

The funding, announced by Mayor Sadiq Khan, is vital to delivering his Healthy Streets vision of a city that is more pleasant to live and move around in.

All of London's 33 boroughs will benefit from the funding.



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Vauxhall is set for an overhaul

IMPROVEMENT works in the Vauxhall area have been given the green light after more than 60 per cent of respondents approved proposals to make the area more accessible and attractive.

Vauxhall's one-way gyratory system will be replaced with two-way roads from 2019, as well as plans to improve both the station and Bondway.

The plans also include 12 new or upgraded signalised pedestrian crossings, one of which will replace a footbridge over Kennington Lane, better connected cycle routes with improved crossings and more cycle parking.

An area outside the station will become a new pedestrianised public square and the pavements will be widened along Albert Embankment, South Lambeth Road and Bondway.

Bus journeys will be quicker and the bus station will be improved, with bus stops grouped by local destination.

The changes are part of TfL's work to boost pedestrian and cyclist safety, and improve public spaces.

The developments will complement both current and future improvements to cycling and walking in the area,



including the nearly complete transformation of Stockwell junction and future proposals to improve footways, cycle and bus facilities in Nine Elms.

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