PECKHAM

‘Grand entrance’ for Victorian station

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PECKHAM RYE train station is to be transformed into a new public square, under plans unveiled by the Mayor of London and Southwark Council last week.

The proposed £3 to £5m project will see the cramped entrance transformed and surrounding shopping mall demolished to create a ‘grand entrance’.

As well as putting in extra lighting to the forecourt to allow the use of outdoor market stalls, the plan also outlines ideas to refurbish the railway arches at the rear of the station. The council has said it may relocate the light industry businesses which is in the arches.

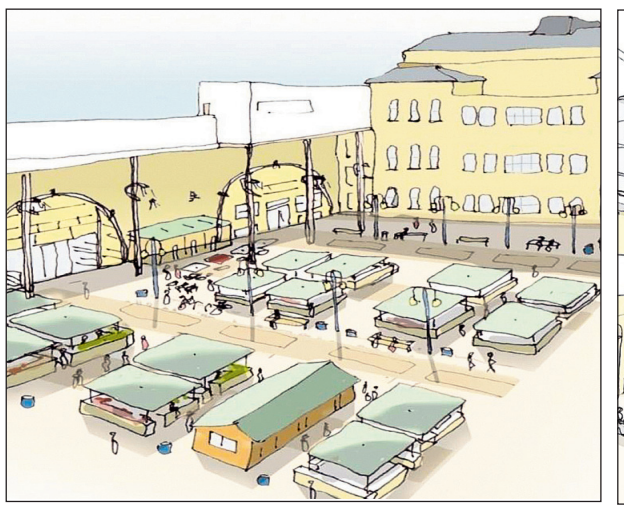
The regeneration will be funded by the Mayor’s £70m Regeneration Fund, which was set up to to help repair the damage caused by the August riots. Southwark Council has said it will match fund the project.

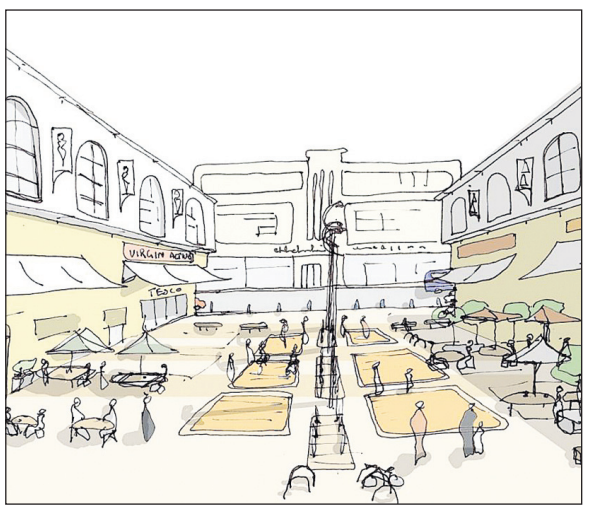
The proposal to the Mayor’s Regeneration Fund, which is yet to be finalised, will be publicly consulted on and will then go into a planning application. It will then be submitted to the Mayor’s Regeneration Investment Group with final agreement expected in early 2012.

Councillor Fiona Colley, Cabinet member for Regeneration at Southwark Council, said: “Peckham's Rye Lane was once one of London's premier shopping streets featuring department stores like Jones & Higgins, but sadly it's become rather run down.

“For instance Peckham Rye Station is a beautiful Victorian Grade II listed building, but it's hidden away from view behind a tatty shopping mall. In recent years we've been working with local residents' group, Peckham Vision, to improve the station starting with the old waiting room. What we really want to do is knock down the mall and create a fantastic new public square in front of the station - a grand entrance is just what Peckham needs to welcome residents and visitors alike and to help kick start the local economy."

Eileen Conn, the co-ordinator of Peckham Vision, said: “This is thrilling news and we congratulate Southwark Council for listening to local voices. This will be a major opportunity to revitalise Peckham Town Centre, enabling it to realise its full potential for residents, businesses and everyone. We look forward to working closely with Southwark Council on this and our other work on Peckham town centre.”





Peckham Rye Station; and an artist’s impression of its regeneration

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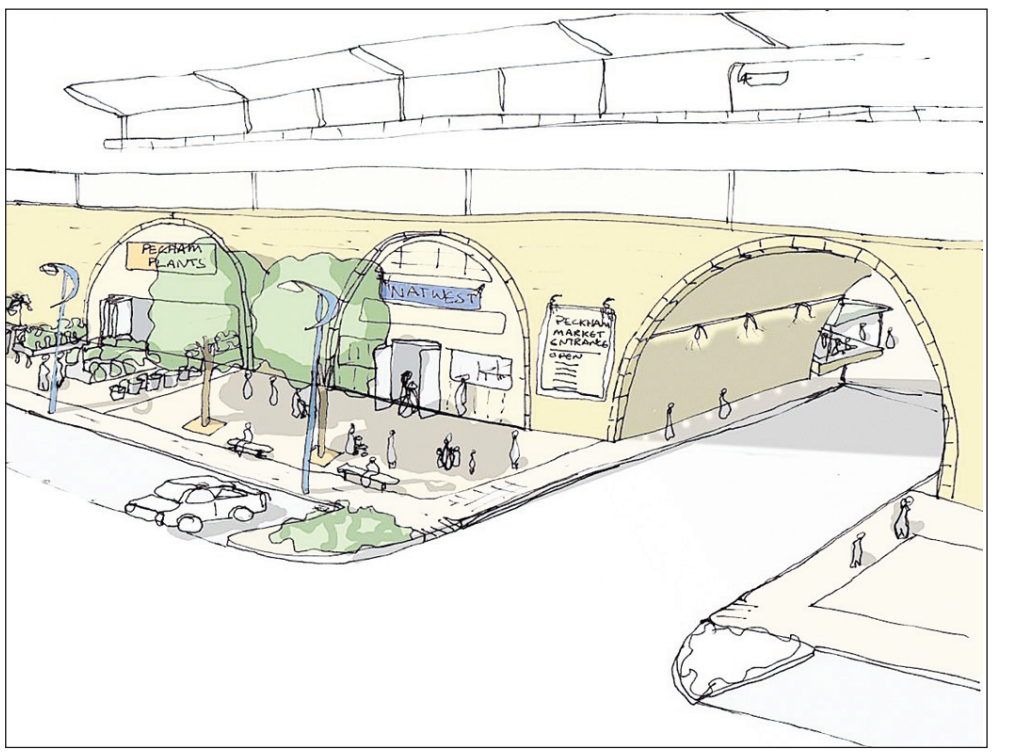
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