Five Pancras Square opens

Five Pancras Square, the innovative new community building for the London Borough of Camden, opened in July.

The largest building to be completed so far in the southern ‘quarter’ of King’s Cross, Five Pancras Square combines two public swimming pools, a leisure centre and library as well as an access centre, café and office space. The pools will be for all ages and abilities, including a small ‘lagoon fun pool’ with water features, and there will be a spa for adults as well as a 100-station fitness gym and spacious exercise spaces. Designed by Bennetts Associates Architects, the 14-storey building will be the greenest of its kind in London with a BREEAM sustainable design rating of ‘Outstanding’.

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**Pancras Square update**

**One Pancras Square**

One Pancras Square is now open and has become home to The Office Group, Louis Vuitton and CSC.

The building, designed by David Chipperfield Architects has an eye-popping 396 cast iron columns, and occupies a prominent position next to King’s Cross and St Pancras stations. Flexible office space provider The Office Group has taken the top three floors of the building, while fashion giant Louis Vuitton and IT company CSC are moving their UK headquarters and their regional hub for the UK and Ireland to One Pancras Square respectively.


**Two Pancras Square**

Construction of Two Pancras Square, which has been designed by Allies and Morrison, was completed in June.

As well as 130,000 sq ft of Grade A office space, the building contains four retail units at street level, three of which face on to King’s Boulevard and one of which faces on to Pancras Square.

Vistaprint, a leading online provider of professional marketing products and services, will take the fourth floor of the building, with PRS for Music, the United Kingdom association of composers, songwriters and music publishers, taking the top four floors; and major credit card provider SAV Credit also taking offices in the building.

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King’s Cross Tunnel
The tunnel which links Pancras Square to King’s Cross and St Pancras Tube stations is now complete and open. The new entrance to the Underground is located in One Pancras Square and gives people easy access to the whole of London and beyond. The lightwall, one of Europe’s longest, is the main focus of the tunnel and is made up of LED lights capable of emanating the full RGB spectrum and creating a subtle and beautiful moving light show with no shadow lines. During its opening months, the wall will have a dedicated light artwork on display. The beautiful piece, called Pipette, is designed with a tranquil yet animated design.

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Safety at King’s Cross

“At King’s Cross the safety of everyone in and around the site is taken very seriously, which is why a number of initiatives have been implemented to help.

One example of this is the way that King’s Cross has embraced the Mayor of London and Transport for London’s Work Related Road Risks (WRRR) requirements. Exchanging Places events, which encourage Heavy Goods Vehicle (HGV) and cycle safety, are held on the site. These give cyclists and the public the chance to get behind the wheel of an HGV to see what the driver sees, get advice from professionals on how best to avoid collisions and make sure their bikes are safe with free bicycle maintenance. HGV driver training is now available to both KX site delivery drivers and any HGV driver who wants to experience cycling around King’s Cross and get a new perspective and to train in an easily accessible location.

In December last year, a Lorry Holding Area (LHA) was also opened in the north of the site, to ease the traffic and increase safety around King’s Cross. The LHA, which will stay open for the foreseeable future, can hold around 12 HGVs and other vehicles and can also receive special deliveries. This is just a small insight into a range of initiatives which aim to make sure everyone in and around King’s Cross is kept safe.”

David Swainsbury, King’s Cross Site Manager
King’s Cross Academy

Opening in September 2015 (admissions open in September 2014), King’s Cross Academy is located in one of our new buildings, The Plimsoll Building.

The Academy will co-locate with the Frank Barnes School for Deaf Children, sharing some spaces and encouraging children to mix together.

KCCLP’s desire has been to create London’s best teaching and learning environment, at the centre of a thriving urban development. The Partnership has now taken on the challenge of sponsoring the new Academy; this building represents the latest evolution of “mixed-use” regeneration at King’s Cross.

Visit King’s Cross Academy’s website, www.kingscrossacademy.org.uk, for more information and to apply for a place.
The Energy Centre, the powerhouse that drives the approach to sustainability at King’s Cross, was recently switched on by Councillor Phil Jones, who leads on sustainability issues for Camden Council.

The Centre uses huge gas powered Jenbacher engines to generate electricity, with the excess heat from this process captured, rather than being wasted. The heat is then fed to all of the buildings on the King’s Cross site, through a network of pipes. This makes the King’s Cross district heating network one of the biggest in the country.

The result is that none of the flats or buildings at King’s Cross require boilers as 100% of their heating needs are met from the Energy Centre. Furthermore, around 80% of their electricity comes from the Energy Centre.

This low carbon supply of energy, combined with cleverly designed and energy efficient buildings helps to make King’s Cross one of the most sustainable developments in the UK. Not only is this fantastic for the environment, but if you live in an apartment at King’s Cross your energy bills will be cheaper too.

The Plimsoll Building

The first apartments in The Plimsoll Building, the third building at King’s Cross with private residential space, went on sale in March.

When completed in late 2015, The Plimsoll Building will have 255 new apartments as well as space for two schools – a two-form entry new King’s Cross Academy and the relocated Frank Barnes School for the Deaf.

The building has been named after Samuel Plimsoll who in 1852, when the Great Northern Railway was opened, pioneered the idea that coal could be transported by train and built the Viaduct behind King’s Cross to unload coal on a sliding grill of his own invention. His coal drops at King’s Cross were rented by the railway and it was this income that permitted him to concentrate his energies on keeping those at sea safe.

His next invention, the Plimsoll Line, became the internationally recognised marking on the hull of a ship that shows how low or high the ship is resting in the water.
Gasholder Park granted planning

An application to transform Gasholder No.8 into a new public park and event space has been granted by Camden Council.

Gasholder Park will comprise new public realm within, and immediately around, the Gasholder No. 8 guide frame, whilst Canal Reach (South) will be a revised area of public realm between The Plimsoll Building and Tapestry.

Within the gasholder guide frame, the design incorporates seating, planting, a lawn and a circular pathway partially covered by a curved stainless steel canopy. This composition sits on a large circular plinth, level with the surrounding landscape to the north and 1.5m above it to the south. The plinth will be clad in a mix of dark grey and orange bricks, and punctuated in six places by dark grey granite access ramps, steps and seating steps (much like the Ghat steps at Granary Square).

Around the plinth, a thin ring of reclaimed granite setts will then give way to a smoother granite sett paving surface.

Canal Reach (South) is designed in pocket areas to facilitate the function of the space as both a pedestrian route north-south alongside Tapestry, and a waiting area outside the schools within The Plimsoll Building. These pocket areas are demarcated in the landscaping of the space, through the use of materials, seating, and planters. Six trees will populate three north-south planters to the south of Canal Reach (South), whilst a small lawn will be located to the north of the pocket spaces.

Cubitt Square and Cubitt Park

Camden is to get a new park and public square, opening in King’s Cross early next year.

The big new spaces (not yet officially named), have been designed to facilitate a wide range of activities and uses: the square will have the infrastructure in place for markets, concerts and cinema with playful fountains, while the park is designed as a new ‘lawn’ for London.

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London Waitrose and Cookery School

The designs of the new Waitrose and cookery school at King’s Cross in the historic Midland Goods Shed and East Handyside Canopy were granted planning approval in May.

Architects Bennetts Associates has developed proposals that will see the two structures sensitively restored and converted into a 29,000 sq ft food and wine shop and a 3,000 sq ft cookery school, both due to open next year.

The Midland Goods Shed was built by the Great Northern Railway in 1850. It served as a temporary passenger terminal while the current King’s Cross station was being built and was even used by Queen Victoria, who once departed there. When King’s Cross station was completed, it became a goods shed and a three story annex was added at its southern end. The gently curved canopy, erected in 1888 to the east of the Midland Goods Shed, provided a covered area for the unloading of potatoes, hence the name given to the area: The Potato Market.


KERB move to Granary Square

KERB has moved the short distance from King’s Boulevard to a new home in Granary Square. All the old favourites will still be serving up London’s finest street food on the Square from 12pm to 2pm every Tuesday to Friday.

Established as eat.st in 2009, the collective began feeding the hungry on King’s Boulevard from 2011. In 2012 KERB replaced eat.st and established itself at King’s Cross and as one of the capital’s hottest lunchtime spots.

http://www.kerbfood.com/kings-cross/

KX Recruit, Stable Street

For both employers and future employees, a dedicated recruitment service opened earlier this year at King’s Cross with the aim of placing people into jobs for businesses on site and in the local area.

In addition to providing a flexible range of full-time, part-time and job-share opportunities, KX Recruit (KXR) also partners with organisations to deliver training to help job seekers gain the right skills for the opportunities available. Developed in partnership by King’s Cross Central Limited Partnership and Camden and Islington Councils, KXR ensures that local job seekers have the best chance to reap the benefits of the significant transformation taking place in King’s Cross.

KXR is located at 11 Stable Street, King’s Cross, NC1 4AB. For more information visit the website or call 020 3691 4000 to speak with an employment consultant. Alternatively you can drop in on Monday - Friday between 10.00am and 3.30pm.

http://www.kingscross.co.uk/kx-recruit
The German Gymnasium

A huge new mural, designed by illustrator Gregori Saavedra, has been revealed around the German Gymnasium.

The mural depicts some of the new landmarks, restaurants and events of the neighbourhood and has been created using a digital collage technique, which Gregori describes as “like playing with Lego”. The mural will be in place around the German Gymnasium while renovation work is ongoing until its completion in 2015.

New restaurants coming soon

Get ready for some new and exciting restaurant offerings coming to King’s Cross soon.

D&D London is redeveloping the German Gymnasium into a complex of dining destinations. In addition, the latest food offering at King’s Cross will arrive this autumn.

The third permanent venture from the team behind Dishoom, the Bombay Cafés in Shoreditch and Covent Garden. The 9,000 sq ft space on Stable Street, will be the largest restaurant opening so far.

Further announcements are also imminent.

King’s Cross is becoming established as one of the capital’s most exciting foodie destinations. http://bit.ly/Sb2Rpw

Stay in the loop

If you don’t want to miss out on anything that is happening at King’s Cross, including events, new exciting food and beverage offerings or just general news, then make sure you are subscribing to all the right channels.

Visit the blog (http://blog.kingscross.co.uk) regularly, sign up to the Destination King’s Cross newsletter at the website (www.kingscross.co.uk/subscribe), follow @kingscrossN1C on Twitter and search King’s Cross on Facebook and like our page (facebook.com/kingscrosscouk).

The German Gymnasium will be home to a new D&D London restaurant

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Identified Flying Object returns

Visitors to King’s Cross can once again scan the night sky for Identified Flying Object, the amazing neon birdcage, which has returned to King’s Cross.

First appearing in November 2011, the Jacques Rival artwork, which formed part of dedicated King’s Cross arts programme RELAY, is currently located in Battle Bridge Place, between King’s Cross and St Pancras stations.

The IFO is often referred to as ‘the birdcage’ due to its domed, cage-like structure. It is made up of huge bars standing 9m high, wide enough for visitors to walk through and enjoy the swing which hangs at its centre.

Whilst the IFO is primarily based on the ground, on special occasions its eye-catching structure will be hoisted up into the air to hang freely and light up the night sky.

Events at King’s Cross

This summer has already seen some great events at King’s Cross, from the return of favourite Strawberries + Screen, the big TV up for Wimbledon complete with free deckchairs, to the ever-popular Floating Cinema, which moored up in front of the canalside steps at Granary Square for film screenings and related events.

And at the end of August, Battle Bridge comes to King’s Cross: an immersive extravaganza based on the mythological history of the Romans’ battle with Queen Boudicca. There will be a Roman forum, chariot battles, and a chance to try out and learn Roman customs, from make-up to mosaics.

Volume Two, our calendar of Autumn events, will be announced in September. Keep up-to-date on Twitter @kingscrossN1C or here: www.kingscross.co.uk/stories
House of Illustration opens

House of Illustration (HOI) is a ‘home’ for the art of illustration. From emerging talent to established artists - past and present, British and international.

In July 2014 the doors opened to its first permanent home in 2 Granary Square, formerly Regeneration House. The inaugural exhibition is Inside Stories, a landmark show by Quentin Blake, one of the UK’s best-loved illustrators.

House of Illustration's new gallery and education space will be the place to see, learn about and enjoy illustration in all its forms, from adverts to animation, picture books to political cartoons and scientific drawings to fashion design.

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Camley Street Viewpoint

Viewpoint, a new floating platform a stone’s throw from King’s Cross in Camley Street Natural Park, is now open.

The Finnish Institute in London and the Architecture Foundation designed the temporary structure, to allow visitors to get closer to nature.

The inspiration for Viewpoint, which also provides the park with an additional workshop space and learning facility, comes from the rocky islets and islands of the Nordic. For Finns these islands are places of sanctuary, to relax the mind and get away from hectic city life.

Many local contractors have also been involved in the project and sponsorship has come from King’s Cross Central Limited Partnership with Balfour Beatty, BAM Construction and Kier Group lending support to the project.

Kids at King’s Cross can now hunt for poems

Dotted around the neighbourhood, hidden in the gardens and squares and by the canal are snippets of poetry from poets such as Julia Donaldson, Roger McGough and Grace Nichols.

They are part of a new poetry trail to celebrate the annually-awarded CLPE Children’s Poetry Prize. The Centre for Literacy in Primary Education is a charity which helps teachers find ways to share a love of literature with children.

Starting at the King’s Cross Visitor Centre, the treasure hunt has 11 clues to follow and 12 poems to find. Come and try it!

http://bit.ly/1jjVnYS
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There is a dedicated website and freephone helpline staffed during normal working hours, Monday to Friday. If somebody cannot answer immediately, there is an answerphone facility. Freephone Helpline:

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Training and Jobs

As part of our commitment to deliver local benefits, the Construction Skills Centre on York Way, run by contractor Carillion, offers advice and information on finding work in the construction industry local to King’s Cross. It also provides apprenticeships for people aged 16-19 who are out of work or carrying out unskilled work. For more information call:

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Scope of Works

The development at King’s Cross will bring enormous and continuing benefits to the area. Safety and cleanliness are two of the local residents’ main objectives, but this development will offer a lot more.

It will provide some 2,000 homes and serviced apartments, employment for thousands, schools, shops, food and drink outlets, cultural and community uses, health centres and many other facilities. Over 40% of this development will be public realm. Much of the area’s heritage will be maintained by refurbishing 20 historic buildings and structures, including the listed Gasholder triplet.

Who is backing the scheme?

67 acres at King’s Cross are being developed by the King’s Cross Central Limited Partnership (KCCLP), which brings together:

• Argent King’s Cross Limited Partnership
• London & Continental Railways
• DHL Supply Chain

For information on the future of King’s Cross, please visit our Visitor Centre, which is open to the public Mon, Thurs, Fri: 10am - 5pm, Tue, Wed: 12pm - 5pm, Sat: 10am - 4pm.

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