

Green Belt Developments

Clark to decide. Sadiq Khan has refused plans for a football stadium for Cray Wanderers Football Club at Chislehurst, Bromley (D) . The plans for Flamingo Park included community sports pitches and two fourstorey residential blocks of 28 flats with the green belt and a conservation area (E). Mr Kahn said the plans would cause significant harm to an area of much needed open green space and failed to provide affordable housing:

I am determined to oppose building on the green belt, which is now even more important than when it was created. Working with my planning team, I will continue to use my full range of planning powers to further strengthen protections for open and green spaces in the London Plan and ensure we are making the most of brownfield sites across the city, including the vast swathes of public land which are ripe for building homes for Londoners.

In what will be an early test of the government's commitment to the green belt, Mr Khan's decision has now been called in for decision by the secretary of state Greg Clark.



Plans for Flamingo Park

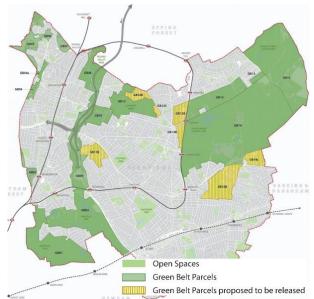
Green wedge green belt? Not for the first time, academics at the LSE have issued a report attacking the green belt. They say housing should be built at strategic locations in the metropolitan green belt to halt its piecemeal development and alleviate development pressure on the wider South East, while protecting environmentally important areas. The report, A 21st Century Metropolitan Green Belt, calls for strategic development along a limited number of corridors. These would be made up of a chain of centres along public transport links and bounded by green wedges. They are calling for a 'pioneer corridor' from north-east London to Cambridge. This would be an experiment to examine the effect allowing carefully managed development could have on the green belt

Havering council has resolved to grant outline planning permission for a residential-led redevelopment of St George's Hospital, Hornchurch. A previous scheme for the 29-acre brownfield site was rejected due to impact on the openness of the green belt. City Hall agreed that the new 279-home scheme would not affect the green belt. The scheme includes increased open space and a reduction in the footprint of buildings of 24% compared to current use. City planners said that proposed 15% affordable housing was too low and asked to examine the viability assessment before the mayor makes a decision on the scheme Re Re D SEON.

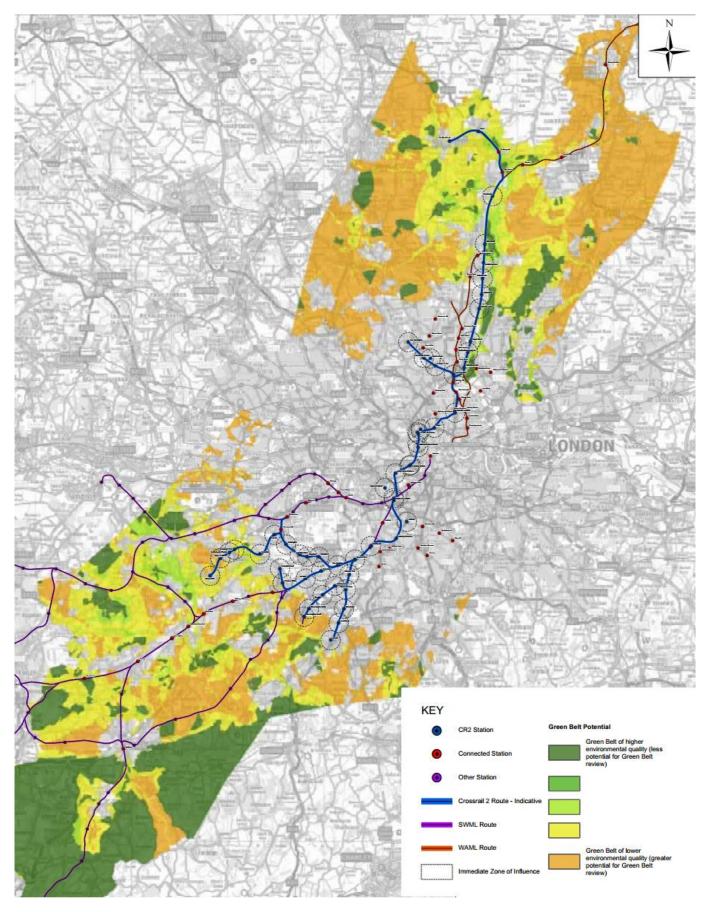


Plans for St George's Hospital MISS England

Redbridge council approved its draft local development plan at a heated full council meeting. The plan outlines ambitions for 16,845 new dwellings in the period 2015 to 2030. About one-third of the borough is green belt and the council is proposing to release seven green belt sites for housing and related uses. One of most controversial sites is Oakfield Playing Fields in Barkingside. Here campaigners have been fighting to stop councillors releasing from the green belt for 600 homes and a school Gu. The Football Association said: "We made all the representations we could... It's disappointing that green spaces are being used in this way" RE. The Save Oakfield Society says that it will fight on FRE Gu Gu. The council is consulting on the local plan until 30 September ...



Proposed green belt releases in Redbridge



Crossrail 2 analysis of the green belt

Crossrail 2 Threat to Green Belt

The **Crossrail 2 Growth Commission** has recommended a selective release of green belt land around stations on the proposed Crossrail 2 route, as well as building on greenfield sites . The commission, which was set up by Boris Johnson last summer, says in its report:

Across the Crossrail 2 route, a number of areas of underdeveloped land will have significant improvements in its accessibility and could support new housing in keeping with the surrounding. If designed appropriately, such development could maintain and even improve access to green spaces and provide defendable long-term boundaries.

On the green belt, the commission calls for development around transport hubs:

A selective release of designated green belt land up to and beyond 2050 should be considered, particularly within locations which are highly accessible and which benefit from high frequency public transport and depending on the quality of the land. The commission suggests that the mayor and government works with authorities inside and outside London to help coordinate a cross-border,

focused green belt review.

Members of the commission want central government "to make a more direct intervention to ensure coordination on green belt policy across the wider route." They say:

This could be secured as part of any deal to ensure that local authorities who benefit from Crossrail 2 cannot 'opt out' of growth. Any release should be sympathetic to the intrinsic quality of the land, and reflect the fundamental purpose of the green belt: to prevent urban sprawl by keeping land permanently open.

The commission continues:

There are also likely to be significant opportunities where there is release of green belt and MOL along the Crossrail 2 route to maximise wider benefits, particularly in relation to the health and well-being of local communities.

Specifically, selective release could: increase the quantity, quality and overall public access to open spaces or countryside, and secure revised green belt boundaries which are more appropriate and can be protected in the long term.

Such an approach would not be wholly contrary to existing planning policies at national and regional level, both of which require the long-term permanence of revised green belt boundaries and seek to resist development on locally protected open space.

The commission has published a map (page 2) that grades the green belt from higher environmental quality – green, less potential for green belt review – to lower environmental quality – yellow, greater potential for green belt review.

Open Space

Campaigning. Croydon schools are developing edible playgrounds along with Trees for Cities . Gardening, allotment and food projects around London are crowdfunding through Spacehive to top up pledges of funding from the mayor. The projects include Phoenix Garden in Camden and the White House Community Garden on the Becontree Estate in Dagenham . Southwark Council has pledged £10,000 to help local campaigners restore the Peckham Rye lido . Research conducted by Forest Research says Grow Wild, the UK's biggest wild flower campaign, has been bringing people together from diverse backgrounds and all walks of life to create positive, lasting change in their communities .

Fly tipping. London Councils said it supports boroughs imposing the highest fly tipping fine of £400 to deter fly tippers feet. The London Wildlife Trust said illegal dumping of waste in at Frays Farm Meadows nature reserve in Denham, Uxbridge could threaten conservation work and harm wildlife feet.

City Airport Backed

Decision. The government has given the go-ahead for a £344 million expansion of London City Airport. The plans include an extended terminal, more space for planes to taxi to and from the runway, and new aircraft stands that will allow bigger, more modern planes to use the airport \square \square \square \square \square \square \square

Process. Newham borough council approved the scheme last February. In March, former London mayor Boris Johnson blocked the expansion claiming the increase in noise and air pollution would outweigh any economic benefits. He also refused to allow the airport to take over land owned by City Hall. One of Sadiq Khan's first tasks was to release the land. The owners of the airport appealed to the planning inspectorate and the application was recovered by the secretary of state. The decision to approve the expansion was signed off by three new cabinet ministers, chancellor Philip Hammond, transport secretary Chris Grayling and communities secretary Sajid Javid. The decision was made earlier than expected and is notable that the chancellor of the exchequer led the announcement, despite it being a planning and transport matter.

Reasons. In overturning Johnson's decision, the ministers said that noise would not increase and "the proposal would not result in any significant harmful effect on air quality." The planning inspectorate report to ministers had concluded:

Those proposals would bring very real and substantial socio-economic benefits to that part of east London and beyond. Against that, in the planning balance, must be weighed the environmental impacts of the proposed development, including those from air noise. Those impacts would be modest and would be properly mitigated and minimised by the very large number of planning conditions and obligations.

Ministers agreed and said: "The concerns of Friends of the Earth as regards air quality are not supported by the insignificant level of pollution that would be caused by the proposed development." Ministers also dismissed objections that the proposals fall foul of national heritage policy and conflict with the London Plan, including its policies for the Blue Ribbon Network.

Traffic. Arrivals and departures will be limited to 45 planes an hour and no more than 280 in total at weekends. Passenger numbers are capped at 6.5 million a year. The airport will improve transport links around the airport, including funding additional DLR rolling stock, investing in a bus and taxi access scheme and improving walking and cycle routes to the airport.

Reaction. Newham council said it had been vindicated by the decision 😂. Green Party AM Caroline Russell condemned the ruling: "From not being able to sleep with the windows open due to aircraft noise at night, to higher levels of asthma in children who live in the area – people in east London are really going to suffer because of this reckless decision." She tweeted that the bird strike risk will mean less greenery in the Newham area in the future was John Stewart of Hacan East said: "Residents face a double whammy. Earlier this year London City concentrated all its flight paths. Today the people under these flight paths face the prospect of more and larger planes" . The Aviation Environment Federation said: "It is hard to see how an increase in aircraft and in passengers travelling to and from London City can be compatible with the Mayor's ambitious plans to tackle air pollution in London" of WWF-UK said: "It is reckless and irresponsible for the government to keep on expanding UK airport capacity without having a robust and credible plan to tackle the polluting emissions of all these extra flights" edie. Friends of the Earth said: "The government has been ordered by the supreme court to clean up London's illegallypolluted air as fast as possible but instead it is taking a step which will make air quality worse" O. The deputy leader of Waltham council called the decision a kick in the teeth for residents and called for urgent clarification on how the plans would affect borough residents [808]. Other reaction in The Wharf ** W.



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Tens of thousands of people not already affected by 57db noise levels from London City Airport, will be. They just don't know it yet.

Toxic Air

Mayor Sadiq Khan used the 60th anniversary of the Clean Air Act to outline a tougher policy on older cars, which will be subject an extra £10 levy on top of the congestion charge. The Ultra Low Emission Zone will be introduced a year early and he aims to create "clean bus corridors" will see the seas to be soon. Mr Khan said:

The scale of the failure to tackle the problem is demonstrated by the failure of the government and the previous mayor to meet legal pollution limits. Urgent action is now needed to ensure Londoners no longer have to fear the very air we breathe.

Speaking later at Question Time in the Assembly, Mr Khan said

What we don't want to see is a watering down of commitments to protecting the environment post-Brexit. The outcome presents an opportunity for us to improve the air quality for Londoners to ensure that the next generation don't have smaller lungs and ensure that their life expectancy increases. It's also an opportunity for low-carbon, solar and job creation. I hope that the new chancellor doesn't see this as "green crap" and I hope the new prime minister understands the importance of addressing this issue.

ClientEarth, the environmental lawyers, have called on the mayor to go further by extending the Ultra Low Emission Zone across Greater London and extending the mayor's proposed levy to all diesel vehicles been been.

"Lethal and Illegal". Think tank IPPR said London is breaking both legal and World Health Organisation limits, mainly because of diesel vehicles. Its report suggests that an expansion of the Ultra Low Emissions Zone across inner London is needed but Sadiq Khan might have to go further and phase out diesel cars altogether and phase out diesel cars altogether."

Mayoral initiatives. Sadiq Khan is promising highway signage and social media information to warn the public of high pollution levels . He announced £11 million for five low emission neighbourhoods across eight boroughs, with strict new penalties for the most polluting vehicles, car-free days, green taxi ranks for zero emission-capable cabs and parking reserved for the cleanest vehicles. The neighbourhoods are in: Westminster; Hackney, Islington and Tower Hamlets; City of London; Greenwich; and Redbridge and Newham

Enderby Wharf. Planning approval for the cruise terminal was challenged in the high court. Residents say that the cumulative impact of the scheme on air pollution was not properly assessed by Greenwich council . The judge sided with the council and rejected the challenge. He said that even if the council had made errors, he would not have quashed the planning permission .

Toxic roundup. The City of London, which has over 300 vehicles, will no longer buy diesel vehicles has begun to ban older vehicles in a bid to cut pollution on the city's streets ♥. The Green Party is looking for residents and community groups in outer London to buy £10 monitors and clip them to lampposts to measure nitrogen dioxide emissions ♥......

The New Administration at City Hall

Planning. The mayor of Hackney, Jules Pipe, has been appointed as London's deputy mayor for planning, regeneration and skills P. City Hall said:

Jules Pipe will work on key priorities for the mayor, including major regeneration projects across the capital... ensuring London's infrastructure needs are delivered to benefit all Londoners. Jules will lead on the revision of the London Plan and work closely with James Murray, deputy mayor for housing... to tackle the city's housing crisis.

Jules Pipe has stepped down from his Hackney role. In the borough, he fought for a permanent Olympics legacy and earned a reputation for ensuring that planning was effective . He is a notable opponent of the Bishopsgate Goodsyard project. Before he was appointed deputy mayor, he said: "The developers should be sent back to work with the boroughs to devise a new scheme that will enhance the area, rather than blight it" . Developer Hammerson has since said it will spend a year redesigning the Goodsyard scheme in a bid to win backing from the new City Hall team ...

Affordable housing. Sadiq Khan pledged a 50% affordable housing target but his deputy mayor for housing, James Murray, has suggested that the goal would be a long-term strategic target, rather than being applied site-by-site PP. Speaking to Estates Gazette, Mr Pipe said a flat 35% affordable housing target would help to remove uncertainty over viability. "It is just one possible solution, but it would be good if we can come to some sort of easily understandable, hard-to-avoid contribution rate that avoids all these endless disputes and turns it into a bit of an industry for people to represent sides in these arguments." @. Sadiq Khan told the London Assembly he was "exploring ways to discourage new homes being left empty" and that he wanted to see developments "making the maximum reasonable contribution to affordable housing" \(\textbf{P}\). The FT reports that Sadiq Khan is also to introduce a tighter definition of what constitutes affordable housing ET. In two of his first planning decisions as mayor, Sadiq Khan has approved a 473-home development at South Grove, Walthamstow, 21% affordable and a 333-home development in Harrow, 20% affordable O

Tall buildings. Sadiq Khan said that Boris Johnson had been "too passive" on tall buildings and hinted supplementary planning guidance could be published ahead of revisions to the London Plan. "As far as the London Plan and tall buildings is concerned, as you will be aware, it can take a number of years but the sooner we telegraph our aspiration and intention that provides some guidance for developers and local authorities" ...

Active transport. Deputy mayor for transport Val Shawcross said Sadiq Khan wants to get more Londoners out of their cars and into active transport such as walking and cycling. She said plans were being drawn up to "make sure we take traffic out, rather than simply replace it". She continued: "It's core activity for us — to make London a great city to cycle, a great city to walk, a great city to work." Ms Shawcross said TfL's five-year business plan would be published in November with the intention of increasing the £150 million a year spent on cycling by Mr Johnson [50].

Planning

Enterprise. The GLA is examining how artists could be offered business rate relief as part of its initiative to create a network of creative enterprise zones **bd**.

Nimbys. Research by the Centre for London identified seven types of public concern around urban change in London . Its report, Stopped: Why People Oppose Residential Development in Their Back Yard, says the reasons include strain on local services, and a sense of powerlessness from a lack of genuine engagement and a decline in trust between residents, developers and councils. Residents are concerned that local identity may be threatened by outsiders and new developments may change the character or identity of the place they call home. They fear noise and safety impacts from construction. The authors also suggest that planning debates can be hijacked for alternative agendas. They say that on their own, solutions such as consultation, neighbourhood planning, incentives are incapable of dealing with these objections. Developers and local authorities must gain an accurate understanding of the types of local opposition to housing developments before trying to resolve them.

Suburbs. A report by the Smith Institute has found that many suburbs – once aspirational and affordable areas of family housing – are falling behind city centres in offering a decent quality of life **S g**.

Heritage

Cultural heritage. The Southbank Centre is hoping to resurrect its controversial £120 million plan to build major new structures around the Hayward Gallery and Queen Elizabeth Hall. The project stalled in 2014 after former mayor Boris Johnson sided with skateboarders who objected to the Undercroft being converted into retail units bd.

Geffrye Museum. £15 million plans to transform the east London museum have finally been approved by Hackney council. Earlier plans by David Chipperfield were rejected by the museum after strong opposition to the loss of a Victorian pub bd.

Museum of London. Stanton Williams and Asif Khan have won the competition to design a new home for the Museum of London at West Smithfield. The winning proposal will raise the dome on the general market to provide a landmark. Spiral escalators will twist down into subterranean exhibitions spaces. The scheme, which is still at concept stage, could also link underground spaces with a tunnel under the Thameslink tracks running below the site. The plans also propose a sunken garden and a well reaching down to the River Fleet, which flows beneath Farringdon bd.

Unlisted heritage assets. The appeal court has backed the planning inspectorate and Westminster council, who are insisting that the Carlton Tavern in Maida Vale is rebuilt brick-by-brick [100] Poultry in the City is to be reconsidered for listing after the Twentieth Century Society appealed a decision that led to the building not being rated as Grade II* seven months ago bd.

Around the Capital

Barking council is cracking down on dog mess using DNA profiling to create "pugshots" to shame dog owners who do not clear up **T** ...

Brentford. Revised plans have been exhibited for Capital Interchange Way, a development that will include up to 550 homes and a bus maintenance depot. The plans include a new public park





Plans for Capital Interchange Way, including open space (below)

City of London planners may seek changes to the capital's protected views to allow expansion of the cluster of tall buildings and skyscrapers. The city corporation is expected to consult after the summer on extending of the current group of towers southward towards the Walkie Talkie building. This may require relaxation of rues that protect designated views towards St Paul's, Westminster and the Tower FT.

Ealing. Campaigners said they will seek a judicial review after Ealing council refused to register two footpaths across land earmarked for Queen's Park Rangers' new training ground at Warren Farm

Hackney. Proposals for the final stage of the Nightingale Estate, Clapton would see a two-hectare area of vacant land transformed into a mix of 400 homes for social rent, shared ownership and private sale. The £200 scheme follows years of consultation with local residents. It includes improvements to public spaces across the estate, with new trees, lighting and playgrounds, as well as a new community centre, café and retail space \square



Plans for the Nightingale Estate

Haringey council has agreed to enter a strategic partnership with the developer, Argent Related for the regeneration of Tottenham Hale. The plans include mixed-tenure homes, shops, cafes and restaurants, community facilities and a health centre. The redevelopment will improve green spaces and give better access to both the new Tottenham Hale transport interchange and the Lee Valley Regional Park



Plans for Tottenham Hale

Hounslow. Campaigners say that funds from the Garden Bridge should instead be used to build a boardwalk under Barnes Bridge to improve the continuity of Thames Path in Chiswick. The path currently diverts away from the river along an unlit road with pavements **W4**.

Kensington and Chelsea. The council is to consult on the creation of an Article 4 direction for launderette facilities to prevent conversion into homes under permitted development rights

Lambeth council's planning committee voted in favour of a Network Rail scheme to modernise units in railway arches in Brixton. The project has become a battleground in the struggle over gentrification. Independent businesses leasing space under the arches fear they will be unable to return after the redevelopment. Campaigners disrupted the planning committee after the vote.



Protests at Lambeth planning committee

Old Oak Common. Sadiq Khan has launched a review of the Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation (OPDC) to ensure Londoners reap the maximum benefits from the regeneration opportunity. OPDC has full planning powers within its 650-hectare boundary, which includes land in the boroughs of Hammersmith & Fulham, Ealing and Brent. He is concerned that Boris Johnson signed agreements, including over public arts, without due diligence. Mr Khan is keen to ensure that the plans deliver as many genuinely affordable homes possible bon. Ealing council has approved plans for a 578-home development on a 0.5-hectare brownfield site despite the scheme being more than double the upper guideline of London Plan density targets. Affordable housing will make up 30% of the scheme P 💽 🚾 . The mayor has given the final goahead for the 605-home first phase regeneration of the Old Oak area. The proposed level of affordable housing has been boosted from 33% to 40%. The approval requires any surplus profits to be put back into the development to lift the level of affordable homes nearer to the mayor's target of 50%. The scheme is a joint venture between Genesis Housing Association and Queens Park Rangers football club. The club is currently looking for a site for a 40,000-seater stadium in the area 🕮 💆 👯 👯 .

Southwark council approved the mixed-used redevelopment of Skipton House. The scheme will deliver 421 new homes; 89 affordable housing units will be delivered off site . The council is using Article 4 Directions to insist developers get planning permission to convert into homes railway arches. The borough's 800 arches house independent shops, offices, storage units and bookmakers . Planning permission has been given to convert a disused multi-storey car park into community artists' studios . Notting Hill Housing has submitted plans to the council for 120 homes, a new library, public square and community hub at the Aylesbury estate redevelopment .



Plans for the Aylesbury Estate

Sutton. Protests continue against the Beddington incinerator, which is now under construction Gu. In June, Peter Alfrey, the Beddington Farmland nature reserve wildlife warden, quit his position in protest at Viridor's alleged failure to protect the site. On a blog, he said that the planning system had failed to protect wildlife: "For biodiversity and for the potential of Beddington Farmlands being a major urban nature reserve in South London all seems nearly lost" M.

Tower Hamlets. A residents' petition has been launched calling on the mayor to end "indiscriminate development" on the Isle of Dogs "W chan.

Waltham Forest council is working with Design Council Cabe to set up a Waltham Forest Design Advice Panel ...

Wandsworth. Sadiq Khan has said doesn't want to intervene in a planning row between Merton and Wandsworth Councils over plans for a new 20,000 seat football stadium, a large supermarket and 602 homes at Plough Lane on the borough boundary. Boris Johnson had called in the plans but Mr Kahn wants to let Merton council make the final decision Grant Plans Supermarket and 602 homes at Plough Lane on the borough boundary. Boris Johnson had called in the plans but Mr Kahn wants to let Merton council make the final decision Grant Plans Supermarket and 602 homes at Plough Lane on the borough boundary.

Nine Elms. Rainwater from the development is to be captured and stored in large underground pipes buried beneath the new Nine Elms Park, which threads through the area from Vauxhall to Battersea Power Station. After heavy rainfall, the water will be gradually pumped from this underground reservoir into the Thames. The scheme will avoid overloading the existing sewerage and rainwater system

Westminster council has agreed a developer's request to pay a £9 million affordable housing contribution in phases due to "current uncertainties in the financial and debt markets created by Brexit." The council's consultants had said the amount should be paid in full on commencement P. Renzo Piano has cut 54 storeys from his stalled Paddington Pole skyscraper to create a new proposal for an 18-storey "floating glass" cube. The Skyline Campaign said the proposed building beside Paddington station is still "massive and much too big for the site" 👺

Olympic Legacy

Sadiq Khan told the FT that he thought the legacy of the Olympics was being undermined by the lack of affordable housing at the games site:

I thought the Olympics were great. I think there is a big question mark about legacy, or lack of. I am not sure we have got the benefits out of the Olympics we should have done in relation to affordable homes or in relation to the number of homes.

Affordable housing. The London Legacy Development Corporation is examining if it can increase affordable housing from 35% to 50%. One option is to build a higher density of homes. Another is to restructure offers to encourage developers to make more homes available for rent bd.

Commentators. In Building Design, Ike Ijeh said the biggest public-realm legacy of the London 2012 is the outstanding quality of landscaping and public realm in the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. "At 2.5km² this vast open space remains the largest urban park built in Europe in the past 150 years and is bigger than Monaco" bd. The Guardian's architecture critic, Oliver Wainwright, said the Sadiq Khan has "a one-off chance to make this a progressive, inclusive, direction-setting place." He continued: "It's not too late for bold thinking to return, for Sadiq Khan to grasp the nettle and insist the role of city-shaping is taken more seriously" \mathbf{g} .

Developments. Plans for the new cultural sector have been published. They include new spaces for Sadler's Wells, the London College of Fashion and the V&A Wells. The designs have proved controversial. Simon Jenkins said the scheme was a "pastiche of 1960s brutalism". The architecture correspondent for the Sunday Times called it "lamentably drab" The architects of the quarter hit back calling the critics "grumpy old men" bd. The Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park will also become home to Here East, Europe's largest technology innovation centre



Plans for Stratford Waterfront

Thames Crossings

Silverton Tunnel. The new mayor did not mention the Silvertown Tunnel in his clean air speech (page 4), leading to speculation that he will eventually back the controversial crossing *W. He is currently reviewing the scheme and the procurement process has been delayed *Par*. The planning inspectorate's National Infrastructure Planning unit is calling for people to register ahead of the public inquiry into the tunnel plans **Book of the public inquiry into the tunnel plans **Book of the public inquiry into the tunnel plans **Book of the public inquiry into the tunnel plans **Book of the public inquiry into the tunnel plans **Book of the public inquiry into the tunnel plans **Book of the public inquiry into the tunnel plans **Book of the public inquiry into the tunnel plans **Book of the public inquiry into the tunnel plans **Book of the public inquiry into the tunnel plans **Book of the public inquiry into the public inquiry into

Garden bridge. Sadiq Khan has temporarily blocked construction work at Temple tube station over fears more public money may be needed for the £175 million scheme. He has said that no more than £60 million of public funds can be spent on the bridge. Civil servants are also concerned that the public bill for the bridge could rise. Doubts are also being expressed about the closure of the bridge for commercial events. The new transport secretary Chris Grayling is due to decide on extending the £15m government underwriting of the £175m project until September 2017. He has asked the Garden Bridge Trust for extra information about the £36.5 million that has already been spent and how the last £30 million needed to complete the project will be raised the strain g and of the strain government has issued a marine licence for the bridge

Nine Elms bridge. Sadiq Khan has suspended work by TfL on a cycle and walking bridge between Nine Elms and Pimlico. He said: "Significant environmental and planning issues would first need to be resolved if the bridge was to progress." Pimlico residents had raised concerns over the loss of Pimlico Gardens. They say 9,000 daily movements across the bridge will "ruin the tranquil character of St George's Square and cause disruption to residents across Pimlico." The bridge is being promoted by Wandsworth council and Mr Kahn has called for agreement with Westminster council before the scheme progresses Specific A.

Heathrow

The decision on airport expansion in the South East will not be made before October, the Department for Transport has said.

Surveys and lobbying. A poll of around 100 MPs found that three quarters say Heathrow expansion would be a clear statement that Britain is keen to trade internationally post-Brexit. Half the MPs think a third runway would benefit the UK economy Heat . A second survey commissioned by Heathrow found that one third of 313 Conservative councillors supported a third runway Heat. Leaders of 34 councils wrote to transport secretary Patrick McLoughlin saying is "now time to make a bold decision" and expand Heathrow. Again, the letter appears to have been organised by Heathrow. It is signed by the leaders of Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and several other South East councils Heat mant live. The Gatwick Coordination Group of eight MPs opposed to second runway at Gatwick have called for an early commitment to Heathrow stan.

Sadiq Khan has urged Theresa May to back Gatwick over Heathrow. He warned that pressing ahead with a third runway at Heathrow would mean years of legal challenges, split the Conservative party and create political turmoil in London with party look.

Emissions. Mr Kahn said that Heathrow's plans to cut emissions would still not meet targets Gu. The architects designing Heathrow's proposed £16bn third runway expansion said the airport is targeting becoming "zero carbon". Jolyon Brewis of Grimshaw Architects said: "It can become a zero carbon environment, that's what we're going to aim for" bd Heathrow.

Transport

Crossrail. TfL has published its response to the consultation on Crossrail 2. The report says little on potential impacts on the green belt and wildlife, other than concerns will be taken into account, mitigated and appropriate procedures will be followed. Over half of respondents rejected a Crossrail 2 station on King's Road. The No Crossrail In Chelsea campaign claimed that the planned station would lead to a hike in house prices and squeeze out affordable housing.

Cycling and pedestrians. A 'give a beep' app will allow cyclists to identify and report hazards as they are cycling Sadiq Khan has given the go-ahead for the new CS11 superhighway linking Swiss Cottage with the West End. The scheme involves closure of the Regent's Park outer orbital to vehicles except between 11am and 3pm. Camden council supported the scheme but Westminster council said it would cause traffic problems will be high. Hammersmith gyratory will be made safer with a segregated two-way cycle lane on its north side, with dedicated cycling crossings and improved pedestrian facilities : The mayor has announced that Oxford Street will be pedestrianised from Tottenham Court Road to beyond Bond Street by 2020 Marti (III) Lin Wandsworth, 59% of residents who responded to a borough consultation supported implementing a 20mph limit in quieter and less busy residential streets